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 ~ 1st May 2026



BANK HOLIDAY!
MONDAY 4th MAY 2026
SCHOOL CLOSED ALL DAY



"Jesus said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God and trust in me.' "
John 14:1-12 ~ 5th Sunday of Easter

May is the month of Mary. Today KS2 children celebrated in chorus as they went on a Marian Procession from St. Augustine's school to St. Walstan's church. By the statue of Mary, flowers were laid as an offering.

During this month we want to celebrate all mothers that have cared and protected their children. Mary is a symbol of these virtues that help us grow and bloom like all wildlife during Spring time.

As we continue to focus on **SOLIDARITY**, it is important to remember that we cannot always be strong on our own. We often need the care, protection, trust and support of others.

1. Who do you trust and why do you trust them?

2. How do you show other people that you can be trusted?

3. When does the trust and support of others help you feel better, stronger and more resilient?



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:
Chanel ~ Wilson



Wednesday Word ~ TRUST

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus begins to prepare his disciples for his departure from the world. Jesus is returning to his Father and will make a place ready for each of them in heaven.

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



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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 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!**

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**.

St. Augustine's Notices

🖊 Knife Safety – Important Message for Families

Following the knife incident at Thorpe St. Andrew School in Norfolk, GMB wanted to offer support and educate others on knife safety. The key information has been simplified.
It is hoped that if the shared information stops one person getting hurt, it was worth the time and effort.
The single most important thing I've learnt is to change my language from knife crime to **knife safety** and that is because knife safety involves everyone, not just those carrying knives with malicious intent.

🏠 Knife Safety at Home

✔ Keep knives **locked away**, **out of sight**, and **out of reach of children**
✔ Use **rounded tip knives** where possible

❌ Do not leave knives on worktops or in knife blocks
❌ Do not hang knives on magnetic strips

📌 Most knife injuries happen **at home**, often with **kitchen knives**.

🏫 Knife Safety at School

🍽 Schools use knives in:

- Kitchens and canteens
- Staff rooms
- Food technology lessons

✔ Schools are working to:

- Lock knives away
- Use safer, rounded tip knives
- Reduce risks for children and staff

👦👧 Why Do Some Children Carry Knives?

❗ Most young people **do NOT carry knives**
❗ Some children think "everyone else has one" – this is **not true**

😟 Reasons some children may carry a knife:

- Fear or bullying
- Wanting protection
- Pressure from social media

🚫 Carrying a knife makes a person **more likely to be hurt**, not safer.

🚩 Warning Signs to Look Out For

👀 Changes in behaviour
😢 Anger or fear
🚪 Isolating from friends

💬 Talk about needing protection

✔ Encourage children to **talk to a trusted adult**
✔ Speaking up can **save lives**
✔ Concerns can be shared **confidentially**

💬 Important Message for Children

🗣 ***"A knife is not for protection.***
It can only cause harm."

If you feel unsafe:
➡ Tell an adult
➡ Get support
➡ Do not carry a knife

✔ Key Reminders for Families

✓ Check the knives in your home
✓ Store them safely
✓ Talk openly with your child
✓ Help keep everyone safe

🤝 Thank you for working with us to keep our community safe.

⚠ Knives can hurt people by accident or on purpose.
Knife safety is everyone's responsibility – at home and at school.

Knives can injure and kill anybody, even by mistake. One of the key initiatives many of these charities are driving is for rounded tipped knives (this is an image of Viners rounded tipped knives, the pack of 4 is less than £10, plenty of other brands are available).



Parking at The Costessey Centre

You may have noticed that The Costessey Centre is closing its car park more often recently. This is because of safety to the public, children, and visitor vehicles.

Because of unsafe parking and rude attitudes, the school have been asked for our families to find other places to park.

If you do use The Costessey Centre, be aware that the facilities may be permanently closed during school drop off and pick up times, if you do not park legally, safely and considerately.

Just some of the photos sent this week of cars parked wrongly.



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
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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