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 ~ 6th November 2026



"So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour."
Matthew 25:1-13 ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend is Remembrance Sunday. It is traditionally a time when we remember all those who have served and died during war.

During such terrible times of war, it is incredible and hopeful to know the sacrifice and support that humans can offer each other for the common good. These acts of Wisdom, Love and Might, encourage us to believe that we can also achieve peace.

We pray for all those effected by war in the past and in our present times.

We pray for peace and an end to the devastation of conflict.





Thank you to all the families who have donated to The Poppy Appeal last week. Your support for this charity is greatly appreciated.



Heart of Gold Award

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

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

This Week's Wednesday Word ~ WISDOM

Wisdom is a real treasure, a virtue for us to nurture. True wisdom is discovering what God wants us to do, then trying our best to do it. It's about using knowledge well – having good judgement.

Please see the link for the half term holiday edition of the *Wednesday Word*: click here



1. Who do you know that is a wise person?

2. What makes a person wise?

3. Keep asking good questions, and use your curiosity, to help you become more wise.

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.

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.
- ⏰ Remember to cancel any Meals before 8:15pm if your child is going to be absent

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.

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:

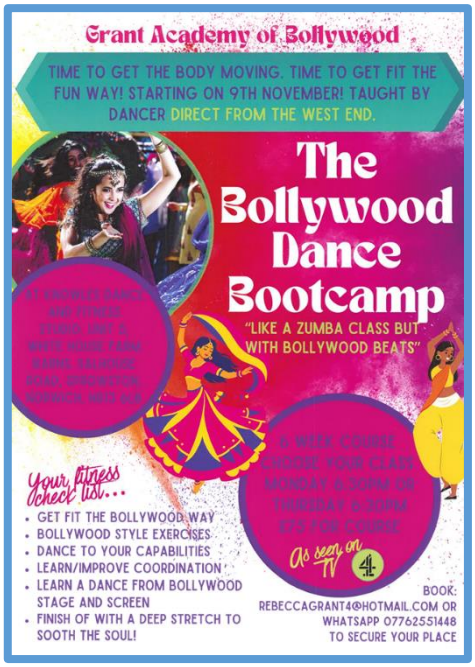
- **Behaviour and relationship concerns**
- **Mental health and emotional wellbeing**
- **Household finances and cost of living support**
- **Parenting support**
- **Signposting and referrals to other service**

See Poster for more details.

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.





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**

Little Riders ~ Last Learn to Ride courses of the year

Last **Learn to Ride** courses of the year. Don't miss out!

Have you been struggling to teach your child to ride a bike this year?
Or have you just been putting it off? Well don't worry because we can help!

The last Learn to Ride courses of the year start this weekend in Norwich.
Don't let your child miss out, book them a place today!

The courses will be held at **Sewell Park Academy** on **Saturday 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th November**.
There are two courses running on those dates between **12.30-1.30pm** and **1.45-2.45pm.**

They have a fleet of Squish demo bikes which are available to borrow for the course if your child doesn't have their own bike to use.

So what are you waiting for? Book your child a place today!

Click Here!

Or use the address:
https://www.littleriders.co.uk/learntoride/?mc_cid=95896989bb&mc_eid=7094f7829d



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)*
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
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

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