

# 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**



Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break. On behalf of the staff and myself, I would like to thank you for your kind cards and gifts at the end of last term. I wish you a happy and peaceful 2026.

This week we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany by celebrating mass with the parish in the Church. This feast day also marked the end of the Jubilee Year of Hope. Although this special year has ended, we will continue to carry forward the spiritual gift of hope; supporting our school community to live out their faith daily, by spreading God's love and mercy to others.



### Class of the week - Year 6

This week we have been busy using the wall apparatus in PE. We thought carefully about how we can use our gymnastic skills to safely explore height and movement. Using the benches, we have created our own sequences that contain a partner balance.



In English, we have been completing our learning of Ebenezer Scrooge. We have been exploring the language of Dickens and using these elements to write our own character sketch of Scrooge.

In maths, we have been busy drawing triangles with given measurements and also using protractors to measure angles accurately.



### Attendance

Attendance is a high priority at our school. It is important that the children have good attendance to support their well-being, attainment and progress. The Department for Education is in support of excellent attendance in schools for all children and it is clear in Keeping Children Safe in Education that good attendance is a crucial part of safeguarding.

Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.

We know that sometimes children cannot come to school because they are really unwell, however medical advice is clear that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend - for example if they have a cough, or cold, without a temperature. The NHS guidance [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) is designed to support parents in their decision making about mild illness.

I also ask that whenever possible routine appointments are made for outside of school hours. All absences must be reported through the StudyBugs app or through the office before 8.55am.

The school day begins at 8.55am. Children arriving at school after this time must report to the school office and be signed in by a parent/carer; children will be marked in the register as late. **Children arriving after 9.15am will be registered as an unauthorised absence—this has a direct impact on their overall attendance.**

As Headteachers should only grant leave of absence in exceptional circumstances, a leave of absence will not be granted for the purposes of a family holiday. Therefore, if leave of absence is taken it will be recorded as unauthorised absence and referred to the Attendance Advisory Service where a Penalty Notice Warning may be issued.

#### Rewarding good and improved attendance

During our celebration assembly on the last day of Term 4 (2nd April 2026), the children who have achieved 100% attendance for the whole of Terms 3 and 4 will be entered into a raffle. This is an opportunity for those who may not have had 100% attendance during Terms 1 and 2 to improve attendance and be rewarded for that improvement. One child from each class will be drawn from the raffle and receive a Reading Vending Machine token as their prize.

Thank you for your continued support.

### CAFOD assembly

On Monday we welcome again Maggie, a visitor from CAFOD to lead a special assembly about Love Grows which will focus on the Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Stewardship; caring for God's world.



## Class Attendance 2025/26

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.0%	91.5%	98.1%	95.0%	96.3%	87.9%	91.9%



## Birthdays

Rosie	age 11
Sienna	age 8
Polly	age 11
Isaac	age 11
Willow	age 7



## Book of Excellence

Year R:	Scarlett and Isaac
Year 1:	Naomi and Michael
Year 2:	Mmachi and Lord-Noble
Year 3:	Finley and Faye
Year 4:	Tanisha and Rida
Year 5:	Tara and Krishna
Year 6:	Daisy and Jeremiah



## Lunchtime Supervisors Award

Year R:	Isaac
Year 1:	Koko
Year 2:	Willow
Year 3:	Lara
Year 4:	Diane
Year 5:	Sai
Year 6:	Daisy



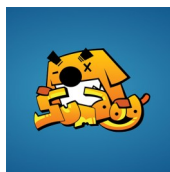
## School Values Empathy Award

Year R:	Jaxson
Year 1:	Koko
Year 2:	Joseph
Year 3:	Isaac
Year 4:	Rome
Year 5:	Mark
Year 6:	Alani



## Sum Dog Top Dogs!

Year R:	Ewaoluwa
Year 1:	Jayden
Year 2:	Aathiraa
Year 3:	Jordan
Year 4:	David
Year 5:	Johnathan
Year 6:	Nogie



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Year 4



## Dates for your diary

- 15 January Year R and 6 Height and Weight (see ParentMail email)
- 21 January Asthma Information Session for Parents/Carers 2.45pm in the school hall (let us know you will be attending via the Parentmail form)
- 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
- 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
- 30 May First Holy Communion
- 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)
- Saturday 4 July PTA Summer Fair—more details to follow
- 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

## Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion

If you would like to enrol your child in Reconciliation and First Holy Communion preparation classes with the Parish, please contact Fr Peter in the Church.

The First Holy Communion will be held on Saturday 30th May.



## House Points

St. Andrew

St. David

St. George

St. Patrick