St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

We try to follow Jesus by loving each other and caring for God's world.

Wisdom Love Might, Let there be Light!

NEWSLETTER ~ 13th February 2026

Half Term Next Week ~ Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026

We look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 23rd February 2026



"Jesus said, 'Whoever practises and teaches these commands, will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.' "
Matthew 5: 17-37 ~ 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today we had a Pilgrims of Hope celebration day, to mark the end of the Jubilee Year of Hope. Our classes of children were mixed together, sharing creative activities and supporting each other across KS1 and KS2.

Our little pilgrims planned what they might pack for a pilgrim's journey, wrote postcards to world leaders thinking of positive ideas for change, and made crowns full of ***WISDOM, LOVE & MIGHT***.

The children considered these reflection questions:

1 ~ How will you be responsible for our belongings, our environment and our world?

2 ~ How will you be responsible for your kindness and respect to others?

3 ~ How will you be responsible for taking care of yourself and others?

Heart of Gold Award

The 'Heart of Gold' Award acknowledges the outstanding kindness and thoughtfulness of our children.
Anyone can nominate a Heart of Gold, so please let us know if you think someone really deserves the praise.

This week the award goes to:

Eduardo ~ Rossetti



Wednesday Word ~ TEACHER

In this Sunday's Gospel (taken from the Sermon on the Mount), Jesus teaches us how important it is to follow God's laws; our Catholic schools and parishes try very hard to do the same.

Please see the link for this half term holiday special edition of the *Wednesday Word*: click here



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St. Augustine's Parking



Important Notice: Ongoing Parking Issues Affecting Our School Community



Despite frequent reminders, parking continues to be a major issue for our school families and local residents. We are seeing increasing concerns around **unsafe parking**, **dangerous driving**, and instances of **rude and anti-social behaviour** during drop-off and pick-up times.

Growing Concerns at The Costessey Centre



The parking situation at The Costessey Centre has recently worsened. This includes:

- Cars parking unsafely or in non-designated areas
- Vehicles blocking access routes
- A volume of traffic far greater than the car park can safely accommodate
- Confrontational or inappropriate behaviour towards Centre staff, school staff, and other users

Please remember: **The Costessey Centre car park is not a school car park.**

It is provided for users of the Centre's facilities and the park, and the number of vehicles arriving for school drop-off/pick-up has become unmanageable.

Actions Taken by The Costessey Centre

To protect the safety of all users, The Costessey Centre has put additional measures in place. This includes:



- **Closing the car park** during gardening sessions or booked events
- Closures that **may occur during school hours**
- Ongoing reviews to ensure the safety of staff, visitors, and local residents

We fully support these actions. The Centre is not able to create more parking spaces, and neither are we as a school.

Why This Matters



The current situation raises **serious concerns**, including:

- Increased risk of accidents and injury
- Obstruction of emergency access
- Strain on relationships with our neighbours
- Unsafe environments for pupils walking to and from school

Your Support Is Essential

We are asking all parents and carers to:

- **Park legally and safely at all times**
- **Avoid the Costessey Centre car park** during restricted times
- **Show courtesy and respect** to staff, residents, and other families
- **Walk where possible**, or allow extra time to park safely further away



The safety of our children must always come first. Thank you for working with us to ensure our school community remains respectful and safe for everyone.

We do not want a tragic accident to happen, before behaviour changes.

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St. Augustine's Notices

CAFOD Lenten Fast Day! ~ Friday 27th February 2026

Non-Uniform Day ~ £1.00 donation

Friday 27th January 2026 we will be collecting donations for CAFOD Fast Day. We invite our children to bring in a donation of £1.00 and they can come in to school in non-uniform clothes.

Please NO Football Kits

Your support for CAFOD's Lent Appeal can help hardworking people, get the tools they need to feed their families for good.

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

LKS2: Year 3&4 Mass
St. Augustine's School Hall

Friday 13th March at 9:30am

Dedicated Mass to Mothers

All families and friends invited to attend



St. Augustine's Family Prayer Group ~ Every Month from 2:00pm-3:00pm





All families of St. Augustine's are invited to attend a parent and guardian led prayer session. Prayer sessions aim to provide an opportunity for stillness and reflection, followed by tea and coffee and a chance to meet other families. Participants have come from different denominational backgrounds and none, providing a learning experience for those who attend.

Any questions, please contact Gabriella: g.notaricosta@gmail.com

Next Prayer Meeting Dates:

Monday 2nd March 2026 at 2:00pm
Monday 11th May 2026 at 2:00pm
Monday 6th July 2026 at 2:00pm
Monday 13th April 2026 at 2:00pm
Monday 1st June 2026 at 2:00pm

Knights of Saint Colomba ~ 2026 Easter Painting Competition



Can you paint a scene that portrays a biblical scene from a time between Palm Sunday, Easter and Pentecost?

