



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 2025.

This week we welcomed Mrs Tummon our new office receptionist, Mrs Badman and Mrs Tracey our new Teaching Assistants to our school. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to our wonderful school.

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** (QR code available in previous newsletters and on the school entrance door) 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; 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 (4th April 2025), 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.

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).

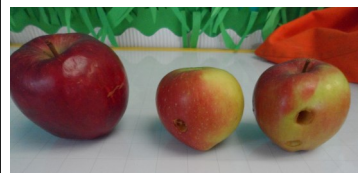
Once a decision is made to close, we will post a message on our school website and send a message to parents/carers via ParentMail (text and/or email). We will update the school website regularly to keep parents and carers informed about arrangements for the following day.

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 including StudyBugs. Our teachers will assign learning on to our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) for the children to complete if our school is closed.

Class of the Week

Year R

This week the children in Year R have been exploring the book: We're Going on a Bear Hunt. The children had fun joining in with the repeated phrases in the story and adding actions to their retelling. The children explored instrument sounds linked to the different parts of the story, using them to create a soundscape.



In Science/Understanding the World, the children learned about Dentists as people who help us. The children shared their ideas about what would happen to the apples with no holes, one hole and lots of holes.

Class Attendance 2024/25

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.7%	100%	95.3%	96.9%	88.3%	91.0%	95.7%



Birthdays

Sienna age 7
Polly age 10
Isaac age 10
Willow age 6
Emmery age 10



Book of Excellence

The children received their sticker during assembly this morning

Year R Jayden and Taylor
Year 1 Michael and Dorothy
Year 2 Alice and Aksho
Year 3 Troy and Oluwatise
Year 4 Amelia and Hayley
Year 5 Tsitsi and Jessica
Year 6 Charlie and Noah



Mathlete of the Week

Year 1 Mmachi
Year 2 Emilia
Year 3 Tise
Year 4 Mark
Year 5 Gabriel
Year 6 Freya



Lunchtime Supervisors Award

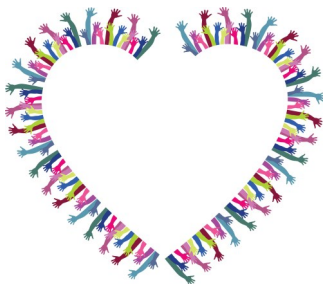
Year R Charis
Year 1 Mmachi
Year 2 Kyla
Year 3 Cody
Year 4 Amazinggrace
Year 5 Gabriel
Year 6 Freya



School Values Award

This term's value is Honesty. Children who received the Honesty certificate this week are:

Year R King
Year 1 Bella
Year 2 Phoenix
Year 3 Timi
Year 4 Victoria
Year 5 Gabriel
Year 6 Adelin



Dates for your diary

31 January Year 1 Class Assembly 2.45pm
7 February NSPCC Number Day—Children wear any number/digits—more details to follow
12 February Year 3 Class Assembly 9.15am
14 February Last Day of Term 3
Week beginning 17 February Half Term week
24 February First Day of Term 4—children back to school
25 February Year 5 Visit to Hampton Court Palace
5 March Whole School Ash Wednesday Mass in the Church (all welcome)
14 March Year 2 Class Assembly 2.45pm
21 March Red Nose Day—children wear RED in support of Comic Relief
26 March Parents Evening
28 March Year R Class Assembly
1 April Years 1 and 3 Easter Enterprise afternoon
2 April Parents Evening
3 April Year 4 Easter Reflection 2.30pm
4 April Last Day of Term 4
7 April to 21 April Easter Holidays
22 April INSET Day children not in school
23 April Children back to school
5 May Bank Holiday—children not in school
9 May Year 5 Class assembly 2.45pm
Week beginning 12 May Year 6 SATS week
23 May Last Day of Term 5 St Augustine of Canterbury Feast Day in school
Week beginning 26 May—Half term week
2 June INSET day children not in school
3 June children back to school Term 6

Online Subscriptions



As a school we fund a number of online subscriptions to support your child's learning in school and at home.

We are very grateful to the parents/carers who encourage and support their child to access these at home including Mathletics (Years 1 to 6), Timetables Rockstars (Years 3 to 6) and Phonics Play (Years R to 6). Regular practise helps the children embed their learning to their long term memory resulting in rapid and consistent progression within their outcomes and confidence.

Please support your child to use these subscriptions at home (all log in details were shared within their home contact books however, if they have been misplaced please let your child's teacher know).

The activities and games are designed to be fun and engaging, just a few minutes a day at home can make a big difference to your child's learning and progress.

All games can be accessed through a tablet, phone, PC or iPad.

We are currently devising further competitions and rewards to recognise the children's efforts to continue their learning at home.

Thank you for your support.

WOW (Walk Once a Week)
Year



House Points

St. Andrew

4015

St. David

5571

St. George

5940

St. Patrick

5190

