St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

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Wisdom Love Might, Let there be Light!

NEWSLETTER ~ 22nd May 2026



"I shall ask the Father, and he will give you a Helper to be with you forever"
John 20:19-23 ~ Pentecost



HAPPY ST. AUGUTINE'S DAY & EARTH DAY

We had great fun celebrating St. Augustine's Day (26th May) and Earth Day (22nd April) before our half term holiday break. It was fantastic to see everyone dressed in blue and green colours, portraying our wonderful world and why we should be good stewards, as echoed in our Catholic Social Teaching and Pope Francis' ***Laudato Si***.

This Sunday is Pentecost, marking the end of Eastertide. Our children have learnt about the power of the Holy Spirit, that can lift us up, and fill us with resilience, when we are feeling worried or scared.

The Holy Spirit and the gifts of **Wisdom**, **Love** and **Might** help us all to carry out St. Augustine's mission ~ ***to try to follow Jesus by loving each other and caring for God's world.***



1. How does Jesus want us to behave and treat other people?

2. How does the Holy Spirit help us?

3. What can you do to try and spread GOOD NEWS and peace in our world?

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:

Harry ~ Henn



Wednesday Word ~ PENTECOST

The word 'Pentecost' means 'fiftieth day'. On this day (fifty days after Easter) the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit

Please see the link for this half term's holiday 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 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

Saint John the Baptist Term Dates 2027-2028

We are currently reviewing how we arrange training days across the year so that we more effectively break up the long Autumn/Advent term in a way that supports the wellbeing of the children. This will not affect the dates of holidays so it will not affect your planning for vacations, but it may impact on the dates for training. If there are going to be changes, we will consult carefully and advise parents and carers in good time.

See dates attached to this newsletter.



Safeguarding Factsheet: 'Sextortion' and 'Sexting'

There has been a rise in 'sextortion' over the last few years – a form of sexual and financial abuse where criminals trick or coerce a young person into sharing nude or semi-nude images of themselves. These criminals threaten to release the images unless the young person pays them, or does something else that the criminals want.

This criminal behaviour, includes 'Sexting' where people share sexual imagery of themselves online with another person. Images may be shared consensually, or the sharer may be pressured or coerced.

This week, we have included two **Parent Fact Sheets** so that you know the risks around sextortion and sexting, the signs to look out for, and what to do if a child makes a disclosure.

We hope to send more regular safeguarding information sheets.

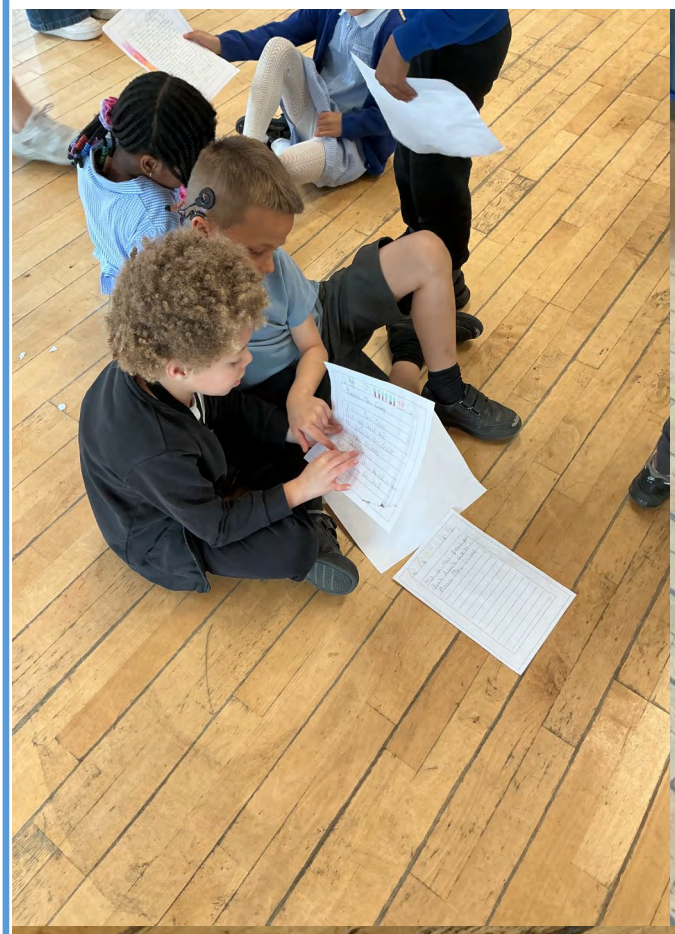
If there is a topic you think is important to share, or you would like more information and support with, please contact our school office.



