

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: Empathy

Be Caring



Thank you for your donations to the Christmas Fair in exchange for wearing non-uniform today. The PTA need more volunteers to help at the Christmas Fair, please do help if you can as each event needs volunteers to go ahead.

This Sunday marks the first Sunday of Advent. It is the season in which we prepare and wait for the coming of Jesus. During Advent, we light a candle each week, this week we light the purple candle.

Our beautiful Christmas card post-box will be in the Atrium from Monday for children to post Christmas cards to each other (if they wish).



Severe Weather

We will make every effort to prepare for severe snow/ice. If we do experience severe weather resulting in hazardous and unsafe conditions, we may have to take the decision to close our school (a decision which is never taken lightly).



Once a decision is made to close, we will post a message on our school website and send a message to parents/carers via ParentMail (text and/or email). We will update the school website regularly to keep parents and carers informed about arrangements for the following day. If our school is open, but you feel that local conditions where you live will mean the journey is not safe for your child, please contact the School to report the absence in the usual manner. Our teachers will assign learning on to our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) for the children to complete if our school is closed.

The Great Christmas Jumper Swap

As you know we will be supporting Save the Children on the 11th December by taking part in Christmas Jumper Day.



Christmas jumpers can be very expensive and the children often get very little use out of them as they are so seasonal. Therefore, we will be holding a Christmas Jumper Swap on Monday 8th December to Wednesday 10th December in the school entrance.

How it will work:

We are asking for donations of Christmas jumpers which your child may have grown out of (in good condition).

All Christmas jumpers donated will then be available to swap with another Christmas jumper—simply come into the school entrance and take a jumper if you need one for your child.

We do ask that only one jumper per child is taken to enable as many families as possible the opportunity to benefit from the swap. Thank you for your support.

Class of the Week - Year 3

Year 3 have had a great week! We have been looking at and creating different types of diagrams in Design and Technology, in preparation for our designs for our pneumatic toys that we are looking forward to making over the next few weeks!

We shared reflections and responses during our RE lessons this week, discussing what we could see in the painting and sharing how Jesus might have been feeling. The children also shared their experiences of baptism.

In English, the children have enjoyed acting and creating freeze frames of the characters from our class book. They were able to show the characters emotions and actions brilliantly! We continued our drama skills in PE, acting as Miss Trunchbull using big, exaggerated movements! Well done Year 3!

In Science, we have enjoyed investigating friction. We have been testing out different surfaces, creating ramps covered in bubble wrap, tin foil, carpet and cardboard to see if the material will affect the distance the car travels.

Here are some quotes from this week:

"When I grow up, I want to be a science teacher!"- Jaxson

"I really like exploded diagrams but my favourite is the cross section diagram"- Ensi

"Science was really fun, solving problems and finding things out"- Phoenix

"I liked acting from Stone Age Boy, it was fun"- Kyla

"I liked being Miss Trunchbull. My favourite bit was when she was looking in a mean way at the children!"- Jayden



Class Attendance 2025/26

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
89.4%	85%	93.7%	85.8%	82.4%	80%	79%



Birthdays

Godswill age 5
Gabriel age 11
Jayden age 8
Quinn age 7
Kayden age 10



Book of Excellence

Year R: Godswill and Max

Year 1: Caleb and King

Year 2: Lexi and Ferris

Year 3: Nathan and Jaxson

Year 4: Joey and Davina

Year 5: Leo and Victoria

Year 6: Sasha and Ella



Lunchtime Supervisors Award

Year R: Sienna

Year 1: Flourish

Year 2: Austin

Year 3: Barnaby

Year 4: Cherryice

Year 5: Victoria

Year 6: Nogie



School Values Empathy Award

Year R: Imogen

Year 1: Finn

Year 2: Michael

Year 3: Aaron

Year 4: Ayana

Year 5: Hayley

Year 6: Holly



Sum Dog Top Dogs!

Year R: Ewaoluwa

Year 1: Soriyah

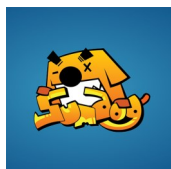
Year 2: Ava

Year 3: Jayden

Year 4: Oluwatise

Year 5: Samson

Year 6: Sawyer



Family Christmas Singalong

St. Augustine's Church would like to invite all families to join them on **Sunday 14th December at 3.00pm** for a **FAMILY CHRISTMAS SINGALONG!**



Come and join the fun and sing your favourite carols. There will also be a treat for the children!



Everyone is welcome.

Dates for your diary

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

15 December 3pm—3.20pm Parent/Carer—Workshare in classrooms—**new date**

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

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 (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

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)

WOW Year 3



House Points

St. Andrew

3934

St. David

4035

St. George

4070

St. Patrick

3858

