

Welcome to the Reception newsletter!



11th September 2026

The children have made a fantastic start to Reception, settling into their new classroom, getting to know the staff and, most importantly, making new friends! We have loved discovering their individual personalities and interests, with so much curiosity, confidence, humour and knowledge already shining through.

The children have been very busy taking in lots of new information and getting used to all the new routines, so you may have some very tired little ones coming home! They have all worked incredibly hard, and we are so pleased with how they are settling into school life.

Next week's learning

Next week, we will begin our daily phonics lessons. The children will start by learning some letter sounds and how to blend these sounds together to read words.

You can support your child at home by making phonics part of everyday conversations and play. You could play 'I Spy' and encourage your child to listen carefully for the first sound in a word. You could also choose objects around the house and ask, "What sound can you hear at the beginning of ___?" For example, *ssss* for sock or *mmmm* for mug.

We will also be sharing the story, *The Gruffalo*, enjoying lots of opportunities to talk about the story, characters and setting. In maths, we will be taking part in fun games and singing lots of number songs!

Naming items

Please could you ensure that **all** items your child brings into school are clearly named, including coats, jumpers, water bottles and book bags.



We have lots of items that look very similar, and having everything named makes it much easier for the children to identify their own belongings.

Lining up in the mornings

It is great to see so many smiling faces lining up in the right places each morning!

Now that the children are becoming more settled and familiar with our morning routines, could we please ask that adults take a small step back from the children's line. This helps us to see all of the children clearly and ensures that we can keep them safe as they make their way upstairs.

School pick-up

Please let us know if someone other than those named on your collection form will be collecting your child from school.

You can either let the class teacher know in the morning or contact the school office by email: office@st-

augustines.norfolk.sch.uk

Book bags



It has been great to see so many children bringing their school book bags each day. This helps us so much when sending books and other items home, so thank you! Please remember that the children don't need rucksacks as we don't have space!

PE

We will be starting PE after half term, giving the children some more time to settle into their new environment and routines.

- Foxes: Tuesday
- Owls: Thursday

On PE days, children should come to school wearing their school PE kit. This should consist of:

- Black or navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- White T-shirt
- School jumper or black/navy hoodie
- Trainers

Trainers are preferable as they provide good support when the children are running and taking part in activities.

Water bottles

Please ensure that your child has only water in their water bottle, in line with our whole-school policy. **Please do not put water bottles inside your child's book bag**, as they can leak and damage the books and other items they bring home.

Dates for your diary



Week beginning 14th September

Monday and Tuesday:
The children will stay for lunch and will need to be collected at 1.00pm.

Please ensure you have booked a school lunch on Aspens, or sent your child in with a packed lunch from home. The Aspens lunch booking link is available on the school website.

From Wednesday 16th September:
The children will be able to stay for the full school day. Collection will be at 3.10pm.

22/09/26 - Phonics Information Meeting in the school hall- 2.30-3pm

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Questions or queries

Please feel free to come and talk to us if you have any questions, or send us an email.

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We hope you have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all next week.

Best wishes,

Mrs Knowles and Miss Ashley