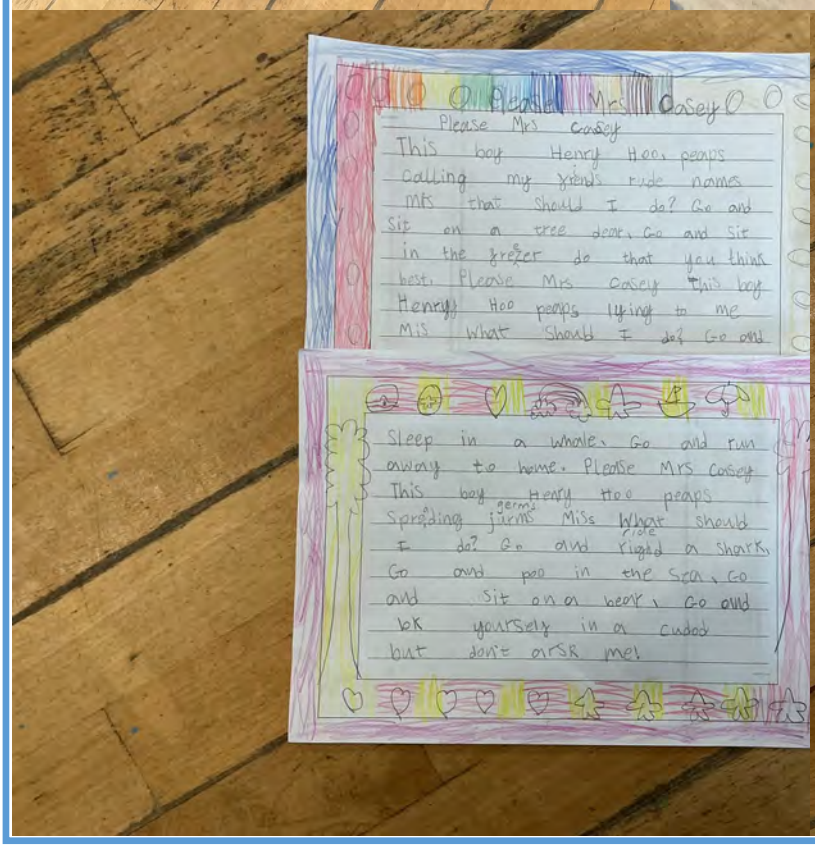
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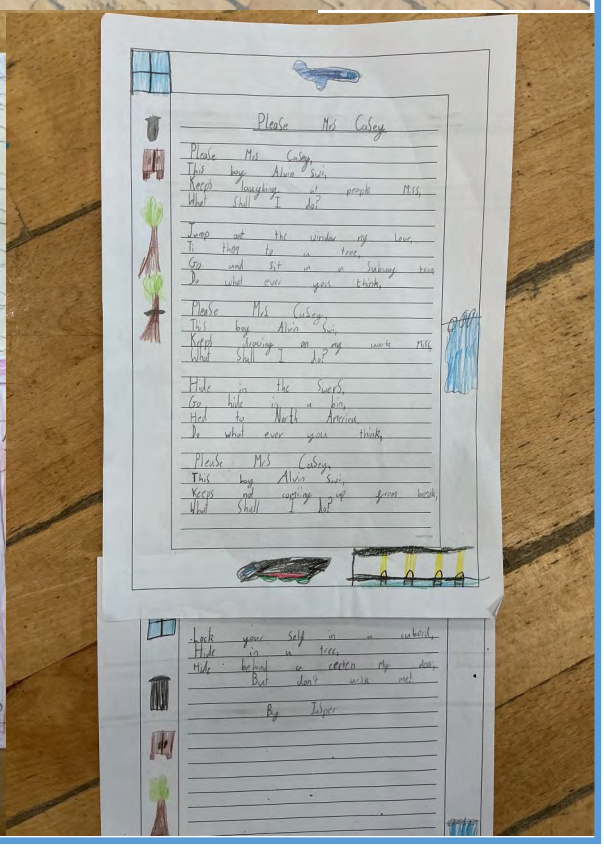
KS1 Poetry Slam

