

St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

"I called you by your name, you are mine." Isaiah 43

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Newsletter

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Our school value this
term is: Honesty

Be Honest



We have had a wonderful week in school. The children have demonstrated exceptional behaviour, courtesy and respect to some visitors this week: we welcomed Maggie from CAFOD to lead an assembly on Monday, and staff from the School Nursing Team on Thursday, who led an information session with Year R, as well as carrying out Year R and Year 6 health checks.

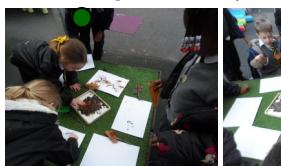
Please continue to send your child into school with coats, hats, scarves, gloves etc. to be prepared for the very changeable weather. Please ensure that all items of your child's clothing are clearly labelled with their name and year group, so that any lost property can be easily returned.

Class of the week - Year R

In PE this week, we were learning how to co-operate and solve problems. We had to work with a partner to cross the hall using two hula hoops.

"It was fun. Me and Theo were doing it quickly."
- Ewaoluwa

"We had to give one (hoop) to another." - Amari



In Expressive arts and design, we were continuing our "Paint my World" unit of work. We mixed paint with mud and used natural materials like leaves and sticks, to paint pictures.

In music, we listened to the call of a cuckoo and explored voice sounds. We also learned a new song: Dabbling Ducks, adding actions to the words.

"We flapped our wings!" - Oliver



"I liked when we went upside down like the ducks" - Scarlett

Family Orienteering

Year 2

This week, we welcomed family members from Year 2 to join the children to take part in our wonderful orienteering trail around our school grounds.



CAFOD assembly

On Monday we welcomed Maggie, a visitor from CAFOD to lead a special assembly about 'Love Grows' which focused on the Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Stewardship; caring for God's world.

I wanted to share with you how proud I was of all of the children, they demonstrated their deep knowledge of Catholic Social Teaching Principles through their respectful listening and exemplary behaviour.

After the assembly, Maggie shared with me how impressed she was with the children; not only their knowledge and empathy for others but their behaviour.

Well done St Augustine of Canterbury!



Class Attendance 2025/26

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.7%	94.6%	96.5%	93.0%	95.9%	97.3%	89.4%



Birthdays

Emmery age 11
Faye age 8
Annalise age 5
Sophie age 11



Book of Excellence

Year R: Imogen and Saint-Jotham
Year 1: Lottie and Teddy
Year 2: Emily and Jazziel
Year 3: Aaliyah and Esmae
Year 4: Alice and David
Year 5: Stephanie and Sophia
Year 6: Avery and Niamh



Lunchtime Supervisors Award

Year R: Ewaoluwa
Year 1: Victoria
Year 2: David
Year 3: Faith
Year 4: Daniel
Year 5: Joel
Year 6: Amelia



School Values Empathy Award

Year R: Max
Year 1: Noelia
Year 2: David
Year 3: Albie
Year 4: Lewis
Year 5: Victoria
Year 6: Callum



Sum Dog Top Dogs!

Year R: Oliver
Year 1: King
Year 2: Alexis
Year 3: Elizabeth
Year 4: Daniel
Year 5: Kayden
Year 6: Sasha



WOW

Year 3



House Points

St. Andrew

5544

St. David

5524

St. George

5479

St. Patrick

5268

Dates for your diary

4 February Cyber Security Information Session for Parents/Carers 2.15pm in school
(let us know you will be attending via the Parentmail form)

6 February NSPCC Number Day

10 February Safer Internet Day

13 February Last Day of Term 3

16–20 February Half Term week

23 February First Day of Term 4 Children back to school

27 February Year 4 Swimming begins

Week Beginning 2 March Book Week

4 March Parents/Carers Evening 4pm–7pm

5 March World Book Day (children invited to dress up as a character)

11 March Parents/Carers Evening 4pm–7pm

19 March to 24 March Scholastic Book Fair in the school 3.30pm–3.45pm

31 March Year 4 Easter Reflection

2 April Last Day of Term 4

3 April to 17 April Easter Break

20 April First Day of Term 5

24 April Year 3 Swimming begins

4 May Bank Holiday Children not in school

6 May Year 5 trip to Maidstone Museum

7 May 2.45pm Enterprise afternoon Years R, 3 and 5

Week beginning 11 May Year 6 SATs week

22 May St Augustine of Canterbury Feast Day and Last Day of Term 5

25–29 May Half Term week

30 May First Holy Communion

1 June INSET Day—children not in school

2 June first day of Term 6

Week beginning 8 June—Phonics Screening Week

18 June 3pm–3.20pm Parent/Carer—Workshare in classrooms

25 June Sports Day (Infants—morning) Families welcome to stay for a picnic on the field Juniors—afternoon)

Saturday 4 July PTA Summer Fair—more details to follow

7 July Enterprise afternoon Years 1, 2, 4 and 6 on the school playground

8 to 10 July Year 6 Residential trip

14 July Year 6 Production for parents/carers 2pm

15 July Year 6 Production for parents/carers 2pm

17 July PTA Summer Disco

21 July Last Day of School Year

21 July 9.30am Year 6 Leavers Mass

21 July 2.30pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Cancelled - Asthma Workshop for Parents/Carers

Unfortunately, the previously communicated date for the Asthma information session for parents and carers has been cancelled by Medway and Swale Health Care Partnership.

We will advise you of a rescheduled date as soon as we are able.

Many thanks.



Parent info session

What is an asthma attack?

Do you have questions about the condition, medication, inhaler technique, asthma attacks?

Want to talk to other parents about how they manage their children who have asthma?

All are welcome to attend a parent information session on asthma.

Training date:

Location:

Did you know...

1 in 11 children have asthma. This is about 1.5 million children in the UK.

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