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 ~ 17th April 2026

Catholic Schools Inspectorate Report

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS INSPECTORATE

We are delighted to share our Catholic Schools Inspectorate report, following our inspection visit on the 12th and 13th of March 2026.

Please find a link to the report ~ **click here**

I would like to thank everyone in our school community and parish, who contributes to the very special place that St. Augustine's Catholic School is.

"Jesus took the bread, blessed it and broke it and gave it to them that their eyes were opened and they recognised him."
Luke 14:13-35 3rd Sunday of Easter



Happy Easter and welcome back for the Summer Term at St. Augustine's!

Easter is the most important celebration in our church calendar. During Eastertide, we remember the miracle of the resurrection and the joy of new life that Jesus brings us. We can start a new life, we can be reborn, and we can begin again.

This half term, our Catholic Social Teaching focus is **Solidarity**. Being in solidarity is recognising others as our brothers and sisters and actively working for their good. We are connected to people and places all over the world.



Jesus did not work alone. He made friends, included everybody, and shared God's teaching with disciples that shared the good news with people all around the world. Jesus does not work alone.

1. What does the name 'Jesus' mean in Hebrew?
2. What does 'Alleluia' mean?
3. What is your favourite thing about Jesus that you like?

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:
Sopuruchi ~ Rosen



Wednesday Word ~ JESUS

The name 'Jesus' in Hebrew means, 'God Saves'. Jesus came to save us from doing wrong - to show us and to teach us how to live good lives.

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



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St. Augustine's Notices

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
Deadline: Monday 20th April 2026

Provincial Council Prizes £7, £5, £3
National Prizes £30, £20, £15
School of the National winner receives £200.

St. Augustine's Art Competition Design a Romero Cross for our school

Can you draw, paint, or create a cross with a design that represents our wonderful school. Be inspired by the bright, colourful and simple Romero Cross design, painted by artisans in El Salvador, Central/North America.

You could include:
~ Symbols of our mission
~ Symbols of our motto:
Wisdom, Love, Might, Let there be Light
~ Symbols of our school environment
~ Members of our school community
~ Anything that makes our school special to you.



The winning design will be made into our own St. Augustine's cross to mark the Diocesan 50th Anniversary Jubilee year.

Deadline: Friday 5th May 2026

Bags2School Collection – Monday 11th May 2026



We will be holding our next **Bags2School collection** on **Monday 11th May 2026**.
Please bring any donated items to school and leave them at the **designated drop-off point**.

We can accept:
✓ Adult and children's clothing ✓ Paired shoes ✓ Handbags, belts and accessories

We cannot accept:
✕ School uniform with logos ✕ Duvets or pillows ✕ Damaged or heavily worn items

Items must be **clean and in good condition**.
Thank you for supporting this fundraiser — **every bag helps raise valuable funds for the school!**

New resources for gaming and online bullying on the 'Kids online safety' website

Together with the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT), the Depart for Education have published new resources on the 'Kids online safety' website to help parents and carers understand and get support for online bullying and gaming.

These new sections are designed to help families talk to children about what they're doing and experiencing online.



The updated content includes:

- how to spot the signs of online bullying
- guidance and support if a child is being bullied
- practical tips to help make online gaming safer
- information on age ratings and parental controls for games

We will continue to share links to trusted charities and expert organisations where families can find specialist support, including helplines and further advice.

Click on: **Kids online safety**



Road Works
Due to the current road works around the city, please allow extra time for your journey to arrive at school safely.



Medical Appointments
When possible, we ask that you try to book medical appointments that are not during the school day.

Leave of Absence Information
To inform the school of any absences, please fill in a Leave of Absence form.
Forms can be found on our webpage: **Parent Information > Absence**



Updating Contact Details:

Tell us your **most up-to-date contact details**, including:
~ telephone number
~ email address
~ home address

This information is important in case of an emergency.

Reporting Your Child's Absence

If your child cannot attend school, inform the school office as soon as possible on the **first day of absence**. This helps us to safeguard the wellbeing of all pupils and for our legal records.

Remember to cancel your child's school meal on Swift Kitchen, or you will be charged.



Absences can be reported by:

- **Telephone:** 01603 743317
- **Email:** office.office@st-augustines.norfolk.sch.uk



If your child is absent for more than one day, keep the school office updated.

Please provide a **brief outline of the reason** (for example, sickness bug, sore throat, fever).
Avoid reporting your child is "sick". We need to record specific illnesses in the register.

A Gentle Reminder for Parents

If your child is collected during the school day, remember to **sign them out on the iPad in the entrance area**. This is for fire safety reasons.

Thank you for your support, helping us to keep excellent attendance and the safeguarding of our children.

School Dinner Cancellations – Important Notice



Parents are reminded that school meals must be cancelled via the **Swift Kitchen App** if their child will not be having a dinner on any given day.

Please note:

- **Failure to cancel meals in advance will result in charges being applied to parents.**
- For pupils in **Reception and Key Stage 1 who receive Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)**, the **school is charged for any meals not cancelled**, regardless of attendance.

We kindly ask for your cooperation in ensuring cancellations are made promptly to avoid unnecessary costs.

Thank you for your continued support.

Could You Help on a School Trip?

We would like to build a list of parent and carer volunteers who are happy to help on school trips.

This may be to help another class that your child is not in, such as a PE or sports event.

If you could help to volunteer, please get in touch with the school office – your help really does make a difference.



Lost Jumpers! Please Check Names



Please **check your child's school jumpers for name labels**.

Some of our pupils are missing **jumpers with their names inside**.

If your child has **accidentally brought one home**, we kindly ask that it is **returned to school as soon as possible**.

Thank you very much for your support and help with this.

To help reduce lost property, please check **all clothing and belongings are clearly named**.

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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!



*** 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!

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St. Augustine's Dates



St John the Baptist Catholic Multi-Academy Trust
Calendar Dates for 2025-2026

~ See Website & Click Here ~

2025 / 2026	School Closes *(Last day children attend school)*	School Opens *(First day children come back)*
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	6:00pm Thursday 23rd April 2026
FOSA Movie night for KS1: Year 1&2 children *in the school hall ~ tickets available on WisePay*	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
Bags2Schools *Drop off in the gazebo in the top playground*	Monday 11th May 2026
KS1 Trip to Banham Zoo	Thursday 14th 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
Class Photo Day	Monday June 8th 2026
Year 4 Bikeability Two Groups Level 1	Monday 8th June 2026
Year 5 Bikeability Group 1 Level 2	Tuesday 9th June 2026
Year 5 Bikeability Group 1 Level 2	Wednesday 10th June 2026
Year 5 Bikeability Group 2 Level 2	Thursday 11th June 2026
Reception Class Trip to Gressenhall Farm Museum	Thursday 11th June 2026
Year 5 Bikeability Group 2 Level 2	Friday 12th June 2026
FOSA Meeting	6:00pm Thursday 18th June 2026
Reception Vision and Hearing checks	Monday 22nd June 2026