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 ~ 11th September 2026

"Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me?"

Matthew 18:21-35 ~ The 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time



We are delighted to have completed our first full week!

A new school year brings fresh opportunities for learning, growth and success. As our children settle into their new classes, staff have introduced and reinforced new rules, routines and expectations to help everyone have a positive and productive year.

Of course, routines are important for adults too!

We appreciate your support in helping us keep our school safe, organised and welcoming for all.

School Drop-Off & Pick-Up

✓ **Use the pedestrian gates only**

⊘ Please do not enter or exit through the vehicle gate.

Walk scooters and bicycles through the playground

Scooters and bikes should not be ridden on the school site.

✪ **Play equipment is out of bounds before and after school**

This helps us keep all children safe during busy arrival and departure times.

Park Your Car Considerately



- ✓ **Park safely and legally**
- **Respect our neighbours and local community**
- ⊘ **Do not block driveways, access points or other vehicles**
- ♥ **Be considerate of other road users and pedestrians**

☺☺☺ Thank You

Heart of Gold Award

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

This week the award goes to:

Ariadne ~ Rossetti



Wednesday Word ~ FORGIVENESS

In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus the question about how many times we should forgive. Jesus' answer shows that we must forgive one another just as God forgives us: again and again, without limit.

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



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St. Augustine's Notices

Sports Day ~ Next Thursday 17th September 2026

We would like to invite all families and friends of KS1 and KS2: Years 1-6, to our start of year Sports Day. Last year, our sports event was cancelled due to the heat, and we have decided to begin the year with some team games instead.

We apologise that this is short notice, but we hope that some of you can attend and enjoy watching our children participate in a range of physical tasks.





Day: Thursday 17th September 2026

Time: 9:30am to 11:00am

Place: St. Augustine's Field

Families and friends are welcome to wait in the lower playground at drop off.



Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2027



We are welcoming applications from those who wish their child to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2027.

If your child will be in year 3 or above, in September 2026, and you wish them to be included, please contact Julia Murphy via email – **Boot2982@outlook.com** for an application form.

The programme will start in January 2027.

The closing date for applications is **Sunday 27 September 2026.**
Strict deadline: No applications will be considered after this date.

SEND Support Workshops

We would like to advertise some SEND information sessions that may be of interest to our families.

Making Sense of SEND—In person free, friendly information and support about SEND.
Saturday 3rd October 2026, 11:30-1:30pm, at Hellesdon Community Centre

Norfolk FLOURISH Workshops in Reepham from 10:30am-12:30pm.

- **Introduction to Neurodiversity** ~ Thursday 17th September 2026
- **Behaviour** ~ Thursday 24th September 2026
- **Demand Avoidance (PDA)** ~ Thursday 1st October 2026
- **Parental Resilience** ~ Thursday 8th October 2026

See attached posters for more details and booking information.

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St. Augustine's News

St. Augustine's Letters in Parliament



During the Summer holidays, we received some very exciting news.

Last Summer term, our LKS2:Y3&4 children, hand wrote letters to our local MP Ben Goldsborough, about global environmental issues that are effecting our wildlife and ecosystems. We were completely unaware that these letters were taken into parliament and shared with other government MPs.

MP Ben Goldsbourough was quoted to have said,
"Their letters were a powerful reminder that concern for wildlife and the environment is shared across generations, and that the next generation is already thinking seriously about the world they will inherit. My sincere thanks go to every pupil who took the time to write."

We will be inviting MP Ben Goldsborough to visit our school and hope to look forward to a visit in the near future.

We are proud that our children are being recognised for the **Catholic Social Teaching** values, and the message of ***'Laudato Si'*** in the wider community and world that they live in.



~ **~ The Common Good**



Solidarity ~



Stewardship ~



Participation

You can find the published news story using this weblink:
https://justregional.co.uk/pupils-wildlife-letters-are-taken-into-parliament/



Thank You from CAFOD!

We have received news of the total donations that we raised for CAFOD last year, and a special **THANK YOU** certificate.

£498.65

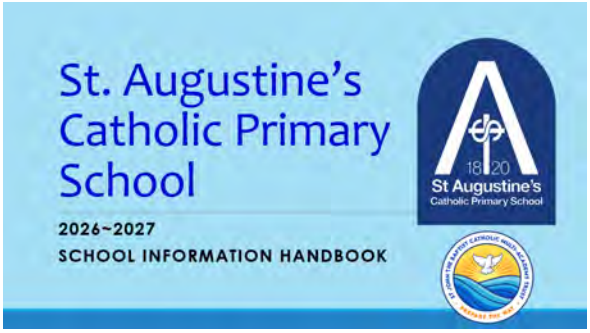
We pass on this appreciation to all our families and friends, that help and support with charitable donations.

