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 ~ 27th November 2026

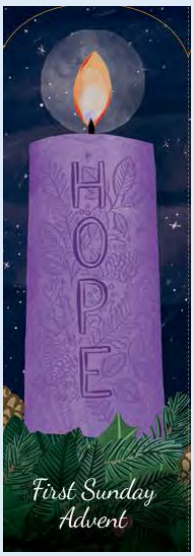


"Be on your guard, stay awake, because you do not know when the end time will come."
Mark 13:33-37 ~ The First Sunday of Advent

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Advent marks the start of the church's new year.

During this season, we are waiting and preparing for Christmas Day ~ the celebration of Jesus' birth - **the arrival of the Messiah** - over 2000 years ago.



Advent is a special time to take notice of our lives and others. We reflect and pray, giving thanks to God for the gift of Jesus in our lives, and the special words he shared with us.

During the first week of Advent, we focus on the theme of **HOPE**.

You can use this time to work on the '5 Ways to Wellbeing,' that we promote in our school: **1. Take notice**, **2. Keep learning**, **3. Connect with others**, **4. Keep active** and **5. Give** through acts of charity.

1. What can you celebrate that has happened in your life this past year?
2. What mistakes can you learn from, to make hopeful changes for your future?
3. How can you give your time to connect with others, thinking of The Common Good?



Heart of Gold Award

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

This week the award goes to: **Octavia ~ Rauf**

This Week's Wednesday Word ~ KINDNESS

This Sunday we begin to celebrate the season of Advent, a time of waiting and prayer. It's a special time to pause and reflect on the real reason and true meaning of Christmas and give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus to the world.

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



Advent Art Competition ~ Knights of Saint Colomba Painting Competition



Two competitions: **~ KS1** **~ KS2**

Painting competition rules:

- Must be a painting
- Must be a scene from the biblical Nativity story of Our Lord Jesus
- Free hand drawing (no tracing)
- Paper size A4-A3 on own choice of paper
- Must include the Bible Chapter & Verse
  (written within the painting or on the back)

Cash prizes for the winners! **Deadline: Monday 14th December 2026**



St. Augustine's Advent Performances

Monday 7th December ~ 2:00 Reception Nativity

Wednesday 9th December
~ 10:00 Reception Nativity ~ 2:00 KS1 Christmas Play

Thursday 10th December ~ 9:30 KS1 Christmas Play

Tuesday 15th December ~ 10:00 Nursery Nativity

St. Augustine's Safer Schools Run Pledge

Following a focus on Road Safety this week, our school is proudly promoting the 'Safe School Run Pledge.' This pledge is asking all families to think responsibly about how they travel to school safely, including their behaviour in our local neighbourhood.

More information about how you can help make our school and local area a safer place, is included in the attached information leaflet.

The leaflet focuses on parking, and we would appreciate it if you would take the time to read the information carefully.

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. 🌞



Festive Fun

St. Walstan & St Augustine's Christmas Bazaar

It's that time of year when we start preparing for seasonal Advent Events.

We are all FOSA ~ Friends Of Saint Augustine's, can you help out over the next few weeks.

Christmas Raffle Tickets



If you want to buy Christmas Bazaar Raffle Tickets:

- Fill in the ticket stubs
- Send the ticket stubs and money back to school.
- **Deadline: Friday 4th December 2026**



If you would like extra tickets, please come to the school office with the correct money.

If you do not want to buy any tickets, please return the tickets back to school.

Christmas Bazaar Jolly Jars



We need Jolly Jars for the Christmas Bazaar.

If you are able to fill a jar of any size with sweets, chocolates, small toys or a mixture, these would be very much appreciated.

Please bring them to the school office by **Friday 4th December 2026**.



If you have any spare empty jars, please start leaving them in the box in the school office entrance area for others to use.

Friday 4th December ~ Non-Uniform Day ~ Bring A Bottle



Buy a bottle of ANYTHING and send them into school on Friday 4th December.

Children can come into school in non-uniform.



Please make sure the bottle is full and **UNOPENED**, and within its best before date.

Bottles will be used for the Christmas Bazaar the next day, on Saturday 5th December.

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 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.





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)*
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
Bring a Bottle Non-Uniform Day	Friday 4th December 2026
St. Walstan's & St. Augustine's Christmas Bazaar	Saturday 5th December 2026 2:00 - 4:00pm
Reception Nativity Performance ****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 2:00pm Wednesday 9th December 2026 10:00am
Flu Vaccinations	Tuesday 8th December 2026
KS1 Performance ****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 2:00pm Thursday 10th December 2026 9:30pm
Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day	Wednesday 16th December 2026
Last day of Advent Term	Friday 18th December 2026 at 1:30pm

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Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government

NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38ºC or more)?

YES Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in

A cough, cold or sore throat

Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.

Threadworms

Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Should go in (let the school know)

Cold sores

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice & nits

You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

Hand, foot & mouth disease

If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Slapped cheek syndrome

Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Seek treatment before returning to school

Impetigo

They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Ringworm

See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Chickenpox

Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Keep them off (at first)

Ear infection

If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Measles

They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.

Vomiting & diarrhoea

Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'