

St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

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

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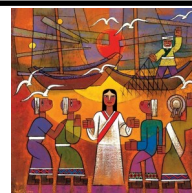
Our school value this term is: **Honesty**

Be Honest



We had a wonderful celebration assembly this morning with the children creating a "Gather hymn" linked to last Sunday's gospel where Jesus called His first disciples. This gospel reading is also reflected in our Visio Divina display in the school hall using the image *Calling the Disciples, 1999—Oil on canvas by He Qi*. The Year 6 GIFT team have been encouraging others to engage in personal reflection and prayer during lunch times using our Visio Divina display.

The children in the Juniors shared some of their amazing learning including learning about the Bible; Mission crest designs with links to how the children live out the Catholic Social Teaching principles; History with links to Design Technology, sharing how the Anglo-Saxons built their homes; and a *fantastique* French quiz, sharing their learning about the animal names.



Class of the week - Year 2

In Science, we have been looking at everyday materials. We conducted an experiment this week to find out, 'Which material is the stretchiest?' The materials that we tested were: string, rubber band, tissue, paper clip and blue tack. We found that the rubber band was the stretchiest.



In Art we have been looking at the work of Romare Bearden and his work on collages. We looked at how texture, colours and themes are used in his work. We then were inspired by his work and created our very own collages in pairs.



Number Day 2026

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Friday 6 February 2026.

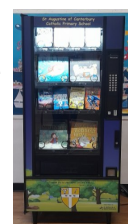


Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it. We are having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in 'Dress up for Digits.' The children are invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it to school (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for donations, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

The NSPCC need our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline - the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1 to be made through ParentMail. Thank you for your support!

Reading Vending Machine

Year R - Scarlett	Year 1 - Jayden
Year 2 - David	Year 3 - Albie
Year 4 - Brodie	Year 5 - Sai
Year 6 - Gloria	



Mini Vinnies

I was so impressed with the interest from the children in Key Stage 2 to join the Mini Vinnies group. We had many entries and were delighted with the children's efforts. If the children who nominated themselves are not in the group this year, there will be opportunities in the coming years. All children in Year 6 who nominated themselves are in the Mini Vinnies group as this year is their last opportunity in Primary School.



Our Mini Vinnies:

Tomisin	Sophie	Niamh	Mia	Victoria	Israel	Sophia	Tara	Mark	Eugene	Sai	Troy	Emi
	Amber	Diane	Timi	Romee	Rome	David	Lara	Jayden	Muna			



Class Attendance 2025/26

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
99.3%	95.0%	97.7%	97.3%	94.1%	93.0%	95.3%



Birthdays

Lukas	age 9
Noah	age 6
Tsitsi	age 11
Max	age 5
Israel	age 10



Book of Excellence

Year R:	Amari and Dotty
Year 1:	Lottie and Finn
Year 2:	Dorothy and Austin
Year 3:	Lara and Neriah
Year 4:	Cherry and Timi
Year 5:	Chikamso and Joel
Year 6:	Rosie and Carlos



Lunchtime Supervisors Award

Year R:	Jaxson
Year 1:	Evelyn
Year 2:	Emily
Year 3:	Muna
Year 4:	Isaac
Year 5:	Tomás
Year 6:	Sophie



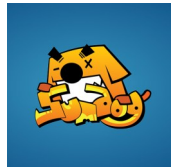
School Values Empathy Award

Year R:	Scarlett
Year 1:	Ocki
Year 2:	Mahya
Year 3:	Jordan
Year 4:	Tanisha
Year 5:	Alex
Year 6:	Shantel



Sum Dog Top Dogs!

Year R:	Saint-Jotham
Year 1:	Josiah
Year 2:	Kasie
Year 3:	Jayden
Year 4:	Amber
Year 5:	Nathaniel D
Year 6:	Carlos



WOW

Year 2



Achievement outside of school

Well done Ferris for his achievement at his martial art school.

He was awarded Grand Sumo Champion!



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

