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 ~ 10th July 2026

Last Day of the School Year
Friday 17th July 2026 ~ School ends at 1:30pm



"Listen, anyone who has ears!"
Matthew 13:1-9 ~ 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

It's the end of the school year and we are busy, and tired, and nervous about all the changes for next year. Today, most of our children spent the morning in their new classes with their new teachers. And our Y6s have been visiting their new schools over the past couple of weeks.

Catholic Social Teaching
CAFOD Video Link



We spend this time of year, reflecting on the past, and preparing and looking forward to our new challenges and adventures.

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is rooted in Scripture, formed by the wisdom of Church leaders. It is our moral compass, guiding us on how to live out our faith in the world.

We hope our Catholic Social Teaching helps our children think about lessons learned and advice for the future.

1. What lessons have you learnt this year?

2. What important information has interested you or helped you improve?

3. What lessons or advice would you share with others to help them lead happy and healthy lives?

Heart of Gold Award

The 'Heart of Gold' Award acknowledges the outstanding kindness and thoughtfulness of our children.

This week the DOUBLE award goes to:

Ayda ~ Wilson

&

Tommy ~ Rossetti



Wednesday Word ~ LISTENING

Children love to be listened to and it helps them to grow in self-esteem. If, from a young age, they know that we truly listen to them, they are far more likely to keep listening to us as they mature.

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



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St. Augustine's News



Choir Sheringham Trip

Last week, our St. Augustine's School Choir returned to St. Joseph's church, Sheringham. This year, the choir were invited to sing and accompany the parishioner's weekday Mass.

It is always a delight to hear the beautiful voices of our choir, amplified in the perfect church atmosphere. Fr Simon and his parish were very welcoming, and they have invited us back again!



And, of course, it is always great to take advantage of being beside the seaside. ☺

Mini Tennis Competition

On Tuesday, a few select tennis players from our school went to compete against schools from all over the Norwich/Norfolk area.



After a series of qualifying matches, our two tennis groups made it through to battle for the top 4 positions.

Our amazing finalists earnt third and fourth places, with great team work, and a fantastic composed and resilient attitude. Miss Swindell was proud to be on the trip and see the St. Augustine's Standard in full sporting action.

End of Year Gifts for Staff

As we approach the end of the school year, we would like to thank all our families for their kindness, support and generosity throughout the year.

We know that some parents and carers may wish to show their appreciation to members of staff. However, please do not feel under any obligation to buy gifts or presents. Your support, encouragement and positive feedback are more than enough and are greatly valued by all of us.





The greatest gift you can give is your trust and partnership in supporting your child's learning and wellbeing.

Thank you for all that you contribute to make our school such a wonderful community.

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St. Augustine's Notices

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun activity programme provides holiday activities for children and young people aged 5-16 (or 4 if your child is slightly younger but in school) throughout the holidays.
Those who claim means-tested free school meals can claim free spaces on the activities, whilst paid spots are available on many activities for those who don't. Find out more on the difference between universal infant school meals and means-tested free school meals.

Book Now: https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/bignorfolkholidayfun







Apply for Free School Meals

The easiest and quickest way to apply is online using Norfolk Education Online (NEO). You can use the same NEO account to apply for 2-year-old childcare funding and school admissions.

Apply for Free School Meals: https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/38166

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is a free activity for children aged 4-11 delivered by The Reading Agency in partnership with public libraries and powered by Universal Music UK. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's skills and confidence over the summer holiday.
Children can pick up their Summer Reading Challenge pack and free magazine from their local library. They set their own reading goals and read anything they like from the library. They collect reward stickers as they achieve their reading goals. At the end of the summer, children who complete all their goals earn a certificate and a medal. For under 5s there is a mini challenge, so they don't miss out. There is also a digital platform with different activities and digital rewards.

This year's theme is Read to the Beat, giving everyone the opportunity to discover diverse musical genres and cultural influences through specially curated reading lists and engaging activities that celebrate the connection between storytelling and sound. There will be lots of free children's activities in our libraries including professional music and dance artists.

To sign up, just pop into your local library. Children will need to be library members - you can do this in a library or online. It's free of charge and children will receive their own library card for which there are no overdue fees. Find out more about joining the library in branch or online.

Nationally the Summer Reading Challenge has engaged over half a million children annually for more than 25 years.

It starts this weekend on Saturday 4 July and finishes Saturday 12 September.



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FOSA ~ Friends Of Saint Augustine's



Next FOSA Meetings in the school staffroom:

Thursday 17th September 2026 at 6:00pm

Thursday 15th October 2026 at 6:00pm

Thursday 19th November 2026 at 6:00pm



Upcoming Events for the Diary!

Year 6 Leavers Party

Saturday 11th July 2026

6:00pm ~ 8:00pm

at Costessey Sea Scouts

NO MOBILE PHONES EPRMITTED



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!

To put your name on the volunteer list please contact Louise on: 07743863675.

CONSCIOUS FATHERS



book online

18 — July
Saturday

Sauna | Movement | Meditation

A morning of heat, movement, stillness, and honest conversation. No performance. No pressure. Just men, nature, and the kind of space that's rarely made for us. We'll move through a sauna and ice bath, a slow yoga and movement practice, a guided meditation, and we'll close by sharing food together.

This is for fathers who feel the weight of the role — and want to carry it with more ease, more presence, and more joy.

£50

9:00 - 13:00

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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 Holidays 2026	Friday 17th July 2026 School finishes at 1:30pm	---

EVENT	DATE and TIME
Year 6 Leavers Assembly *Year 6 Families welcome to attend.*	9:30am Tuesday 14th July 2026
No Swimming	Wednesday 15th July 2026
UKS2 Performances ~ Wonderland *Tickets and information coming soon.*	9:30am and 2:30pm Thursday 16th July 2026
Last Day of School *School closes at 1:30pm*	School closes at 1:30pm Friday 17th July 2026
Our Lady & St Walstan's Diocesan Jubilee Mass *Accompanied by St. Augustine's School Choir* *Followed by Parish Barbecue and Fr David's 70th birthday*	10:30am Sunday 19th July 2026

2026 / 2027	School Closes *(Last day children attend school)*	School Opens *(First day children come back)*
Autumn Term Starts	- - -	Thursday 3rd September 2026
Autumn Half Term 2026	Thursday 22nd October 2026	Monday 2nd October 2026
Christmas Holidays 2026	Friday 18th December 2026 School closes at 1:30pm	Tuesday 5th January 2027
Spring Half Term 2027	Friday 12th February 2027	Monday 22nd February 2027
Easter Holidays 2027	Thursday 25th March 2027 School closes at 1:30pm	Tuesday 13th April 2027
Summer Half Term 2027	Friday 28th May 2027	Monday 7th June 2027
Summer Holidays 2027	Wednesday 21st July 2027 School closes at 1:30pm	- - -



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