# 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 ~ 4th September 2026



***"Where two are gathered in my name, there am I among them."***

**Matthew 18:15-20 ~ The 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

## *Welcome to St. Augustine's 2026-2027*

Families and Friends of St. Augustine's,

We welcome you all back to a brand new academic year. It has been lovely for all our staff to see that the children have missed their school community over the holidays. We were reassured by the huge smiles on their faces on the first day back. And, today we appreciated some much needed rain!

In our first assembly together this academic year, we thought about why school is important. As our children grow and move on to their new classes, they were reminded that :
~ they are always learning new things,
~ there are always others that care for them,
~ they are always improving,
~ and school is place where we can celebrate and share their achievements.

In the Gospel this week, we are reminded that we cannot grow and improve as better people, without learning together as a community. We need a good family, good friends, good teachers and good leaders. Sometimes we might not like or agree with these people, but to be challenged helps us to reflect on our actions and hopefully improve.




***"We cannot grow up by ourselves; rather, we journey and grow in a community, in a family."***
*Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)*

We look forward to sharing more class updates each week in this newsletter.

## Wednesday Word ~ RECONCILIATION

Sometimes we make mistakes and occasionally upset one another. The important thing is to overcome such upsets in a loving way and become friends again. This is also known as reconciliation. This Sunday's Gospel suggests ways of doing this peacefully and calmly.

Please see the link from the holiday edition of the *Wednesday Word*: click here




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# St. Augustine's News

## St. Augustine's Letters in Parliament



During the Summer holidays, we received some very exciting news.

Last Summer term, our LKS2:Y3&4 children, hand wrote letters to our local MP Ben Goldsborough, about global environmental issues that are effecting our wildlife and ecosystems. We were completely unaware that these letters were taken into parliament and shared with other government MPs.

MP Ben Goldsbourough was quoted to have said,
*"Their letters were a powerful reminder that concern for wildlife and the environment is shared across generations, and that the next generation is already thinking seriously about the world they will inherit. My sincere thanks go to every pupil who took the time to write."*

We will be inviting MP Ben Goldsborough to visit our school and hope to look forward to a visit in the near future.

We are proud that our children are being recognised for the **Catholic Social Teaching** values, and the message of ***'Laudato Si'*** in the wider community and world that they live in.



**~ The Common Good**



**~ Solidarity**



**~ Stewardship**



**~ Participation**

You can find the published news story using this weblink:
https://justregional.co.uk/pupils-wildlife-letters-are-taken-into-parliament/




## Thank You from CAFOD!

We have received news of the total donations that we raised for CAFOD last year, and a special **THANK YOU** certificate.

# £498.65

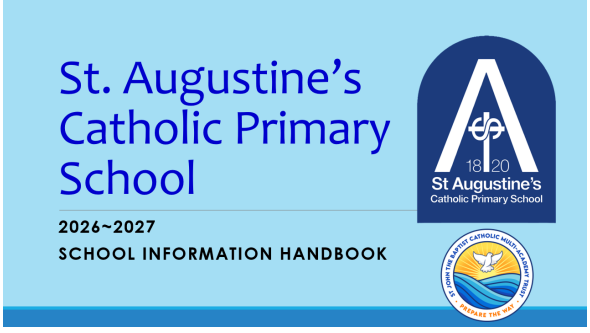
We pass on this appreciation to all our families and friends, that help and support with charitable donations.

## School Handbook 2026-2027

To help you prepare for this academic year, please have a look at our School Handbook.

You can find the handbook on our school website:

**https://www.st-augustines.norfolk.sch.uk/school-handbook/**




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# St. Augustine's Notices

**Free Cyber Choices and Online Safety events**

Fraud & Cyber Protect (Eastern Region) is offering the following two-part training for parents and carers to help them take measures to protect themselves and their family online. Their sessions are hosted online using Microsoft Teams and are all **free** to attend.

Please note there are **two parts** to the parent events, and you will need to register for each independently.

**Part 1** - Online Safeguarding & Introduction to Cyber Choices (in partnership with the NSPCC): Introduces the Cyber Choices programme; sessions are available for:

- 23 September
- 10 November

**Part 2** - Practical Tools and Techniques to Improve Your Family's Cyber Security: Advice and guidance from the session will be in line with the Government's Stop! Think Fraud and the National Cyber Security Centres CyberAware campaigns; sessions are available for:

- 30 September
- 17 November

Make your bookings via: https://www.easternprotect.org/webinars

**2026 Children's Commissioner: The Big Future survey - have your say!**

Dame Rachel Souza shares a message about "The Big Future Survey".

