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 ~ 24th April 2026

Catholic Schools Inspectorate Report

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**

We 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.



"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."
John 10:1-10 4th Sunday of Easter ~ Good Shepherd Sunday

Today we celebrated St George, England's patron saint, whose feast day was yesterday on 23rd April.
We honour saints in our Church because they have all made huge sacrifices to be followers of Christ, to live their lives as Jesus taught and advised us, and follow his example.

Saint George was a Roman soldier, who sacrificed his high-ranking position, and declared himself as a Christian. The traditional picture of George slaying a dragon, is a symbol of George's courage to fight against evil and defend his faith, encouraging others to become Christians.

George's message and example to others was to share all wealth, giving to the poor, instead of keeping money all to himself.

1. Who do you know who sets a good example for living their life?

2. Who has given you some good advice that you have followed?

3. What advice has Jesus given us, and how will you follow Him this week?





Thank You Mrs Brister!

Please join us in saying **GOOD BYE** and a very heartfelt **THANK YOU** to Mrs Brister. She left St. Augustine's yesterday, after nearly 11 years as a Teaching Assistant, to seek fresh new challenges in a new career.

Mrs Brister has worked across the school supporting many children, including our SEND pupils. She has always shown care, and a deep commitment to helping every child succeed. Mrs Brister is a much-valued member of our school community, and her experience, kindness, and dedication will be greatly missed by staff, pupils, and families.

We wish Mrs Brister every happiness and success in her new career and thank her sincerely for everything she has given to St. Augustine's.

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St. Augustine's Notices

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:

Jacob
~
Biddulph



Wednesday Word ~ FOLLOW

This Sunday is traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who leads us into the joys of eternal life.

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



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

Eco Warriors plan for NO MOW MAY



We will be taking part in #NoMayMay again this year. No Mow May is a national campaign to encourage people not to mow their lawns until the end of May (or longer!) in order to boost the flowers and nectar available to pollinating insects such as bees, butterflies and moths. But it is good for all wildlife too!

RSPB article: Helping Nature ~ What you can do

Our school will not be cutting the grass on either side of the slope at the front of the school, so please don't think we're being lazy!

You can watch this video to find out more:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-XB8xhnoSw&t=85s

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!**

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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.

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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 21st May 2026 at 6:00pm

Thursday 18th June 2026 at 6:00pm

Upcoming Events for the Diary!



*** MOVIE NIGHT ~ Tickets available on WisePay!**
***Thursday 30th April 2026 at 4:30pm—6:00pm 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 12:00—3:00pm



*** 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 Movie night for KS1: Year 1&2 children *in the school hall ~ tickets available on WisePay*	4:30pm to 6:00pm Thursday 30th April 2026
MAY BANK HOLIDAY *** School Closed ***	Monday 4th May 2026
KS2: Year 6 SATS Week	Monday 11th May 2026 to Friday 15th 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
Walk to School Week	Monday 18th May 2026 to Friday 22nd May 2026
FOSA Movie night for KS2: Year 3-6 children *in the school hall ~ tickets available on WisePay*	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 6 Trip to Wroxham Broads	Thursday 11th June 2026
Year 5 Bikeability Group 2 Level 2	Friday 12th June 2026
Year 5 Trip to Wroxham Broads	Tuesday 16th June 2026
FOSA Meeting	6:00pm Thursday 18th June 2026
Reception Vision and Hearing checks	Monday 22nd June 2026
FOSA Summer Fayre	12:00pm to 3:00pm Saturday 4th July 2026

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