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 ~ 2nd October 2026



"Then he'll rent the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruit at harvest time"

Matthew 21:33-43 ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

So far this term, we have been thrilled to see so many of our children enjoying being young authors. This week, our LKS2 children shared their magical fantasy stories with the KS1 children. The KS1 children really enjoyed listening to their older peers read to them, helping them to see where their learning and improvement can lead to.









Welcome to Foxes Class Mrs Gilbert

From Monday 5th October, we welcome Mrs Holly Gilbert to Reception: Foxes class. She will be joining our team, as the new Reception teacher on Mondays and Tuesdays.





Heart of Gold Award

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

This week the award goes to: **Caleb ~ Rossetti**

This Week's Wednesday Word ~ MESSENGERS

In this Sunday's Gospel, the servants represent God's messengers (the Prophets) and the tenants of the vineyard represent the leaders of Israel at that time. Jesus told this story because some of the leaders were not listening to God's messengers. Click here



Cycle to School Week Begins Next Week ~ Monday 5th to Friday 9th October 2026

Next week we are encouraging all children and families to take part in *Cycle to School Week*. Choosing to cycle to school is a simple way to care for our environment, reduce traffic and improve our health and wellbeing.

As Catholics, we are called to be good stewards of God's creation. Through the teachings of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminded us that every small action can help protect our common home. By cycling, scooting or walking where possible, we can play our part in caring for creation and living out Catholic Social Teaching in our daily lives.

Let's work together to keep our planet healthy, one journey at a time! 🚲🌍💚



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 on the day.

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!

🍎 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 so that we can provide the best possible care and support for your child throughout the school day.

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 on our school website. 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



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

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**

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.

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

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!**

Friends Of Saint Augustine's ~ FOSA

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

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

They can't happen if we don't have our community volunteers.

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/

Next FOSA Meetings in the school staffroom:

- **Thursday 15th October 2026 at 6:00pm**
- **Thursday 19th November 2026 at 6:00pm**











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
Cycle to School Week	Starts: Monday 5th October 2026 Finishes: Friday 9th October 2026
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&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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