

St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

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

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Our school value this term is: Empathy

Be Caring



As you are aware, it has been an eventful week for many members of our school family. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure we all do our part to maintain the health and wellbeing of the whole school community. Following the communication sent on Wednesday, with children and staff who presented with symptoms remaining at home, we had a significant reduction in sickness within school yesterday and today. It is vital that if your child presents with symptoms over the weekend, they remain at home until they have been symptom free for 48 hours.

As outlined within our further communication sent yesterday, as well as the additional enhanced cleaning that has taken place, we have arranged for a deep terminal clean to take place on Sunday, as this needs to take place at least 48 hours following final symptoms in school. Again, it is important that if your child is unwell or develops symptoms, that they do not attend school and that you follow the guidance that the school sent home, from the Health Protection Team on Wednesday, to prevent further spread.

Road Safety Week

This week we marked national Road Safety week in school.

Children across all year groups took part in Road Safety lessons in class

Years R, 2 and 3 had sessions led by Medway's Road Safety Education Team.

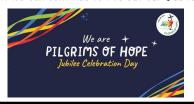


Jubilee of Hope Celebration Day

Today the children took part in the Jubilee Celebration day; a day to reflect on their faith, learning and action in living out our Jubilee Pledge.

Children wrote their own Jubilee postcards of Hope, recorded their own minutes of hope, took part in Jubilee journaling and made up their own Jubilee songs.

We joined other schools within the Diocese to take part in a virtual Schools Celebration. On Monday, the GIFT Team will lead the school in a Celebration of the Word to further celebrate the Jubilee year and how we can continue to live out our Jubilee Pledge.





Class of the Week - Year 2

We have really enjoyed celebrating Road Safety Week! We were very lucky to have visitors come in and share with us how to stay safe near roads and what we have to do before we cross roads. Even though the weather let us down, we really enjoyed pretending we were outside by wearing our High Visibility vests! We loved looking at the photos and seeing how reflective they were!

Our topic in Computing this term is Digital photography. We talked about what devices have cameras and what cameras are used for. We looked at 2 devices; a camera and an iPad and learnt how to take a good photo by following the steps. We then worked in groups to take photos on the iPad. These are some of the pictures we took!









Class Attendance 2025/26

 Year R
 Year 1
 Year 2
 Year 3
 Year 4
 Year 5
 Year 6

 82.4%
 83.0%
 88.9%
 69.4%
 76.2%
 78.3%
 72.6%

























Birthdays

Curtis age 6

Rome age 9

Akshobhiyan age 8



Book of Excellence

Book of Excellence will return next week.



Lunchtime Supervisors Award

Lunchtime Supervisors Award will return next week.



School Values Empathy Award

School Values Certificate will return next week.



Sum Dog Top Dogs!

Sum Dog—Top Dogs will return next week.



WOW

Year R



Dates for your diary

- 24 November Jubilee Day—GIFT Team led Celebration of the Word
- 28 November PTA meeting in school 2.45pm
- 3 December PTA meeting in school 2.45pm
- 3 December Year 6 Kent Life trip
- 4 December Advent Mass in the Church 9.30am
- 4 December 2026 Year R New Intake Tour 2pm
- 5 December School Disco after school (KS1 3.30pm-4.15pm KS2 4.30pm-5.30pm)
- 8 December Years 1 and 2 Nativity 2.30pm
- 9 December Years 1 and 2 Nativity 2.30pm
- 10 December 2026 Year R New Intake Tour 2pm
- 11 December Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children
- 11 December Whole School trip to Hazlett Theatre Pantomime
- 12 December PTA Christmas Fair 3.30pm in the school hall
- 16 December Year R Nativity 2.30pm
- 18 December Last Day of Term 2
- 18 December Junior Carol Service in the Church 2.15pm
- 19 December INSET Day—children not in school
- 5 January Term 3 children back to school
- 6 January Epiphany Mass 9.30am in the Church—all welcome
- 9 January Year 5 Swimming begins
- 15 January Year 6 and 6 Height and Weight (more details to follow)
- **4 February** Cyber Security Information Session for Parents/Carers 2.15pm in school (more details and sign up information to follow)
- 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
- 1 June INSET Day—children not in school
- 2 June first day of Term 6

House Points

St. Andrew St. David St. George St. Patrick





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