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 ~ 20th March 2026



"Then Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'"
John 11: 1-45 The 5th Sunday of Lent

Apologies, last week we did not send out a newsletter due to our Catholic Schools Inspectorate visit. Many thanks to all our school families who shared positive comments about our Catholic school, life and mission. We are pleased with the inspectors comments and look forward to sharing the report as soon as it is published.

God gives life to us all. God created us and wants every single one of us to live a happy life, with all the things that we need to grow and be the best people we can be.

During this season of Lent, we have been focussing on the Catholic Social Teaching ~ Option for the Poor. To be close to Jesus, and follow His teachings, we are asked to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable before our own needs.

We should try to **GIVE** wherever the need is greatest. We should refuse to accept the suffering of our brothers and sisters. No one should be beyond the reach of the **LOVE** and support they need.





1 ~ What changes have you already made this Lent?

2 ~ Who have you prayed for, or given help to during Lent?

3 ~ Do you know someone who might need your help this week?

Poppy the Pokotea ~ Option for the Poor

Reminders:

***** Last day of school before the Easter holidays *****
Friday 27th March at 1:30pm
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***** No Activity Clubs after school next week *****
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***** This Thursday: Big Lenten Shoe Box Appeal *****
(See attached poster for more details)

Wednesday Word ~ COMPASSION

As well as showing the power given to Jesus by his Father, this Sunday's Gospel reminds us of Jesus' humanity. Jesus was upset by Lazarus' death and wept for him.

Please see the link for this week's edition of the *Wednesday Word*: click here





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St. Augustine's News

St. Augustine's Music Soireé ~ March 2026



Thank you to all the families that were able to support our talented musicians last Friday at the musical soireé.

There was a mixed ensemble, including performances from:

~ The St. Augustine's School Choir

~ Violin Group

~ Nanya piano solo

~ David piano solo

~ Charles piano solo

~ Solo sung by Charlotte

A wonderful variety of talent.

We are proud of them all!



Norfolk County Music Festival ~ Wednesday 18th March 2026

Our fabulous school choir, performed as part of an annual event at the Norfolk Music Festival.
An impressed audience heard the songs 'Posh' from the musical 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang,' and the spiritual hymn 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.'

Well done to our accomplished singers who earnt an 'Outstanding' grade from the judges.

A special **THANK YOU** to **FOSA,** and all our families that support FOSA, for contributing half the cost of the coach, so we could afford to travel to the venue for this event.



St. Augustine's Family Prayer Group

Temporarily Paused

Apologies in advance, that the St. Augustine's Family Prayer Group will have to stop running at the moment.

Our parents who have been organising and leading the group are no longer able to meet on Mondays.

We hope to update you soon on future dates and meetings.





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 & 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

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

Deadline: Monday 20th April 2026
School of the National winner receives £200.

FACE Family Advice ~ March 2026 Online Sessions



FACE Family Advice are offering a range of **live online workshops** throughout March to support children's wellbeing, behaviour and mental health. Each session runs for 90 minutes via Zoom, with many including a 48-hour recording for flexible viewing:

- Family communication
- ADHD support
- Anxiety & school avoidance
- Addictive behaviours
- OCD, ACT, self-esteem and more

***** Free Session: Anxiety Based School Avoidance *****
26th March from 7:00-8:00pm

A list of all sessions are listed on the last page. To book or find out more, visit: facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Join the movement → www.smartphonefreechildhood.org



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsw9HdM_MZw

We want to support a global community of families delaying smartphones — and this video is made to help spark those conversations with children.

It's fast, fun, and full of the big ideas:

- How smartphones changed the world
- How they're designed to grab your attention
- The hidden superpowers you unlock by waiting
- Real teens on why smartphones aren't all they're cracked up to be

Watch it together – it's short, fun, and the perfect way to spark the conversations kids really need.

Further information can be found here: **https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/**

If you are interested in starting a group to co-ordinate with parents, then please find the Norfolk Smartphone Free Childhood page **here**

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FOSA ~ Friends Of Saint Augustine's



Next FOSA Meetings in the school staffroom:

Thursday 23rd April 2026 at 6:00pm

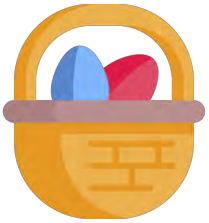
Thursday 21st May 2026 at 6:00pm

Thursday 18th June 2026 at 6:00pm

Upcoming Events for the Diary!

*** LKS2 Performance of 'The Magic Flute' ~ Refreshments available CASH ONLY!**
Wednesday 25th March 2026 at 2:00pm
Thursday 26th March 2026 at 2:00pm

*** FOSA Easter Café: Egg Hunt and Bake Sale ~ CASH ONLY!**
Friday 27th March 2026 at 1:30pm ~ Last day of term!
See poster attached for more info.



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*** MOVIE NIGHT ~ Ticket information coming soon!**
Thursday 30th April 2026 at 4:30pm—5:30pm KS1 (Y1-2) only
Thursday 21st May 2026 at 4:30pm—6:30pm KS2 (Y3-6) only



*** St Augustine's Summer Fayre**
Saturday 4th July 2026 at 2:00—5:00pm

*** Year 6 Leavers Party**
Saturday 11th July 2026 at 6:00pm—8:00pm



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.

