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 ~ 18th September 2026

"Why be envious because I am generous? Thus the last will be first, and the first, last."
Matthew 20:1-16 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Thank you to all the families that braved the weather for our Sports Day on Thursday. It's a shame that the weather spoilt our planned events, again!!!

Our mission:
We try to follow Jesus by loving each other and caring for God's world.

Our motto:
Wisdom, Love, Might, Let there be Light!

This term, we are focusing on four simple but important expectations that will help all our pupils thrive:

Keep Learning - approach every lesson with curiosity, effort and a positive attitude.

Keep Clean & Tidy - take pride in our classrooms, our school environment and our personal presentation.

Keep Improving - always strive to do your very best and embrace challenges as opportunities grow.

Reach Your Aspirations - dream big, work hard and believe in what you can achieve with God's help. This is linked to one of our Curriculum Drivers.

These expectations will guide us throughout this term as we continue to develop confident, caring and successful learners. Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these values at home. Together, we can ensure that every child has the opportunity to flourish and achieve their full potential.

Heart of Gold Award

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

This week the award goes to:

Tobit
~
Rossetti



Wednesday Word ~ GENEROUS

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses the images of workers and a vineyard to show us something about the kingdom of Heaven and God's generosity.

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



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St. Augustine's Author's Galore!

Author Visit from Sophy Henn ~ Today at St. Augustine's

We were delighted to welcome celebrated children's author and illustrator **Sophy Henn** to St. Augustine's. Pupils in KS1 and Lower KS2 enjoyed a wonderful reading of her book *Happy Hills*, which brought the characters and story to life.

At St. Augustine's, Henn class in Year 1&2 is named after her!

The children also took part in an exciting draw-along session, where they learned illustration tips directly from Sophy, before having the opportunity to have their books personally signed. It was an inspiring and memorable experience that encouraged a love of reading, writing and creativity among all who attended.





The Wonderful World of Jacqueline Wilson in Norwich

Thursday 29th October 2026
11:00am-12:00pm
Norwich Theatre Playhouse

Jacqueline Wilson is one of Britain's bestselling and most beloved children's authors. She has written over 100 books and is the creator of characters such as Tracy Beaker and Hetty Feather. More than forty million copies of her books have been sold.

At St. Augustine's, Wilson class in Year 3&4 is named after her!

Jacqueline Wilson will be visiting Norwich Book Festival! Don't miss your chance to see this bestselling author, former Children's Laureate, and icon of children's literature before tickets sell out. Visit the link for tickets: https://norwichbookfestival.co.uk/whats-on/the-wonderful-world-of-jacqueline-wilson



Draw with Rob (Biddulph) in Norwich

Tuesday 27th October 2026
11:00am-12:00pm
Norwich Theatre Playhouse

Rob Biddulph is a New York Times bestselling and multi award-winning author/illustrator of children's books. He was named Illustrator of the Year at the British Book Awards (the Nibbies) in 2025 and was the official World Book Day Illustrator between 2019 and 2021.

At St. Augustine's, Biddulph class in Year 1&2 is named after him!

Join bestselling and multi award-winning author and illustrator Rob Biddulph, the creative star behind the viral and phenomenal #DrawWithRob videos for a fun packed event for all the family. Visit the link before tickets sell out: https://norwichbookfestival.co.uk/whats-on/draw-with-rob



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St. Augustine's Art Competition

Each half term, our school organises an art competition for children of all ages to take part in.

The theme this term is, **"Amazing Creatures!"** Inspired by our class books this term from, 'Beegu', 'The Place Between', to 'The Odyssey'.



Children can draw, paint, mould or build an amazing creature. Photos of children's artwork are permitted.

We encourage everyone to get creative!

Deadline: Monday 19th October 2026

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

Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2027

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

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.



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.

- **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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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/

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**

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 ST AUGUSTINE'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK
Playground Party !

COME AND MEET FOSA

We're the school PTA and we'd love you to pop by, say hello and find out what we do!

DATE: 25th Sept

TIME: 15 : 15

WHERE: Lower Playground

- CAKE
- FUN & GAMES
- MEET THE TEAM
- SHARE IDEAS
- FIND OUT WHAT'S PLANNED

Scan for more info

Click this link to follow FOSAs Facebook Page

FOSA ~ Friends Of Saint Augustine's



Next FOSA Meetings in the school staffroom:

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 and get involved, please contact Louise on: 07743863675.

Or email: friends@st-augustines.norfolk.sch.uk



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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
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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