Ideas may include: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, The Road to Emmaus or Pentecost.

Send paintings into school at the school office.

Please include:
- Painted entry (size A4-A3)
- Child's name, age and year group
- Bible chapter and verse

★ **Provincial Council Prizes £7, £5, £3**
★ **National Prizes £30, £20, £15**

Deadline: Friday 20th March 2026

The school of the National winner receives a donation prize of £200.

Knights of Saint Colomba ~ 2025 Prayer Writing Competition



Can you write a prayer on the theme of:
"Prayer for our Catechists, Youth Workers and Lay Apostolates who work with Youth and Young People."

Prayers will be judged on
1) spiritual content and 2) composition.

Think about your language, phrases & check your prayers make sense & are correctly punctuated.
They can be typed or handwritten.
Send prayers into school at the school office.

Please include:
- Child's name, age and year group

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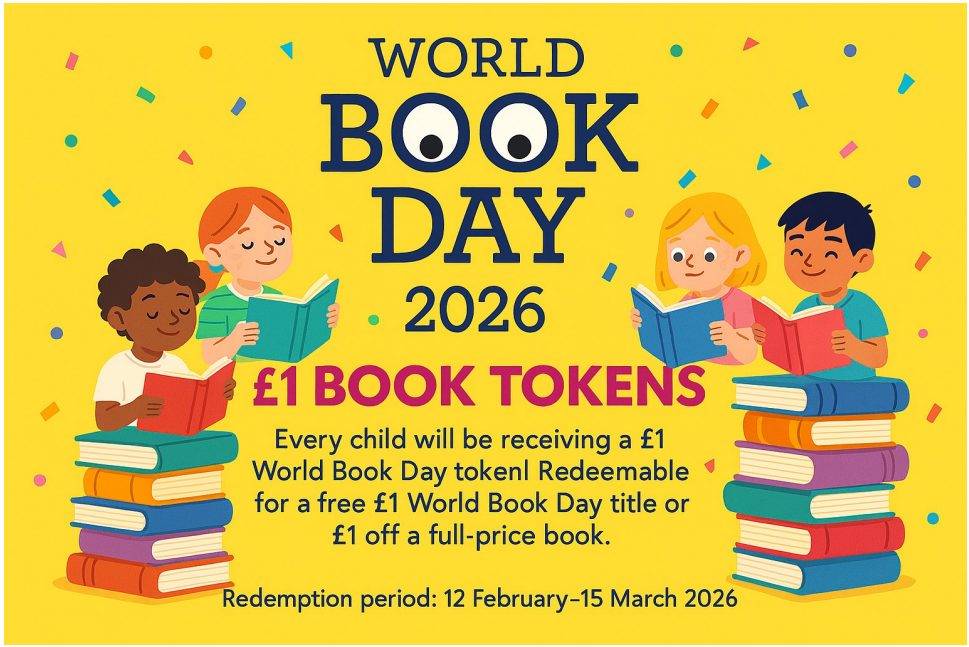
World Book Day Thursday 5th March

Your child should have brought home a World Book Day Token today.
Tokens can be used **from 12th February to 15th March 2026**.

Where to use them:
Tokens can be redeemed in participating retailers. Please note that **some online retailers may not accept them**.

Book choices:
A fantastic selection of £1 World Book Day titles is available for all ages and reading levels. These special books will be in shops from **12th February 2026**

World Book Day is a wonderful opportunity for children to discover a new story they love. We hope you enjoy choosing and sharing a book together!



Extreme Reading Challenge Competition!

Get your books ready and your imagination *wild*!

Our **Extreme Reading Challenge Competition** is officially underway! Whether you're reading in a tree, under a table, in a fort, or dressed as your favourite character — we want to see it!

The competition runs until **Thursday 12th March**, so there's plenty of time to snap your most creative reading moments.

Winners will be revealed in our **Friday assembly on 13th March** — we can't wait to celebrate your awesome entries!

And remember… wherever your extreme reading takes you — stay safe and have fun!



St. Augustine's Notices



Parent Meetings – Spring Term

Bookings for Parent Meetings are now open and can be made via the **School Cloud** system.

Appointment Dates

- Tuesday 10th March, 3:30pm–7:00pm
- Thursday 12th March, 3:30pm–6:00pm

SEND Appointments

Mrs Harrowven will also be holding appointments for parents of children with SEND needs on **Tuesday 10th March** in the school library. Parents wishing to meet with her should book via School Cloud and ensure this appointment does not clash with their class teacher meeting.



Booking Information

Please check your emails for full instructions on how to use the School Cloud system to book your appointments.

These meetings offer a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and development, and we encourage all parents and carers to attend.

