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 ~ 9th May 2026

"I shall ask the Father, and he will give you a Helper to be with you forever"

John 14:15-21 ~ 6th Sunday of Easter



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tries to reassure his friends. The disciples knew that he would be leaving them soon. Jesus promises that God the Father will send all people on Earth, a helper. This special helper is the Holy Spirit, who fills us with the gifts of **Wisdom, Love & Might**.

As we are focus on the Catholic Social Teaching of **SOLIDARITY**, we think about how people in our community use their strength to help each other. We too can use our Wisdom, Love & Might to help others. Solidarity is knowing that we are all part of a global family. Our actions are connected to people and places all over the world. We should use our collective strength for the benefit and good of everyone.



1. Who has helped you recently and what did they do to help?

2. Do you know any vulnerable or lonely people who may need your help?

3. How does it make you feel to help other people?

Our Thoughts and Prayers for Deacon Bill and his family



Last week we received the news that Deacon Bill, of St. Walstan's parish, had sadly died. Deacon Bill spent many years of his life supporting our school as a regular visitor and clergy member at our school masses.

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:

Daisy ~ Rossetti



Wednesday Word ~ HELPER

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that, when he returns to heaven, he will ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to be their helper.

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



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St. Augustine's News

Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday Celebration!



Today we enjoyed celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday.
Our Eco-Warriors shared some interesting facts in their own assembly.
We enjoyed dressing up, and learning about our wonderful world and why we should take care of it.













CST: Stewardship
Caring for God's World

Preparing Your Child For KS2 SAT's Week ~ Monday 11th May to Friday 15th May 2026

Year 6 children can come and settle into class early on these days.
Classes will be open for Y6 children from 8:15am.



SATs Tip 1: Keep calm and carry on – It's only the SATs

SATs Tip 2: Get the correct test dates in your calendar early
The Year 6 SATs take place over the course of 1 week, so to avoid confusion in the mornings we recommend writing each of the dates of the tests in your calendar so you know what is coming up and when!



SATs Tip 3: Put aside ten minutes each evening to discuss how their day was
A ten minute conversation about what they learned that day, and how they are feeling about it is a great way to find out if your child is struggling or needs any help with their work.



SATs Tip 4: For SATs week, swap a light breakfast for something more substantial
A good breakfast before a day of tests can be the difference between a child thinking about what's coming for lunch and about the answer to the questions in the test.
Make sure your child has a hearty breakfast before they begin their day and this won't be an issue.



SATs Tip 5: Put a stop to the morning rush
Set your alarm 10 minutes earlier to make sure you're ready on the day of the tests. You can also make sure that lunch is prepared and bags are packed the evening before the tests to ensure that your family can be up and out of the door with plenty of time to spare. By arriving early, it gives your child time to relax and prepare for the coming day, and this is much better

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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



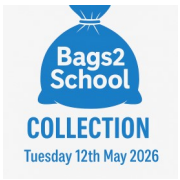
We will be taking part in #NoMayMay again this year. No Mow May is a national campaign to encourage people not to mow their lawns until the end of May (or longer!) in order to boost the flowers and nectar available to pollinating insects such as bees, butterflies and moths. But it is good for all wildlife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

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!**

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 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.



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
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 6:30pm 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
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
Choir Trip to Snake Maltings	Monday 15th 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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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.

https://outlook.office.com/bookwithme/user/8bd3c2fe005f4b9c83ffa4b473067923@st-augustines.norfolk.sch.uk/meetingtype/fqK4sj8NX0KJRbMo-4-AaA2?anonymous&ismsaljsauthenabled&ep=mcard





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