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 ~ 9th October 2026



"Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared a dinner' "
Matthew 22:1-10

October is traditionally known as the Month of Mary, a special time when we pray the Rosary and reflect on the life of Jesus.

Today, our KS2 children joined Fr David, alongside some of our families and friends, to celebrate Mass. During the celebration, Fr David helped the children learn more about the Rosary, explaining the mysteries that help us reflect on key moments in the life of Jesus:

Joyful Mysteries: moments of joy surrounding the birth and childhood of Jesus.
Sorrowful Mysteries: Jesus' suffering and sacrifice for us.
Glorious Mysteries: the joy of Jesus' Resurrection and the glory of heaven.
Luminous Mysteries: reflecting on Christ as the Light of the World through events in His life.

Some children shared their understanding of the importance of Jesus' life and what it teaches us about prayer tradition within our Catholic faith.



We thank Fr David and all those who joined us for this special celebration.
May Mary continue to guide us as we pray together throughout this month.



Heart of Gold Award

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

This week the award goes to: **Louella ~ Biddulph**

This Week's Wednesday Word ~ INVITATION

At different times throughout our lives, we and our children will receive various invitations – some more important than others. However, the most important invitation is the one that is offered to us in the Gospel below.

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



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.

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? Send your child into school in non-uniform and make a donation.

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

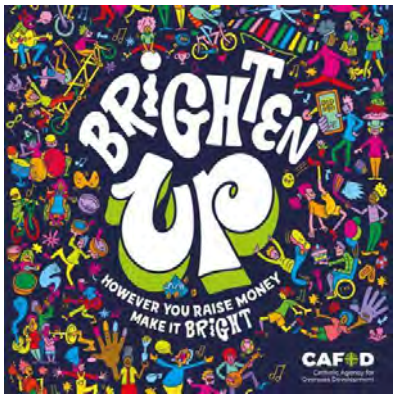
For more information: https://www.justonetree.life/

MORE WAYS TO DONATE:
- Please bring your suggested donation of £1 to school on 16th October 2026

OR
- Donate £1 online – using the 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!

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 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

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



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

🍽 Aspens Meal Ordering System

Thank you to all families who order their child's school meal using the Aspens Select 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 Aspens Select system every day to help your child have the correct school meal.

Thank you for your support.

✹ Friendly Reminder

To help our busy school office run as smoothly as possible, we kindly ask parents and carers to ensure that they remind their child to bring each day:



- named water bottle,
- school bag & reading books,
- coat for wet & cold weather,
- any other items needed for lessons or activities.

If items are forgotten and need to be brought into school later, please ensure they are **clearly labelled with your child's name and class**. Whilst we will always do our best to get these items to children promptly, there is no guarantee they will reach the classroom immediately and, on occasion, items may be missed.

The school office manages a high volume of enquiries and visitors each day, so your support with these small but important details makes a tremendous difference and helps us to focus on supporting pupils, families and staff effectively.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

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
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
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
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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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Friday 16th October, we all need to bring in £1 and put on non-school uniform. We need to do this so we can plant more trees for the environment.

This year, ~~you~~ we have been awarded the ~~plant~~ plant Hero Status for planting 498 trees so far!

We think that we shouldn't stop here, we should make the environment better through reforestation.

This year, you have an option to give money differently. You can either bring in a £1 coin, or you can click on the link that will be given out.

Thank you for your time and for helping the environment.

Yours Sincerely,
The Eco Warriors