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 ~ 16th October 2026



"…give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God." **Matthew 22:15-21 ~ The 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

We continue to focus this month on how to pray the Rosary, sharing our prayers intentions with Jesus' mother Mary.

Mary has many titles. She is known as, Our Blessed Lady, Our Holy Mother, Queen of Heaven, and Our Lady of the Rosary.

The Rosary is a special set of beads that Catholics use to help them pray. The tradition of the Rosary goes back to the 3rd century when monks used prayer ropes to help them to pray. When saying the Rosary we reflect on the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous mysteries of Jesus' life.



In many ways, praying the Rosary is like gazing on different images that show us events in the lives of Jesus and his Mother, Mary. When we pray by "mentally gazing" at these moments, we call it meditation. Praying in this manner helps us to be more reflective and thoughtful.

1. When do you like to pray or find peace?
2. How does praying and peaceful moments help you?
3. Can you find a time for prayer or peace this week?



Heart of Gold Award

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

This week the award goes to: **Nathan ~ Henn**

This Week's Wednesday Word ~ GRATITUDE

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' enemies are plotting his downfall and try to trick him with a devious question about paying taxes.

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



JUST ONE Tree Day! ~ JUST £1 plants 1 Tree

🌲 🌲 🌲 It was Just One Tree Day today! You can still make donations! 🌲 🌲 🌲

🌲 Please bring your suggested donation of £1 to the school office
OR
🌲 Donate £1 online – using the donation link: **click here**
https://just-one-tree.givingpage.org/jot-day-2026-parents-donation?custom_C49xTe6JbGtV3Gf=StAugustinesNorfolk

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 donations will be:
🌲 Funding trees where they are 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/



Catholic Social Teaching ~ Stewardship

🌲 🌲 By taking part this year, our school have achieved 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! 🌲 🌲 🌲



Parent Consultation Meetings ~ Booking is Open via School Cloud

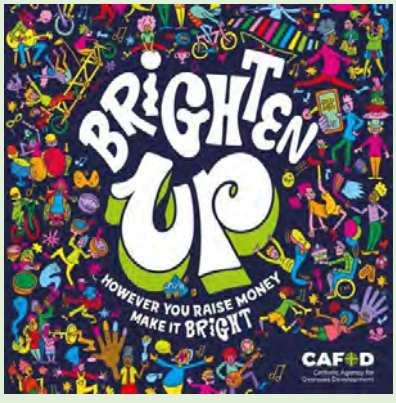
- **Tuesday 3rd November between 3:30pm and 7:00pm**
- **Thursday 5th November between 3:30pm and 6:00pm**



Please check your emails for the message explaining how to book. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and development.

We encourage all parents and carers to attend.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal 2026 ~ Brighten Up! Thursday 22nd October 2026



Non-Uniform Day ~ £1.00 minimum donation ~ Last day of this half term

By donating on our fast day, you can help children stay in school by providing the food and safe water they need.

You can donate on WisePay: Go to your child's homepage and choose Donations to CAFOD, this will open the payment section.

We invite our children to bring in a minimum donation of £1.00 and they can come in to school in BRIGHT non-uniform clothes. The donations will support our CAFOD Harvest appeal, sharing hope with vulnerable families by providing them with the practical help they need.
You can find out more about how CAFOD uses our donations by visiting their website: https://cafod.org.uk/



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

After School Clubs - Autumn Term 2

Our after-school clubs restart **week commencing Monday 2nd November**!

⚽ **Monday** - Football
🏐 **Tuesday** - Dodgeball
🌟 **Wednesday** - Neon Knockout, **New Club**
🎨 **Wednesday** - KS1 Art Club & KS2 Art Club
⚽ **Thursday** - Football
⚽ **Friday** - Girls' Football

🕒 **All clubs run from 3:15pm - 4:15pm.**
Children must be collected promptly at 4:15pm from the lower playground.

✅ **All children must be re-registered on WisePay for this term, even if they attended previously.**

📞 If your child is unable to attend a club, please inform the school office so we can notify the instructor.
We look forward to another fun-filled half term of clubs! 🎉

The Bollywood Dance Bootcamp ~ Like a Zumba class but with Bollywood Beats



Time to get the body moving. Time to get fit the fun way!
Starting on 9th November!
Taught by a professional dancer direct from the West End – Rebecca Grant starred in Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'Bollywood Dreams.'

See poster for more details.

Community Drop-In ~ Monday 9th November from 9:00am-12:00pm

Queen's Hills Community Centre, Poethlyn Drive. NR8 5BP

Costessey Town Council

Come along for an informal chat with a Community Early Help Worker from South Norfolk & Broadland Family Hub. Advice, guidance and support on a range of issues:

- **Behaviour and relationship concerns**
- **Mental health and emotional wellbeing**
- **Household finances and cost of living support**
- **Parenting support**
- **Signposting and referrals to other service**

See Poster for more details.

