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 ~ 3rd July 2026



"Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Matthew 10:37-42 ~ 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

In this week's Gospel, we hear Jesus offering his friendship to everyone. He talks about the love between a parent and a child, and how they know each other, they know each others wishes and feelings. By knowing this, love and support can be shared and all arguments can be tolerated, resolved and forgiven.

The same love can be found in the relationships we have with our best friends. It may be that we are friends because we sympathise with each other and therefore can show love and support for each other.

Jesus shows us how to be best friends by learning from him. Jesus is a friend that we can share our problems with, he is a friend that cares for us, and he is a friend that puts us first before himself. Jesus shows us how to be a **LOVING and CARING** friend.

I am sure we would like all of our friends to be **LOVING and CARNG**, as we should be for them too.

1. Who are your best friends that you like to spend time with?

2. What makes them a good friend?

3. How are you a good friend to others?



Heart of Gold Award

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

This week the award goes to:

Reuben ~ Rossetti



Wednesday Word ~ COMPANION

A good companion is priceless and helps us to make the best of ourselves. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus offers his companionship to us and to our children.

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

School Games BRONZE LEVEL Mark Award 2025-26





We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games BRONZE LEVEL MARK AWARD for this academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and community. We are delighted to be recognised for our successes.



Our sporting achievements this year include:
~ Creating an active environment around our school
~ Promoting active travel to school
~ Providing positive sporting experiences and inclusive opportunities, for example silent discos, archery, fencing and athletics events.



We are extremely proud of all of the young people, for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including the young volunteers, leaders and officials that have helped make our competitions possible.

A special thanks to Helen Brown—Rossetti teacher and PE Lead, for her dedication and organisation of these opportunities that made this award application possible.

Knights of Saint Columba: Prayer Writing Competition Winners 2026

Congratulations to our four talented pupils whose entries in the Knights of Saint Columba Prayer Writing Competition 2026 were selected as winners.

This year's theme invited young people to write a prayer for catechists, youth workers and lay apostolates who support and guide children and young people in their faith journey.

The pupils' thoughtful and inspiring prayers were recognised at both local and provincial level, where they received prizes for their outstanding work. Following this success, the three top winning entries have now been submitted for judging at national level.

We are incredibly proud of their achievement and the faith, creativity and reflection demonstrated in their writing.



1st Place: Emily Mottershead
2nd Place: Ifunanya Kenechukwu
3rd Place: Myra Madubeze
Runner Up: Leo Love-Wilkes

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St. Augustine's Notices

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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Dr Bike at FOSA's Summer Fayer



AtoBetter (Norfolk County Council) will be at the School's Summer Fete with a Dr Bike session, a mobile bike mechanic offering free bike safety checks and small repairs on adult and child bicycles, to families attending by bike. Please bring your bikes along – no need to book, just turn up.

First come, first served!

There will also be the possibility of bike registration on Bike Register, a national registration service used by the Police to reduce bike thief and increase bike recovery.
See more info here The National Cycle Database | BikeRegister

The school is working with AtoBetter to obtain Modeshift accreditation, implementing practical initiatives that make it easier and more enjoyable for families to walk, cycle and scoot as part of everyday school travel.







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.

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



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.

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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
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
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

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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