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 ~ 16th May 2026

"I have given them the teaching you gave me,"
John 17:1-11 ~ 7th Sunday of Easter



KS2 celebrated the feast of The Ascension yesterday. This holy day takes place 40 days after Easter Sunday, and ten days before the end of Eastertide, at Pentecost.

The Ascension is named after the resurrected Jesus' departure from Earth, rising towards heaven to join God His Father in heaven. Before he did this, Jesus shared with His disciples His final message ~ ***to go out and deliver the message of God's love and mercy with everyone, everywhere***. This is the mission of all Christians, and our mission at St. Augustine's school.

Christians around the world celebrate the Ascension, because it is the day Jesus made a place for us in heaven.



1. Which lessons from Jesus do you think are filled with the most WISDOM?

2. Which members of your family, or friends, care for you with LOVE when you feel afraid or worried?

3. Who helps you to feel more confident, resilient and fills you with MIGHT?

4. Who will you share this WISDOM, LOVE and MIGHT with?

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:

Faith ~ Rossetti



Wednesday Word ~ FRIENDSHIP

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is telling his Father in heaven that he has now completed what was asked of him. Then, Jesus prays for his friends. This reminds us that Jesus prays for all his friends, which includes you and me too.

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



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St. Augustine's News

WELL DONE Year 6!!!

A huge congratulations to the Year 6s for their efforts and hard work this week. Their attitude and resilience was amazing.

To celebrate, thank you FOSA for the ice-cream treat!!!



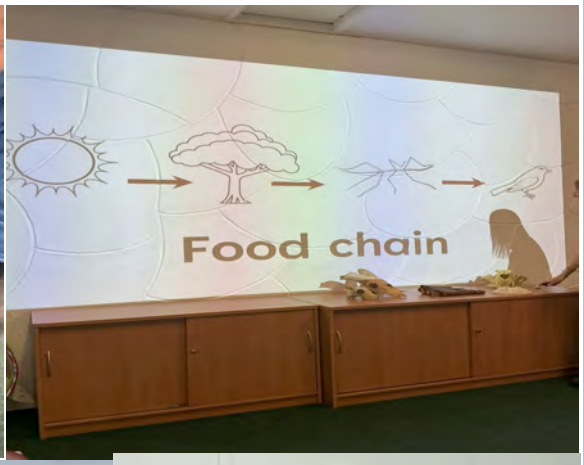
KS1 Trip to Banham Zoo ~ Thursday 14th May 2026

On Thursday, KS1 enjoyed an exciting trip to Banham Zoo as part of their Science topic on animals. During the visit, the children took part in a fascinating discovery session where they were able to see insects up close and even touch them — including Stacey the giant stick insect! They also investigated different animal skulls and studied their teeth to decide whether the animals were carnivores or herbivores.

Throughout the day, the children saw a wonderful variety of animals including mammals, birds, fish and reptiles. Highlights included seeing the giraffes, monkeys, owls, meerkats and even watching a leopard eating its lunch! The children had a fantastic time and represented the school brilliantly.













St. Augustine's Notices

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 June 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

Eco-Warriors & Stewardship ~ Caring for God's Gifts

We are guardians of God's creation, living sustainably and enhancing the wellbeing of our planet.



Eco Warriors



Walk to School Week

Next week is national **WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK!**
Why not make a healthy and sustainable change to morning routine, or afternoon routine, and walk, cycle, or scooter to school.

Attached is a 'Family Resource Book' and 'Activity Diary' to help motivate and record your Walk To School Week.

To end the week, our school will be celebrating Earth Day, and raising funds for our Eco Warriors. This will help them lead and plan further events and activities for our school.

Non School Uniform ~ Earth Day ~ £1.00 minimum donation ~ Friday 22nd May 2026

To help us celebrate **Earth Day**, pupils are invited to come to school in **non-school uniform** on **Friday 22nd May**

We encourage children to wear: **Green and Blue.**
V**oluntary donation of £1.** Participation is optional.

All contributions will go towards supporting **eco friendly initiatives and resources for our school**.

Thank you for helping us mark Earth Day and promote care for our planet.



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 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
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 6:30pm Thursday 21st May 2026
FOSA Meeting	6:00pm Thursday 21st May 2026
Earth Day ~ Eco Warriors Fundraiser Non-Uniform. *Please wear blue and green*	Friday 22nd May 2026
Last day of half term *Normal school day ends at 3:15pm*	Friday 22nd May 2026
Class Photo Day	Monday 8th June 2026
Year 4 & 5 Bikeability Week	Monday 8th June 2026 to Friday 12th 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
Choir Trip to Snake Maltings	Monday 15th June 2026
Year 5 Trip to Wroxham Broads	Tuesday 16th June 2026
New Reception Parents Meeting in the School Hall	2.00pm Wednesday 17th June 2026
FOSA Meeting	6:00pm Thursday 18th June 2026
Reception Vision and Hearing checks	Monday 22nd June 2026
Year 6 Bikeability Group 1&2 Level 3	Monday 22nd June 2026 Tuesday 23rd June 2026
Year 6 Pilgrimage for SJB Trust Mass *at St. Mary's Lowestoft*	Wednesday 24th June 2026
KS1 and KS2 Sports Day	Thursday 25th June 2026
Year 6 Bikeability Group 3 Level 3	Friday 26th June 2026
Choir Performance trip to Sheringham	Tuesday 30th June 2026
Children's End of Year Reports go home	Friday 3rd July 2026
FOSA Summer Fayre	12:00pm to 3:00pm Saturday 4th July 2026
UKS2 Performance	9:30am and 2:30pm Thursday 16th July 2026



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St. Augustine's News

Costessey Youth Services

We are excited to introduce the new Costessey Youth Services programme being delivered by Pilot IMS in partnership with Costessey Town Council.

The service provides engaging weekly youth sessions for young people aged 11+, designed to promote confidence, wellbeing, social connection, teamwork, and positive activities within the local community.

Sessions include activities such as:
- Archery Combat
- Nerf Sessions
- Adventurous Activities
- Sports & Team Games
- Cooking
- Arts & Crafts
- Challenges & Leadership Activities
- Social & Wellbeing Activities

YOUTH SERVICES



Free Children's Dental Screening – Wymondham



Families are invited to attend a **free drop-in dental screening** taking place in **Wymondham** for **children aged 16 years and under**.

This is a helpful opportunity for parents and carers to have their child's teeth checked and to receive friendly advice about keeping teeth healthy.

No appointment is needed – simply drop in at a convenient time.

Please see the attached flyer for full details of the venue, date and timings.

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