Over the last few weeks in English Key Stage 1 have been enjoying some poetry, especially “Please Mrs Butler” by Allen Ahlberg. They created their own versions of “Please Mrs Butler” based on different class teachers! This week they wrote their poems up in best and had a Key Stage 1 poetry slam together in the hall. The children enjoyed listening and discussing their poems with each other.









This Girl Can Event

Our KS2 girls recently took part in a *This Girl Can* sporting event, where they represented the school with enthusiasm, determination, and excellent teamwork.

The girls embraced the opportunity to challenge themselves, try new activities, and support one another throughout the day. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they competed alongside other schools.

We are incredibly proud of their positive attitudes and the way they showcased our school values—well done to all involved!









FOSA ~ Friends Of Saint Augustine's



Next FOSA Meetings in the school staffroom:

Thursday 18th June 2026 at 6:00pm

Upcoming Events for the Diary!



*** St Augustine's Summer Fayre**
Saturday 4th July 2026
12:00pm ~ 3:00pm
At St. Augustine's School

*** Year 6 Leavers Party**
Saturday 11th July 2026
6:00pm ~ 8:00pm
At Costessey Sea Scouts



FOSA Bottle Tombola and Non-Uniform Day ~ Friday 3rd July 2026

We will be collecting bottles for the Tombola. Please make sure these are unopened and in date. Anything from food, shampoo, shower gel, soft drinks or alcohol will be accepted for this stall.

Children can bring in their bottles and come to school in non-uniform on the **Friday before the Summer Fayre ~ Friday 3rd July 2026.**

Thank you!



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/81717830595765 12/

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.

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
Class Photos Day *Dress smart and practice your smile.*	Monday 8th June 2026
Year 4 & 5 Bikeability Week *Bikes can be locked at stored at the school during this week.*	Monday 8th June 2026 to Friday 12th June 2026
Reception Class Trip to Gressenhall Farm Museum *Don't forget to book your packed lunch if you need one.*	Thursday 11th June 2026
Year 6 Trip to Wroxham Broads *Pupil Premium ~ Don't forget to book your packed lunch.*	Thursday 11th June 2026
Year 5 Bikeability Group 2 Level 2 *Bikes can be locked at stored at the school during this week.*	Friday 12th June 2026
Choir Trip to Snake Maltings	Monday 15th June 2026
Year 5 Trip to Wroxham Broads *Pupil Premium ~ Don't forget to book your packed lunch.*	Tuesday 16th June 2026
New Reception Parents Meeting in the School Hall	2.00pm Wednesday 17th June 2026
FOSA Meeting *All families and friends of the school community welcome!*	6:00pm Thursday 18th June 2026
Reception Vision and Hearing checks	Monday 22nd June 2026
Year 6 Bikeability Group 1&2 Level 3 *Bikes can be locked at stored at the school during this week.*	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 *On St. Augustine's field.*	Thursday 25th June 2026
Year 6 Bikeability Group 3 Level 3 *Bikes can be locked at stored at the school during this week.*	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
Musical Soiree in the School Hall *Details to follow soon.*	3:30pm Friday 3rd July 2026
FOSA Summer Fayre *Please let FOSA know if you can help in any way.*	12:00pm to 3:00pm Saturday 4th July 2026
LKS2 Mass dedicated to St. Thomas at St. Walstan's *Families and Friends welcome to attend.*	9:30am Friday 10th July 2026
Year 6 Leavers Assembly *Year 6 Families welcome to attend.*	9:30am Tuesday 14th July 2026
UKS2 Performances ~ Wonderland *Tickets and information coming soon.*	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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