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St. Augustine's Dates

2025 / 2026	School Closes *(Last day children attend school)*	School Opens *(First day children come back)*
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
LKS2 Trip to the Castle Museum *Back at school for end of day pick-up*	Tuesday 24th March 2026
LKS2 Performance of The Magic Flute *in the School Hall with refreshments by FOSA*	2:00pm Wednesday 25th March 2026 2:00pm Thursday 26th March 2026
Lenten Charity Shoe Box Collection ******See attached poster******	Thursday 27th March 2026
FOSA Easter Cafe **inc. Easter Egg Hunt & Bake Sale ~ CASH ONLY**	1:30pm Friday 27th March 2026
FOSA meeting	6:00pm Thursday 23rd April 2026
FOSA Movie night for KS1: Year 1&2 children *in the school hall ~ tickets available soon*	4:30pm to 5:30pm Thursday 30th April 2026
MAY BANK HOLIDAY ***** School Closed *****	Monday 4th May 2026
KS2: Year 6 SATS Week	Week beginning Monday 11th May 2026
FOSA Movie night for KS2: Year 3-6 children *in the school hall ~ tickets available soon*	4:30pm to 6:00pm Thursday 21st May 2026
FOSA meeting	6:00pm Thursday 21st May 2026
Last day of half term **Normal school day ends at 3:15pm**	Friday 22nd May 2026

Big Lenten Collection ~ Thursday 26 March 2026

Our school is holding a Lenten donations collection, we invite our families to join us in making a real difference in the lives of people in need. Every contribution, no matter how small, is a powerful sign of love and solidarity during this season of Lent, helping our children to see that their generosity can bring hope, comfort, and joy to others. Together, as a school family, we can turn our Lenten promises into meaningful action.

See attached poster for more details.





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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.

FACE

March 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Improving Family Communication	2 Mar 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Mar 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Mar 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 Mar 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Mar 10am
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	10 Mar 10am
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Mar 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Mar 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 Mar 10am
What is ACT	17 Mar 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Mar 10am
Decreasing Depression	23 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Mar 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Mar 7pm
FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidence	26 Mar 7-8pm

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F.O.S.A Presents

Easter CAFE

Friday 27th March
The School Hall from 1:30pm

Cash only

Egg Hunt - Cakes - Drinks & More

All money raised goes directly to the school — funding classroom resources, playground equipment, books and special experiences for the children.

Scan for more info

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Contributions: We are asking <u>each phase to donate</u> the following items.

(Upper Key Stage Two) Teenagers - For young people up to 18 years of age
Sportswear, scarf, gloves, socks, hat, sports memorabilia, writing materials, games, playing cards, tennis ball, tooth brush, tooth paste, roll on deodorants, comb, mirror, costume jewellery, make-up, hair brush, toiletries, school stationary, sewing kits, sketch pad, coloured pens and pencils etc.

(Lower Key Stage Two) Household Goods - For families
Scarves, gloves, hats, wrapped soaps, toothpaste, toothbrush, disposable razors, shampoo, soap flakes, pan scourers, antiseptic cream, bandages, face or body creams, cosmetics, pens, writing pads, T lights, candles, sewing kits, scissors etc

(Key Stage One) Toys - For Boys and Girls
Cars, trucks, balls, complete jigsaws, action figures, colouring books, pens, crayons, building blocks, yo-yo, bubble blowers, wooden and plastic toys, building blocks, pencil case, pencil sharpener, dominoes, modelling dough, plastercine, fluffy toys, dolls, stickers, writing pads, skipping rope, scarf, mittens, gloves, hat, musical toys and games.

(Early Years) Baby - For families welcoming a new child
Baby wipes, non plastic cotton wool buds, baby shampoo, baby oil, talc powder, baby clothes (up to 12 months), bootees, mitts, baby grows, baby blanket, small soft toy and plastic or wooden baby toys etc.

For safety reasons, the organisation that we will be supporting cannot accept the following items:
Food, sweets, chocolate and drinks, battery operated toys, conflict related items, matches, inflammable liquids, inflammable aerosols (e.g. deodorants and hair spray), seeds or other living materials, washing machine powders, washing up liquid.

WhatsApp safety guide for parents

internet matters.org

13+

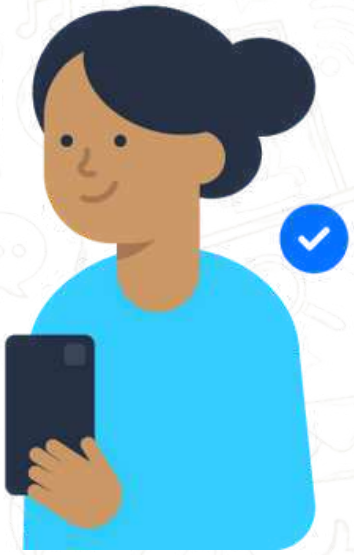
WhatsApp's minimum age in the UK

58%

Kids aged 3-17 who use WhatsApp

37%

Kids under 13 who use WhatsApp



5 tips to keep kids safe on WhatsApp

1 **Review privacy settings** WhatsApp has a range of privacy and security settings to keep users safe. Customise groups, app access, live location and more.

2 **Customise contacts** Show your child how to report and block unwanted contacts. Then, work with them to add their friends and family. Review and talk about their contacts regularly.

3 **Talk about personal information** Make sure your child understands what personal information is. Talk about the importance of keeping that information private on WhatsApp.

4 **Show them where to get support** If something goes wrong or they see something worrying on WhatsApp, make sure they know to come to you, and talk about other sources of support.

5 **Check in regularly** Once you've done all of the above, check in with them regularly to review settings and how they use WhatsApp.