School Handbook 2026-2027

To help you prepare for this academic year, please have a look at our School Handbook.

You can find the handbook on our school website:

https://www.st-augustines.norfolk.sch.uk/school-handbook/



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St. Augustine's Notices

Free Cyber Choices and Online Safety events

Fraud & Cyber Protect (Eastern Region) is offering the following two-part training for parents and carers to help them take measures to protect themselves and their family online. Their sessions are hosted online using Microsoft Teams and are all **free** to attend.

Please note there are **two parts** to the parent events, and you will need to register for each independently.

Part 1 - Online Safeguarding & Introduction to Cyber Choices (in partnership with the NSPCC): Introduces the Cyber Choices programme; sessions are available for:

- 23 September
- 10 November

Part 2 - Practical Tools and Techniques to Improve Your Family's Cyber Security: Advice and guidance from the session will be in line with the Government's Stop! Think Fraud and the National Cyber Security Centres CyberAware campaigns; sessions are available for:

- 30 September
- 17 November

Make your bookings via: https://www.easternprotect.org/webinars

2026 Children's Commissioner: The Big Future survey - have your say!

Dame Rachel Souza shares a message about "The Big Future Survey".

We know there are still many more young people whose voices deserve to be heard. I would therefore be grateful if you could complete my national survey, The Big Future. I encourage as many young people, pupils, parents and carers as possible to take part before it closes: **https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture.**

General Information:

- The Survey can be completed on a wide range of devices, (tablets, laptops, smartphones etc.)
- It takes about 5 minutes to complete the survey.
- The survey is open until **23rd October 2026**.

See attached information for more details:

- The Big Survey Flyer
- Guide for adults completing The Big Future on behalf of children
- Website: https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-future/

Mobile Phones in Schools ~ Guidance from September 2026

The use of mobile phones is not permitted at any time in our school. This is inline with updated government guidance: **DfE Mobile phones in schools**

Mobile phone use, outside of school, must be carefully supervised by parents and carers, ensuring any communication between children is always appropriate and in keeping with the behaviour policy of the school.

Mobile phones and mobile devices must not be brought to school by any child.
In Year 5&6, where a parent / carer determines there is a need for their child to have a phone after school, the phone must be given to their class teacher at the start of the day and collected by the child at the end of the day.

Parents / Carers must advise the school office when this is required.

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FOSA ~ Friends Of Saint Augustine's



Next FOSA Meetings in the school staffroom:

Thursday 17th September 2026 at 6:00pm
****** Coffee and Cake event ******

Thursday 15th October 2026 at 6:00pm

Thursday 19th November 2026 at 6:00pm







Welcome Back!
Come and meet FOSA.

Friday 25th September 2026

at the end of the school day
in the lower playground





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.



St. Augustine's Dates

St John the Baptist Catholic Multi-Academy Trust
Calendar Dates for 2026-2027
~ See Website & Click Here ~

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 November 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	- - -

EVENT	DATE and TIME
KS1 and KS2 Sports Day All families and friends welcome	Thursday 17th September 2026 9:30am - 11:00am
Year 6 trip ~ Diocese of East Anglia Schools Mass at St John the Baptist Cathedral, Norwich	Friday 25th September 2026 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Meet FOSA Event on the lower playground at the end of the day	Friday 25th September 2026 3:00pm
Cycle to School Week	Starts: Monday 5th October 2026 Finishes: Friday 9th October 2026
KS1 and KS2 Mass at St. Augustine's school hall Families and friends welcome	Friday 9th October 2026 9:30am – 10:30am
Year 6 Residential Trip at Hill Top, Sheringham	Starts: Monday 12th October 2026 Finishes: Wednesday 14th October 2026
KS1 and KS2 Mass at St. Augustine's school hall Families and friends welcome	Wednesday 21st October 2026 9:30am – 10:30am
SCHOOL CLOSED ALL DAY Staff Training Day	Friday 23rd October 2026
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Starts: Friday 23rd October 2026 Finishes: Friday 30th October 2026



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