St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School ~ Policy Webpage

Spotlight on: Visitors and Parent Code of Conduct
Visit our policy webpage: https://www.st-augustines.norfolk.sch.uk/policies/

There are policy documents on all areas of the curriculum and school life. Policies are documents that inform staff and parents what to expect when the school deals with certain areas of school life. By following the guidelines set down in these policies staff can ensure that your child's experience at school is fair and fulfilling and that all their needs are met.

Many of our Policies are ones that have been agreed by the SJB CMAT, including complaints, attendance, whistleblowing and educational visits and these and many others are available on the MAT website at stjohnthebaptist-cmat.org.uk/policies

Independent Speech and Language Therapy Services Ltd (ISLTS)

Communication Stay & Play events during the October half-term.
Sessions led by experienced Speech and Language Therapists:
Wednesday 28th October & Thursday 29th October
10:00am - 11:30am

These small-group sessions are designed to support children's **speech, language and communication skills** through fun, interactive, play-based activities. Parents and carers can join their child and have the opportunity to observe strategies, ask questions and receive practical advice to support communication skills.

Families can attend one or both sessions, depending on what works best for them.
£35 per child- one sibling can attend free of charge.
Families who receive Norfolk County Council Short Breaks funding can also use their funding to book these sessions.

The sessions take place at our dedicated clinic in the beautiful grounds of Norwich Cathedral.

For further information and to book, please see the attached information or use the Eventbrite link below:
Communication Stay & Play October Half-term

🍽 Swift Kitchen Meal Ordering System

Thank you to all families who order their child's school meal using the Swift Kitchen website.

It is very important that meals are ordered every day. This helps us make sure your child gets the correct meal at lunchtime.

We still have some children without a meal order.

Please remember:

- ⏰ Meals must be ordered by 8:15am on the day your child needs a school lunch.
- ⏰ If no meal is ordered by 8:15am, your child will be given pasta for lunch.
- ⏰ This is because the cook starts preparing meals early each morning.

If you do not know your login details, please email the school office. We will send them to you by email. Please use the Swift Kitchen system every day to help your child have the correct school meal.

Thank you for your support.

Friends Of Saint Augustine's ~ FOSA

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



Friends of St Augustine's (FOSA) is your school PTA - parents, carers and staff working together to support our children and build a welcoming school community.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

If you would like to join the FOSA events WhatsApp group, email: friends@st-augustines.norfolk.sch.uk

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/

Join the WhatsApp Group: message FOSA friends@st-augustines.norfolk.sch.uk



Come to a FOSA Meeting in the school staffroom:

- **Thursday 19th November 2026 at 6:00pm**
- **Thursday 10th December 2026 at 6:00pm at The Bush Pub**
- **Thursday 21st January 2027 at 6:00pm**
- **Thursday 18th February 2027 at 6:00pm**

Have a look at the FOSA Newsletter this week, attached and emailed out separately.



FOSA NEWS

From the Friends Of St Augustine's Family

Friends of St Augustine's (FOSA) is your school PTA - parents, carers and staff working together to support our children and build a welcoming school community.

Important Dates

- 22nd Oct - School Disco
- 27th Nov - Crazy Hair Day
- 27th Nov - Christmas Jumper Sale
- 5th Dec - Christmas Bazaar

Updates

Lots to look forwards to this term!

Crazy Hair Day is coming - think wild, wacky and wonderful hair!

Donate your old jumpers!

Christmas Jumper Sale - WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Please donate clean, outgrown or unwanted Christmas jumpers and festive clothing for our school sale.

And don't miss our Christmas Bazaar - games, treats, and festive cheer for everyone

Want to help?

Whether it's an hour helping at an event, baking a cake, designing a poster or simply coming to meetings with ideas - every bit counts! There's no pressure or long-term commitment. By joining in when you can, you're making a big difference.

Ready to join or learn more? Get in touch with FOSA via email: friends@st-augustines.norfolk.sch.uk

Next meetings

Thursday 19th Nov
Thursday 10th Dec

From 6pm in the school staff room. Nibbles available!

Stay Connected

facebook.com/groups/8171783059576512/

Join the WhatsApp group (adhoc or core groups available) Message FOSA friends@st-augustines.norfolk.sch.uk

Come to the meetings - everyone welcome!

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
KS1&KS2 Mass at St. Augustine's school hall ****Families and friends welcome*	Wednesday 21st October 2026 9:30am – 10:30am
FOSA School Disco in the School Hall *Tickets available on WisePay*	Wednesday 21st October 2026 KS1 5:00pm – 6:00pm, KS2 6:30pm - 7:30pm
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 on previous page*	Tuesday 3rd November 2026 from 3:30-7:00pm Thursday 5th November 2026 from 3:30-6:00pm
Beechcroft Dental Visit to School *Only children who have returned a consent form*	Wednesday 4th November 2026
Individual and Sibling Photos	Friday 6th November 2026
Road Safety Week	Starts: Monday 16th November 2026 Finishes: Friday 20th November 2026
Flu Vaccinations	Thursday 19th November 2026 and Tuesday 8th December 2026
FOSA Crazy Hair Day ~ fundraiser **FOSA Christmas Jumper Sale**	Friday 27th November 2026 Jumper sale at 3:00pm on the lower playground
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

Images courtesy of magnific.com