



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



'Pop in and Pray' - 'Pop in and Pray' resumed this week. This is a lovely opportunity for the children, Parents and Carers to explore Scripture and spend time in prayer together. Thank you to Fr Peter for spending this time with our school community and to the Parents and Carers who are able to attend. 'Pop in and Pray' will be on most Fridays (8.45am to 8.55am and 3.30pm to 3.45).

Clubs - I would like to thank the teachers for running extra curricular clubs for the children. Teachers facilitate these clubs in addition to their class based planning, preparation and marking. Without their support, we would not be able to offer extra-curricular clubs. Please ensure that you collect your child promptly at **4.15pm** as children who are late being collected will need to be supervised in the After School Club which would incur a charge. Thank you for your support.

Class of the week - Year 1

We have had another busy week in Year 1. In RE, we learnt about ways that Jesus teaches us about God. We focused on the quote 'You are the light of the world' and decorated candles that had ways we can be a light to one another. We then reflected on this message in our school chapel and had time talking to God in sacred silence.

"We can be a light of the world by being helpful and thankful for Jesus' love"- Kiari



"We can be a light of the world by treating others with kindness"-

Charis

In science, we wrote a class poem about the senses. We have learnt about the 5 senses and body parts that we use for them. We shared it in our infant sharing assembly.



Five Little Senses

Five little senses are what I need
My eyes see colours of the rainbow
Red, orange, yellow and green.
My ears hear everything
Little and loud
I smell with my nose
Pizza, wet grass and rose
My mouth tastes delicious things
Strawberries and cream
My hands and fingers feel cold water
And warm soft blankets
Up in the sky and all around
My senses are what I need to know the world.

National Year of Reading

Family Reading Buddies

To celebrate the launch of the National Year of Reading we would like to invite parents/carers in to school for Family Reading Buddies throughout the remainder of the school year and beyond!

We will begin on the 2nd February which is the beginning of National Storytelling Week.



How it will work:

One parent/carer can sign up to join your child in class on the specified days below to read together and enjoy a book.

Family Reading Buddies will start at **3pm** and end at **3.20pm** to allow time for the children to gather their things and be released as usual from the playground.

Dates for each class:

02/02/2026	Years R and 3
02/03/2026	Years 1 and 4
16/03/2026	Years 2 and 5
30/03/2026	Years R and 6
27/04/2026	Years 1 and 3
18/05/2026	Years 2 and 4
08/06/2026	Years R and 5 and 6
22/06/2026	Years 1 and 6 and 4
06/07/2026	Years 2 and 3 and 5

We have arranged it so each class has 3 sessions before the end of the school year.

Mini Vinnies

On Monday we welcomed a member of St Vincent de Paul Society to introduce the children in Key Stage 2 to Mini Vinnies. The Mini Vinnies are the youngest members of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), an international Christian voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need. The Mini Vinnies get together in primary schools and parishes across England and Wales to live out their mission of See, Think, Do, supporting their school community and beyond alongside the SVP. Mini Vinnies turn concern into action by supporting other children in our school, fundraising, creating arts and crafts to share with others. The children who would like to join have been nominating themselves and we will introduce our new group of Mini Vinnies in our newsletter next week!



Class Attendance 2025/26

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96%	87.1%	99.2%	97.3%	98.6%	95%	94.7%



Birthdays

Daisy age 11
Ella age 11



Book of Excellence

Year R: Annalise and Jaxson
Year 1: Charis and Finley
Year 2: Ava and Joel
Year 3: Aksho and Elizabeth
Year 4: Savannah and Amber
Year 5: Tomás and Afraa
Year 6: Gloria and Nevaeh



Lunchtime Supervisors Award

Year R: Max
Year 1: Finn
Year 2: Mmachi
Year 3: Isaac
Year 4: Troy
Year 5: Eugene
Year 6: Rosie



School Values Empathy Award

Year R: Saint-Jotham
Year 1: Tiren
Year 2: Kacie
Year 3: Emilia
Year 4: Nini
Year 5: Johnathan
Year 6: Sawyer



Sum Dog Top Dogs!

Year R: Ewaoluwa
Year 1: Noelia
Year 2: David
Year 3: Jordan
Year 4: Joshua
Year 5: Amazinggrace
Year 6: Sawyer



WOW

Year 5



Number Day 2026

A letter has been shared via Parentmail to let you know about Number Day and 'Dress-up for digits' on Friday 6 February.



NSPCC



Dates for your diary

Week beginning 2 February—National Storytelling Week
2 February Family Reading Buddies Years R and 3 (3pm to 3.20pm)
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—see Parentmail letter
Week beginning 9 February Children's Mental Health Week
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
3 March Family Reading Buddies Years 1 and 4 (3pm to 3.20pm)
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
16 March Family Reading Buddies Years 2 and 5 (3pm to 3.20pm)
19 March to 24 March Scholastic Book Fair in the school 3.30pm–3.45pm
30 March Family Reading Buddies Years R and 6 (3pm to 3.20pm)
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
27 April Family Reading Buddies Years 1 and 3 (3pm to 3.20pm)
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
18 May Family Reading Buddies Years 2 and 4 (3pm to 3.20pm)
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
8 June Family Reading Buddies Years R and 5 and 6 (3pm to 3.20pm)
Week beginning 8 June—Phonics Screening Week
18 June 3pm–3.20pm Parent/Carer—Workshare in classrooms
22 June Family Reading Buddies Years 1 and 4 and 6 (3pm to 3.20pm)
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
6 July Family Reading Buddies Years 2 and 3 and 5 (3pm to 3.20pm)
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

House Points

St. Andrew

5544

St. David

5524

St. George

5479

St. Patrick

5268