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 ~ 25th September 2026

Then Jesus said to them, "I tell you truly that those we consider outcasts are going ahead of you into the kingdom of God".



Matthew 21: 28-32 ~ The 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Diocesan Schools Mass Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Today, our Year 6 children attended the Diocesan Schools Mass celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Diocese of East Anglia. Schools from across the East of England came together for this special occasion, including schools from the St. John the Baptist Multi-Academy Trust.

We were especially proud that one of our pupils was chosen to serve as an altar server to the Bishop during the Mass. In his homily, Bishop Peter encouraged the children to live by the **Three Gs**: being **Gracious, Grateful and Generous**, helping them to lead happy and peaceful lives.

The children greatly enjoyed visiting St. John's Cathedral in Norwich, with some recognising the cathedral from their choir practices. At the Mass, they learnt the translation of the Diocesan's Latin motto:

Ad Ministerium Christi Devoti, meaning **"Devoted to the Ministry of Christ."**



It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our children's faith alongside so many other young people and schools from across the Diocese.



Heart of Gold Award

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

This week the award goes to:

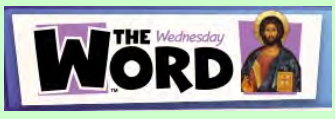
Joelle ~ Wilson



Wednesday Word ~ CHANGE

Throughout the school years, the whole family will grow and change - learning more about life and about one another. Change can be an exciting part of family life.

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



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St. Augustine's Notices

Healthy Packed Lunches

A healthy, balanced lunch helps children stay focused, energised and ready to learn throughout the school day.

We encourage packed lunches to include:

- ✓ A sandwich, wrap, pasta or other savoury item
- ✓ Fruit and/or vegetables
- ✓ A healthy snack such as yoghurt, cheese or crackers
- ✓ Water or a healthy drink

To support healthy eating, please avoid including:

- ✗ Fizzy drinks or energy drinks
- ✗ Sweets and chocolate bars
- ✗ Large bags of crisps
- ✗ Foods high in sugar, salt or fat



We are also a **nut-aware school**, so please do not send any foods containing nuts, including peanut butter and nut-based snacks, to help keep children with severe allergies safe.
Thank you for supporting our commitment to healthy lifestyles and helping children make positive choices.

Keeping Your Child's Information Up to Date



To help us keep all children safe and ensure we can contact families quickly when needed, please make sure your child's information is up to date on our school records.

Please check and update any changes to:

- Contact telephone numbers
- Home address
- Email addresses
- Emergency contacts
- Medical conditions
- Allergies and dietary requirements
- Medication held in school
- Any other health or welfare information we should be aware of

If any of your details have changed recently, please inform the school office as soon as possible. Accurate and up-to-date information is essential for our service.

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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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





We are all FOSA!
~Friends Of Saint Augustine's~

Contact the team to offer any help or support for our next events.

Events can't happen without everyone's help.







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 Notices

JUST ONE Tree Day!

Non-Uniform Day ~ 16th October 2026

JUST £1 plants 1 Tree



WHAT IS IT?
A day of worldwide schools' climate action, where a tree is planted for every child.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?
Nothing, except send your child into school in non-uniform and make a donation.

Every £1 plants a tree for their future.

WHO ARE JUST ONE Tree?
A global non-profit and part of the **United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration**, they fight climate change on land and in the oceans through global reforestation.

Our children will be:
♠ Funding trees where they ' re needed the most
♠ Lifting communities out of poverty
♠ Helping prevent deforestation
♠ Learning about the importance of protecting our natural world

For more information: https://www.justonetree.life/

MORE WAYS TO DONATE:
♠ Please bring your suggested donation of £1 to school on **16th October 2026**
OR
♠ Please donate £1 online – using the parent donation link that will be provided by JUST ONE Tree next week.

♠♠ **By taking part this year, our school will achieve PLANET HERO STATUS!** ♠♠
We are now one of a select group of schools leading the way for the planet.
♠♠♠ Our forest currently stands at 498 trees. Let's get more planted! ♠♠♠



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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 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
Languages Day	Wednesday 30th September 2026
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
Just One Tree ~ Fundraiser Non-Uniform and £1 minimum donation	Friday 16th October 2026
KS1 and KS2 Mass at St. Augustine's school hall ****Families and friends welcome*	Wednesday 21st October 2026 9:30am – 10:30am
CAFOD Fast Day Non-Uniform and £1 minimum donation	Thursday 22nd October 2026
*****SCHOOL CLOSED ALL DAY***** Staff Training Day	Friday 23rd October 2026
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Starts: Friday 23rd October 2026 Finishes: Friday 30th October 2026
Parent Consultation Meetings *Booking details will be shared before the event.*	Tuesday 3rd November 2026 from 3:30-7:00pm Thursday 5th November 2026 from 3:30-6:00pm
Road Safety Week	Starts: Monday 16th November 2026 Finishes: Friday 20th November 2026
Flu Vaccinations	Thursday 19th November 2026 and Tuesday 8th December 2026
St. Walstan's & St. Augustine's Christmas Bazaar	Saturday 5th December 2026 2:00 - 4:00pm
Last day of Advent Term	Friday 18th December 2026 at 1:30pm



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