

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: Gratitude

Be Thankful



Welcome back to Term 4! We began the week by celebrating mass in the Church, to mark the start of the season of Lent.

"Pop in and Pray" with Fr. Peter in the school chapel will continue throughout the season of Lent - each Friday morning from 8:45- 8:55am and each Friday afternoon from 3:30-3:45pm.



Book Week

We are excited to be celebrating our Book Week next week!

Bring 'n' Buy Book Sales — On Tuesday 3rd March, we will host a used book sale for the children. To support the book sale, we are asking for donations of any unwanted children's books you may have at home for us to sell. All classes will have the opportunity to attend the sale and purchase a book if they wish. The books for the children to purchase will cost between 20-50p. Please send in any books you wish to donate by Monday 3rd March. On the day, your child should bring their money into school in a named purse/wallet. Please send in change as we will not be able to give change for notes. The Librarians and Mini Vinnies have decided that all proceeds from the sale will be donated to The Kent Association for the Blind to thank them for their visit to us in Book Week.

Character Dress-Up — To mark World Book Day (Thursday 5th March), we will host a character dress up day where the children are invited to come to school dressed as a favourite book character or book theme. We can't wait to see all of your wonderful character costumes! At the end of Book Week, if you have any character costumes at home you no longer want to keep, please feel free to send them into school for us to reuse/available to reuse for Book Week Next year.

Competition — On Monday 3rd March, all children will receive a paper plate in school, we are encouraging all children to enter our competition to celebrate our love for books and stories! Using the paper plate, your child should create a paper plate character or a paper plate story using any art materials of their choice. All entries should be sent into school no later than Friday 6th March. Please include your child's name and the character/story name on the back of your entry to tell us who it belongs to and which character/object they have chosen to make.

Book Tokens — As in previous years, your child has received a £1 book voucher, which may be used to contribute towards the payment of a selected range of books in some shops. This token has already been sent home for your own personal use. Please read the terms and conditions alongside the voucher to see where/how the voucher can be used.

Author Visit — The author A.F. Harold will visit us on Friday 13th March to share an inspiring talk with the children in KS2. This is a very exciting opportunity for the children to meet a published author whose books we have used as part of our KS2 English curriculum in school.

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

5 MARCH 2026

Class of the week - Year R

In RE we reflected on our learning from the topic: Galilee to Jerusalem. The children chose to share their learning in their own way, through art, music and dance. The children also spent some time in reflective prayer in the holy garden.

In Literacy, the children started to explore the story "We're Going on a Bear Hunt". The children joined in with the rhythmic, repeated pattern, adding actions, as well as discussing the different weather conditions that the family encountered. During Forest School, the children retold the Bear Hunt story, as well as creating transient art with natural materials.

This week, Year 6 also visited the children in Year as Peer Mentors. Year 6 supported the younger children with their learning, including taking part in the phonics orienteering course, construction and arts and craft.



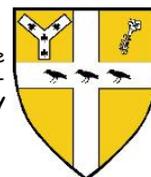
Achievement outside of School

Alice competed at North Kent Dance Festival and achieved 1st place in her Character Solo, Classical group dance and Stage group dance. She also achieved 2nd place in her Ballet Solo and 3rd place in her Modern Solo. Well done Alice!



Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent governor and would like to invite you to consider becoming a parent governor or nominating another parent to do so. Closing Date for nomination is Friday 6th March.



Class Attendance 2025/26

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.3%	98.7%	98.6%	94.8%	93.1%	89.2%	91.7%



Birthdays

Oliver Age 5
Cherryice Age 9
Flourish Age 6
Neriah Age 8
Jayden Age 6
Naomi Age 6
Finley Age 6
David Age 9



Book of Excellence

Year R: Ogoo and Ewaoluwa
Year 1: Aaron and Flourish
Year 2: Nylah and Quinn
Year 3: Emilia and Jayden
Year 4: Romee and Joey
Year 5: Mason and Hayley
Year 6: Isaac and Nogie



Lunchtime Supervisors Award

Year R: Godswill
Year 1: Warren
Year 2: Blake
Year 3: Finley
Year 4: Ryan
Year 5: Leo
Year 6: Niamh



School Values Gratitude Award

Year R: Dotty
Year 1: Naomi
Year 2: Lord-Noble
Year 3: Muna
Year 4: Oliver
Year 5: Olu
Year 6: Tomisin



Sum Dog Top Dogs!

Year R: Isaac
Year 1: Jayden
Year 2: Austin
Year 3: Nathan
Year 4: Lukas
Year 5: Amazingrace
Year 6: Nogie



WOW

Year 3



Dates for your diary

Week Beginning 2 March Book Week

2 March Family Reading Buddies Years 1 and 4 (3pm to 3.20pm)

4 March Parents/Carers Evening 4pm–7pm in the school hall

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

Week beginning 9 March Science Week

11 March Parents/Carers Evening 4pm–7pm

13 March Year R Class Assembly 9.15am in the school hall

Week beginning 16 March Neurodiversity Celebration Week

16 March Family Reading Buddies Years 2 and 5 (3pm to 3.20pm)

17 March Year 5 Family Orienteering 2.30pm

19 March Big Lent Walk Day—more information to follow

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

Week beginning 23 March Maths Week

23 March Class photograph

27 March Year 1 Class Assembly 2.45pm

30 March Family Reading Buddies Years R and 6 (3pm to 3.20pm)

31 March Year 4 Easter Reflection 2.45pm in the school hall

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

5 May Crowning of Our Lady in the Holy Garden 2.45pm

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 May to 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

11 June Year R Family Orienteering 2.30pm

Week beginning 15 June Arts Week

16 June Den Day/Home For Everyone Day—more details to follow

18 June 2pm Gods Creation Family Liturgy and Art Gallery—more details to follow

22 June Holy Communion photos and Year 6 Class photo

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

St. David

St. George

St. Patrick

