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: Kindness

Be Kind



We have had another wonderful week in school. It was a joy to come together for Mass, and I was incredibly proud of the children's beautiful singing and participation.

I would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to all the children in the juniors who have put themselves forward to be Mini Vinnies this year. It is always inspiring to see so many children willing to serve others and make a positive difference in our school and wider community. We are looking forward to announcing our Mini Vinnies team next week.

Attendance Success! During our Celebration Assembly this morning, I was delighted to announce that three classes achieved 100% attendance this week. This is a wonderful reflection of the strong partnership between home and school and the value our families place on regular attendance.

I am also pleased to share that **every class has met or exceeded our school attendance target of 96% this week**. This is a fantastic achievement and demonstrates our collective commitment to ensuring children are in school, ready to learn and make the most of every opportunity. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support in helping us achieve this excellent attendance.

Celebrating Children — Top Table

We are incredibly proud of the wonderful children in our school and the positive choices they make every day. To recognise and celebrate these achievements, we are delighted to introduce our new 'Top Table' Award. Our dedicated School Council met with Mrs Prestidge to share their ideas and views to ensure the Top Table Award is extra special.

What is the Top Table?

The Top Table Award is a special lunchtime reward for children who consistently:

- Demonstrate our school values
- Demonstrate excellent behaviour
- Demonstrate a positive attitude towards learning and others

How are children chosen?

Every other week, Mrs Prestidge, with support from school staff, will select two children from each class who have earned a place at the top table.

What happens if your child is chosen?

Children selected for 'Top Table' will receive a special invitation to enjoy their lunch at our 'decorated Top Table' in the hall—usually every other Wednesday.

Whether they have a packed lunch or a school dinner, they will eat with Mrs Prestidge or Mrs Burns, or sometimes both of us!

To make this achievement even more memorable, every child who earns a place at the Top Table will receive a special badge to keep forever. Wearing their badge will be a proud reminder of the positive choices, values and behaviour that helped them achieve this honour.

Why are we introducing this award?

We want to recognise the children who consistently live out our school values and make positive choices every day. Top Table is a chance to celebrate their efforts and show how proud we are of them.

Our first Top Table guests will receive their invitation on Monday to join the 'Top Table' on Wednesday!

Class of the Week - Year 4

We have had an exciting week celebrating Harvest time through art, song and dance.

We wrote prayers of gratitude for all the farmers who work hard to ensure we have access to fresh and nutritious food. Inspired by the work of the artist Maryam Arslan, known for her food -themed artwork, we created our own art depicting an array of fruit and vegetables.

We continued to reflect on the beauty of Autumn in our Eco Garden, using such sights as the fallen conkers and vibrantly-coloured leaves to inspire our psalms and songs of gratitude, which we then enjoyed sharing with one another.

In Maths, we have considered how to order numbers to 10,000 and have learnt about Roman Numerals. In English, we continue to plan and write our own fantasy stories.





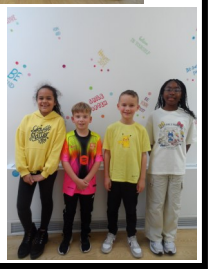
Hello Yellow

Today we took part in Hello Yellow Day, supporting YoungMinds—the UK's leading charity fighting for young people's mental health.









Class Attendance 2026/27

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
100%	100%	100%	98.6%	98.7%	96.1%	97.8%

Birthdays



Aurora age 5
Phoenix age 9
Emily age 8

Book of Excellence



Year R - Lewis and Joy
Year 1 - Saint-Jotham and Sienna
Year 2 - Micah and Victoria
Year 3 - Nylah and Quinn
Year 4 - Isaac and Emilia
Year 5 - Emi and Cody
Year 6 - Maggie and Charlie-Ray

Lunchtime Supervisors Award



Year R - Joshua
Year 1 - Ewa
Year 2 - Naomi
Year 3 - Ava
Year 4 - Isaac
Year 5 - Ariella
Year 6 - Mason

School Values Kindness Award



Year R - Imogen
Year 1 - Amari
Year 2 - Warren
Year 3 - Blake
Year 4 - Phoenix
Year 5 - Amber
Year 6 - Safiya

Sumdog - Top Dog



Year R - Joshua
Year 1 - Annalise
Year 2 - Tireni
Year 3 - Racheal
Year 4 - Maisie
Year 5 - Aadhya
Year 6 - Bradley

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Dates for your diary

12 October 2027 Year R New Intake Tour 2pm
14 October Parents Evening 4pm—7pm in the school hall
21 October Parents Evening 4pm—7pm in the school hall
23 October Last Day of Term
23 October Non-Uniform Day to raise funds to purchase books for the Reading Vending Machine
2 November INSET day - children not in school
3 November First day of Term 2—Children back to school
4 November Flu Vaccinations in school
11 November 2027 Year R New Intake Tour 2pm
13 November Children in Need Day—non-uniform in exchange for a donation
Week beginning 16 November Anti-Bullying Week
18 November School photos
Week beginning 23 November Road Safety Week and Maths Week
1 December Advent Whole School Mass 9.30am in the Church
3 December 2027 Year R New Intake Tour 10am
7 December Years 1 and 2 Nativity 2.30pm
8 December Years 1 and 2 Nativity 2.30pm
9 December 2027 Year R New Intake Tour 2pm
11 December Year 6 Assembly for Parents and Carers 2.45pm
15 December Year R Nativity 2.30pm
17 December Last Day of Term 2
17 December Junior Carol Service in the Church 2.15pm—all infants and juniors families welcome!
18 December INSET day children not in school
4 January First day of Term 3 Children back to school

Parent Governor

As you know from the Parentmail communicated last week. We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the Governing Body.
Reminder— the closing date for nominations for parent governor is Friday 16 October. If you would like to be considered, please forward a completed application to the school office.

Mini Youth

On Tuesday, we took part in Mini Youth Games hockey. We enjoyed playing against different schools and embraced the spirit of competition. There was a Fair Play Award voted for by each school and we were lucky enough to win the trophy. Lots of staff members at the event commented on our kindness and sportsmanship. We had the best time and really enjoyed the whole day.

By Hayley, Timon and Kayden for Mini Youth.

We are so proud of all of you for being wonderful ambassadors for our school!



House Points

St. Andrew	St. David	St. George	St. Patrick
885	1221	1140	1157