What is Roblox? How to keep kids safe on Roblox



How can I help my child stay safe while playing Roblox?

If you're one of the many families who grapple with this question, explore the guide below to build your confidence.

https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-and-platforms/online-gaming/roblox/

The webpage includes a useful video ~ click here

You can find more tips to keep children safe online at: https://www.internetmatters.org/

Fostering

Across Norfolk, there are children living in residential care who could truly thrive in the warmth and stability of a foster family.

We need another 40 fostering families to join us in Norfolk. You don't have to be perfect - you just need to be ready to look after local children who need a safe, loving home. You'll work with our dedicated, experienced social workers to get all the training and support you need.

Norfolk Fostering Service is part of Foster East. We work together to make sure fostering is right for you and your family.

Read more about how we work with Foster East.

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FOSA ~ Friends Of Saint Augustine's

School Disco – Thursday 12th February

What a fantastic evening we had at our school disco last night! The children had a wonderful time dancing, laughing, and enjoying the music with their friends. It was lovely to see so many happy faces and such great energy throughout the evening.

A big **thank you** to FOSA and everyone who supported the event—whether by attending, volunteering on the night, or assisting with preparations. Events like these are only possible thanks to the amazing support from FOSA and our school community.

We'll be sharing the **total amount raised very soon**, so do keep an eye out—*watch this space!*





Next FOSA Meetings in the school staffroom:

Thursday 26th February 2026 at 6:00pm

Thursday 19th March 2026 at 6:00pm

Thursday 23rd April 2026 at 6:00pm

Thursday 21st May 2026 at 6:00pm

Thursday 18th June 2026 at 6:00pm

Please contact Louise Dhorajiwala, FOSA Secretary, on 07743 863675 if you would like to join the FOSA events helpers WhatsApp group.

We have also set up a FOSA Facebook Page where we hope to advertise all events and share upcoming information.
https://www.facebook.com/groups/8171783059576512/

FOSA need ad-hoc volunteers for upcoming events. You will only ever be needed for part of an event to enable you to enjoy the event with your family! To put your name on the volunteer list please contact Louise on: 07743863675.

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St. Augustine's Dates

2025 / 2026	School Closes *(Last day children attend school)*	School Opens *(First day children come back)*
Spring Half Term 2026	Friday 13th February 2026	Monday 23rd February 2026
Easter Holidays 2026	Friday 27th March 2026 School finishes at 1:30pm	Monday 13th April 2026
Summer Half Term 2026	Friday 22nd May 2026	Monday 1st June 2026
Summer Holidays 2026	Friday 17th July 2026 School finishes at 1:30pm	---

EVENT	DATE and TIME
FOSA Meeting in the Staffroom *~ All Welcome to attend*	6:00pm Thursday 26th February 2026
CAFOD Lenten Fast Day *~ Non School Uniform in return for a £1 donation*	Friday 27th February 2026
St. Augustine's Family Prayer Group *~ Everyone welcome to share reflection and meet others*	2:00pm Monday 2nd March 2026
World Book Day *~ More details to follow after half term*	Thursday 5th March 2026
Extreme Reading Challenge *winners announced in assembly on Friday 13th March.*	**Competition Closes** Thursday 12th March 2026
Parent Meetings *~ See booking information on page 4*	3:30-7:00pm Tuesday 10th March 2026 3:30-6:00pm Thursday 12th March 2026
KS2 Mass ~ Laetare at St. Augustine's School *~ Families & Friends Welcome*	9:30am Friday 13th March 2026
St. Augustine's Musical Soiree in the School Hall	2:30pm Friday 13th February
St. Augustine's School Choir at Norfolk Music Festival Kings Centre	9:30am Wednesday 18th March 2026 Return to school by 12:30pm
FOSA Meeting in the Staffroom *~ All Welcome to attend*	6:00pm Thursday 19th March 2026

Day / Time	Club	Provider	Information
Monday 3:15~4:15pm	Football	Pav's Team	Great for teamwork, coordination and fitness.
Tuesday 3:15~4:15pm	Dodgeball	Pav's Team	Fun, energetic, and great for reflexes and teamwork.
Wednesday 3:15~4:15pm	Mini Makers Art & Craft Club	Madison	Children will explore exciting art and craft projects, learn new skills, and let their imaginations run wild.
Thursday 3:15~4:15pm	Football	Pav's Team	Great for teamwork, coordination and fitness.
Friday 3:15-4:15pm	Girls Football	Pav's Team	Great for teamwork, coordination and fitness.

Nursery Places Available



We are pleased to let you know that nursery places are available for children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023.

If you would like your child to be considered for a place, please submit an application by Friday 7th March 2026, along with a copy of your child's birth certificate and baptism certificate (if applicable).

We look forward to receiving your application and welcoming your family.