# 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 ~ 13th November 2026



***"You have proved yourself faithful… Come and share your master's joy."***
**Matthew 25:14-30 ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

This Sunday's Gospel reading teaches us about making the most of our individual talents. We all have different special skills that we have learnt and developed. We shouldn't waste these, but learn to nourish and grow them.

Over this half term, we have been promoting our learning attitude of CURIOSITY. We want our children to be inquisitive about the world around them, learning new things and interests. Developing curiosity will help raise their ASPIRATIONS, wishes and dreams.

As we promote our learning attitudes, and develop our children's talents, we hope to use these for the COMMON GOOD. This is one of our Catholic Social Teaching principles that helps us to think of others and not just ourselves.



***1. What talents have you learnt that are a special skill you are proud of?***

***2. What would you like to learn more about, or would you like to practice to be better at?***

***3. How could you use your skills and talents to help others and not just yourself?***



## Heart of Gold Award

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

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

## This Week's Wednesday Word ~ TALENT

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us to use our talents well. When Jesus told this parable, the 'talent' he was speaking about was a sum of money – a weight of silver or gold. In our time, the word 'talent' describes the special qualities or abilities which people have.

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





## Anti-Bullying Week ~ Odd Socks

Next week, we would like to celebrate Anti Bullying Week by wearing odd socks on Monday, or all week! Odd Socks Day/Week, provides an opportunity to have fun, be yourself and spread awareness of the core values Anti-Bullying Week promotes.

You can find out more about Odd Socks and watch a fun video by Andy and the Odd Socks using this link: https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2026/odd-socks-day

Andy and the Odd Socks have released their brand new toe-tapping song 'Who's Wearing Odd Socks?' for this year's Odd Socks Day. Click the link to watch the video: https://youtu.be/Yk-RRacnmMU




## Reminder: Keeping Our School Healthy



We know how much everyone loves being in school, learning, and spending time with friends— but sometimes our bodies need a little rest.

If your child has **vomiting or diarrhoea**, please keep them at home for **at least 48 hours after the last episode**. This gives them time to recover and helps stop germs from spreading.

## Coughs and Colds:

For minor coughs and common colds, it is fine to send your child to school. However, if they have a fever, it is advisable to keep them home until the fever subsides. Encourage your child to dispose of used tissues properly and practise regular handwashing.

Please remember to let the school office know on the first day of absence.
Email: office@st-augustines.norfolk.sch.uk Telephone: 01603 743317

Together, we can keep our classrooms happy, healthy, and full of smiles.

**Road Safety Week ~ 1th – 21st November 2026**







**Revised Term Dates ~ Two Week October Half Term Consultation**



Dear families of St. Augustine's,

You will have received an email today about a consultation regarding our future term dates, including an amendment to the dates proposed for the academic year 2027 – 2028.

As a school community we continue to strive to find the best ways to ensure our schools are the best they can be and, in this proposal, we are seeking a change that has brought benefits to many schools in this area and across the whole of the country.

We encourage you to respond to the consultation and carefully consider the detail within the proposal.

The consultation opens today, on Friday 6th November and closes on Monday 23rd November. We will confirm the outcome of this consultation before the end of term.

Thank you as always for your support for our school.

## Music for Autumn Term 1 ~ Jazz

Each half term, in assemblies we introduce the children to famous musicians linked to curriculum areas. This year, our assembly music is taking the children on a journey through different genres.

### St. Augustine's Jazz Playlist

1. John Coltrane ~ Giant Steps
2. Nina Simone ~ He's Got the Whole World …
3. Louis Armstrong ~ When You're Smiling …
4. Louis Armstrong ~ What a Wonderful World
5. Ella Fitzgerald ~ Get Happy
6. Duke Ellington ~ Take the 'A' Train
7. Louis Armstrong & Duke Ellington ~ It Don't Mean A Thing …
8. Billie Holiday ~ Bue Moon
9. Miles Davis ~ Autumn Leaves
10. The Dave Brubeck Quartet ~ Take Five




Here's a link to a Spotify playlist of the musicians and music we have enjoyed: **Click here**

This half term we are focussing on the musical genre: **FOLK**

## After School Clubs - Autumn Term 2

⚽ **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! 🎉

## 🍽 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

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**Important Dates**

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

**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

**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

**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<br>*(Last day children attend school)* | School Opens<br>*(First day children come back)* |
|---|---|---|
| Christmas Holidays 2026 | Friday 18th December 2026<br>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<br>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<br>School closes at 1:30pm | - - - |

| EVENT | DATE and TIME |
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| **Road Safety Week** | Starts: Monday 16th November 2026<br>Finishes: Friday 20th November 2026 |
| **Flu Vaccinations** | Thursday 19th November 2026 and<br>Tuesday 8th December 2026 |
| **KS1: Y1&2 Mass ~ Christ the King**<br>****All families & friends of St. Augustine's welcome to attend in the school hall* | Friday 20th November 2026<br>9:30am |
| **EYFS Open Morning and tours for new families** | Wednesday 25th November 2026<br>9:45am |
| **FOSA Crazy Hair Day ~ fundraiser** | Friday 27th November 2026 |
| **FOSA Christmas Jumper Sale** | Friday 27th November 2026<br>Jumper sale at 3:00pm on the lower playground |
| **St. Walstan's & St. Augustine's Christmas Bazaar** | Saturday 5th December 2026<br>2:00 - 4:00pm |
| **Reception Nativity Performance**<br>****This year you do not need to book tickets, however if there will be more than 3 people attending on one day, please let the office know.* | Monday 7th December 2026<br>2:00pm<br>Wednesday 9th December 2026<br>10:00am |
| **KS1 Performance**<br>****This year you do not need to book tickets, however if there will be more than 3 people attending on one day, please let the office know.* | Wednesday 9th December 2026<br>2:00pm<br>Thursday 10th December 2026<br>9:30pm |
| **Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day** | Wednesday 16th December 2026 |
| **Last day of Advent Term** | Friday 18th December 2026<br>at 1:30pm |

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