



# St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

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

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## Newsletter

18 December 2025

Our school value this  
term is: Empathy

*Be Caring*



This Sunday marks the fourth Sunday of Advent when we will light the final purple candle.



Thank you for your kind donations for the Medway Food Bank. The donations were collected on Wednesday 17th December. Thank you for your continued support as pilgrims of hope to others.

We have had a very busy and productive Autumn term. The children have enjoyed many festive activities including the Pantomime, Nativities, Christmas Disco, Christmas dinner, Christmas Fair, Christmas class parties and we have finished today with a wonderful Carol Service in the Church led by the Junior children. I would like to thank all of our wonderful staff team for their dedication to the children's learning, wellbeing and happiness throughout the year. Thank you also to the parents and carers for your support and partnership throughout the year. I wish all the children, parents and carers, staff and governors a wonderful and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing the children return to school on Monday 5th January 2026.



### Year R Nativity



Well done to the children in Year R for taking part in their very first Nativity!

They acted and sang enthusiastically, conveying the important message of Jesus' birth at Christmas.

Thank you to Mrs Burns and Mrs Carey for helping the children prepare their lovely Nativity.

**SUPERSTARS**

Today we say good-bye and good luck to **Mrs Youngman** who is retiring after 23 years at our school as a wonderful Teaching Assistant. She has been a very special part of our school community and we will miss her very much.

### Attendance

During our celebration assembly this morning, the children who have 100% attendance for the whole of Terms 1 and 2 were entered into a raffle. Children drawn from the raffle received a Reading Vending Machine token as their prize.

The winners were:

**Tomisin, Nathan and Austin**

Each child who achieved 100% attendance since September received a sticker. Attendance at school is essential for the children's academic education, social, emotional, well-being and development. We would like to encourage all our families to strive for 100% attendance, therefore all children who achieve 100% attendance in Terms 3 and 4 will be entered into the Easter attendance raffle on the last day of Term 4.



### Class of the week - Year 5

Tara - In DT we made pop up books based off of nursery rhymes, we used sliders and split pins.

Sai - In DT we made pop up books - ours was Jack and Jill. We shared them to the year 1s - it was really fun!



As part of our class advent calendar, we wrote a prayer of hope for each day.  
Sophia - prayer of hope

## Class Attendance 2025/26

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.6%	92.9%	98.1%	92.3%	96.1%	82.3%	94.0%



### Birthdays

Cody	age 9
Tireni	age 6
Shantel	age 11
David	age 7
Alice	age 9
Ensi	age 8
Dorothy	age 7



### Book of Excellence

*The children received a certificate in assembly today, to recognise their effort and progress across terms 1 and 2.*

Year R:	Euan and Ewaoluwa
Year 1:	Noah and Evelyn
Year 2:	George and Ava
Year 3:	Muna and Hayden
Year 4:	Troy and Brodie
Year 5:	Joel and Charlie-Ray
Year 6:	Jessica and Callum



### Lunchtime Supervisors Award

Year R:	Theo
Year 1:	Charlotte
Year 2:	Evelyn
Year 3:	Jayden
Year 4:	Joey
Year 5:	Amazinggrace
Year 6:	Sawyer



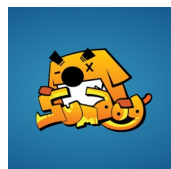
### School Values Empathy Award

Year R:	Theo
Year 1:	Taylor
Year 2:	Dorothy
Year 3:	Paisley
Year 4:	Romee
Year 5:	Eugene
Year 6:	Mylo



### Sum Dog Top Dogs!

Year R:	Annalise
Year 1:	Sorayah
Year 2:	Samantha
Year 3:	Niall
Year 4:	Rome
Year 5:	Samuel
Year 6:	Ava



**WOW**

**Year 3**



### Dates for your diary

**19 December INSET Day—children not in school**

**5 January** Term 3 children back to school

**8 January** Epiphany Mass 9.30am in the Church—all welcome—**new date**

**9 January** Year 5 Swimming begins

**15 January** Year R and 6 Height and Weight (see ParentMail email)

**21 January** Asthma Information Session for Parents/Carers 2.45pm in the school hall (let us know you will be attending via the Parentmail form)

**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

### **Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion**

If you would like to enrol your child in Reconciliation and First Holy Communion preparation classes with the Parish, please contact Fr Peter in the Church.

The First Holy Communion will be held on Saturday 30th May.



### **House Points**

**St. Andrew**

**St. David**

**St. George**

**St. Patrick**