We know there are still many more young people whose voices deserve to be heard. I would therefore be grateful if you could complete my national survey, The Big Future. I encourage as many young people, pupils, parents and carers as possible to take part before it closes: https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture.

**General Information:**

- The Survey can be completed on a wide range of devices, (tablets, laptops, smartphones etc.)
- It takes about 5 minutes to complete the survey.
- The survey is open until **23rd October 2026**.

See attached information for more details:

- The Big Survey Flyer
- Guide for adults completing The Big Future on behalf of children
- Website: https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-future/

**Mobile Phones in Schools ~ Guidance from September 2026**

The use of mobile phones is not permitted at any time in our school. This is inline with updated government guidance: DfE Mobile phones in schools

Mobile phone use, outside of school, must be carefully supervised by parents and carers, ensuring any communication between children is always appropriate and in keeping with the behaviour policy of the school.

Mobile phones and mobile devices must not be brought to school by any child.
In Year 5&6, where a parent / carer determines there is a need for their child to have a phone after school, the phone must be given to their class teacher at the start of the day and collected by the child at the end of the day.

Parents / Carers must advise the school office when this is required.

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# FOSA ~ Friends Of Saint Augustine's



**Next FOSA Meetings in the school staffroom:**

**Thursday 17th September 2026 at 6:00pm**
****** Coffee and Cake event ******

**Thursday 15th October 2026 at 6:00pm**

**Thursday 19th November 2026 at 6:00pm**








**Welcome Back!**
**Come and meet FOSA.**

**Friday 25th September 2026**

**at the end of the school day**
**in the lower playground**






**HOW TO GET INVOLVED**

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.**



# St. Augustine's Dates



**St John the Baptist Catholic Multi-Academy Trust**
**Calendar Dates for 2026-2027**
**~ See Website & Click Here ~**

| 2026 / 2027 | School Closes<br>*(Last day children attend school)* | School Opens<br>*(First day children come back)* |
|---|---|---|
| **Autumn Term Starts** | - - - | Thursday 3rd September 2026 |
| **Autumn Half Term 2026** | Thursday 22nd October 2026 | Monday 2nd November 2026 |
| **Christmas Holidays 2026** | Friday 18th December 2026<br>School closes at 1:30pm | Tuesday 5th January 2027 |
| **Spring Half Term 2027** | Friday 12th February 2027 | Monday 22nd February 2027 |
| **Easter Holidays 2027** | Thursday 25th March 2027<br>School closes at 1:30pm | Tuesday 13th April 2027 |
| **Summer Half Term 2027** | Friday 28th May 2027 | Monday 7th June 2027 |
| **Summer Holidays 2027** | Wednesday 21st July 2027<br>School closes at 1:30pm | - - - |

| EVENT | DATE and TIME |
|---|---|
| Year 6 trip ~ Diocese of East Anglia Schools Mass<br>*at St John the Baptist Cathedral, Norwich* | Friday 25th September 2026<br>12:00pm – 1:00pm |
| **Meet FOSA Event**<br>*on the lower playground at the end of the day.* | Friday 25th September 2026<br>3:00pm |
| Cycle to School Week | Starts: Monday 5th October 2026<br>Finishes: Friday 9th October 2026 |
| **Year 6 Residential Trip**<br>*at Hill Top, Sheringham* | Starts: Monday 12th October 2026<br>Finishes: Wednesday 14th October 2026 |
| *****SCHOOL CLOSED ALL DAY*****<br>***Staff Training Day*** | **Friday 23rd October 2026** |
| **HALF TERM HOLIDAY** | **Starts: Friday 23rd October 2026**<br>**Finishes: Friday 30th October 2026** |
| Road Safety Week | Starts: Monday 16th November 2026<br>Finishes: Friday 20th November 2026 |
| **St. Augustine's & Parish Christmas Bazaar**<br>*at St. Augustine's school hall* | Saturday 5th December 2026<br>2:00pm – 4:00pm |
| *****Last day of Autumn / Advent Term**<br>**School finishes at 1:30pm** | **Friday 18th December 2026**<br>**School finishes at 1:30pm** |

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