



# St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

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

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## Newsletter

11th October 2024

Our school value this  
term is: Kindness

**Be Kind**



The whole school celebrated Mass together on Thursday in the Church. The children read and sang beautifully. As October is the month of the Holy Rosary, Fr. Peter has very generously provided each child with a rosary beads and little leaflet as to support them in how to say the rosary.



### Class of the Week

#### Year 4



Year 4 have had an action-packed week! We have been busy writing beautiful and thoughtful prayers ready for Harvest, reflecting on what we are thankful for and knowing how lucky we are to have food and water, shelter and friends and family who love us.

We have enjoyed writing and sharing our stories linked to Dyslexia Awareness week and understanding that we all learn in different ways and we are all unique. We also researched and created a fact file on the influential scientist Mae Jemison and finished our week working together in groups to create a space satellite to celebrate Space Week.

Year 4 enjoyed saying positive affirmations about themselves to mark World Mental Health Day. Everyone created 'A cup of positivity'.

Here are some of their affirmations:

'Never give up!' - Adam 'I am loved. I am important' - Eugene

'I believe in myself' - Hayley 'I can do anything' - Nathaniel D

'I am talented in many ways' - Safiya

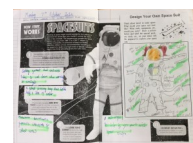
'I want to do' - Mark 'I can accomplish what I can' - Sanaya



### Space Week

We have all enjoyed our learning about space across the school for our science learning this week! Here are some examples of our amazing work.

Year 5 designed space suits for astronauts.



Year 2 learnt about constellations and made their own.

Year 1 learnt about the solar system and created their own artwork.



### Our School, Our Community

We are proud of our school and feel privileged to be part of our special local community. As a school, we want to exist together with our local residents in a caring, courteous and respectful manner. I have previously shared concerns and complaints shared by our local residents regarding the parking and conduct of parents when dropping off and collecting children. We receive phone calls and emails from local residents describing parking on grass verges, in front of driveways and being discourteous with local residents. I am again saddened to share that we have received more complaints regarding the conduct of our parents when using the alleyway to enter and leave our school. Complaints shared include some of our parents being discourteous towards local residents who are using the alleyway with their own children in pushchairs. This is very disappointing and I feel does not represent the majority of our parents and carers who consistently show courtesy and kindness towards local residents. We encourage our children to live out our school values and teach them how to be positive members of our school community and our wider community. When our children represent our school during local and wider trips, residential and Medway Mini Youth Games, we always receive compliments regarding their behaviour and conduct; they are excellent ambassadors for our school. However, as was shared with me within one of our complaints from a local resident, our parents and carers are also representatives our school; this is mainly through the interactions at drop off and collection times. I am grateful to those parents and carers who are kind and respectful towards local residents and I am sure you are in the majority, however, sadly this is not the case with all of our parents and carers.

As a school and home partnership, we share a responsibility to teach our children to be positive and respectful members of our wider community. Therefore, I am asking again, please remember to park and walk safely to school and treat our local residents, who are our neighbours, with respect.

## Class Attendance 2024/25

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.7%	96.3%	93.0%	96.9%	95.2%	94.0%	95.5%



## Birthdays

Isabella	age 11
Zac	age 11
Mylo	age 10
Charlotte	age 11
Poppy	age 11
Phoenix	age 7



## Book of Excellence

Year R	Oscar and Evelyn
Year 1	Sophia and Blake
Year 2	Elizabeth and Aaron
Year 3	David and Effy
Year 4	Samson and Amelia-Rose
Year 5	Shantel and Nogie
Year 6	Theo and Nicole



## Mathlete of the Week

Year 1	
Year 2	Lara
Year 3	Levison
Year 4	Johnathan
Year 5	Polly
Year 6	



## Lunchtime Supervisors Award

Year R	Noelia
Year 1	Austin
Year 2	Phoenix
Year 3	Joey
Year 4	Sophia
Year 5	Poppy
Year 6	Max



## WOW (Walk Once a Week)

Well done Year 4



## Dates for your diary

**17 October** - Harvest in support of Caring Hands in the Community  
**18 October** - Last Day of Term 1 (non-uniform day in support of Medway Food Bank)

**Week beginning 21 October** - Half Term

**28 October** First Day of Term 2—Children back to school  
**12 December** - Hazlitt Theatre Trip and Christmas Jumper Day

## Harvest Collection

As we prepare for our Harvest learning and celebrations in school, this year we are supporting both the Medway Food Bank and Caring Hands in the Community. Caring Hands will lead an assembly in school for the children on 14th October. We kindly ask for your donations of tinned and dry goods which will be collected by Caring Hands on Thursday 17th October.

*E.g. Baked beans, Pasta, Soups - any flavours, Ketchup, ground salt & black pepper, Tuna, Rice, Vegetables - any variety, Smash, Tomatoes, Tea and Coffee, Spaghetti/ravioli, Sugar, Hot dogs, Powdered milk, Potatoes, Noodles, Fruit - any variety, Savoury rice, Rice pudding, Various cooking sauces (jar or packet), Custard - tinned and powdered, Pasta sachets (e.g. mug shots).*

We will also have a non-uniform day on Friday 18th October to raise funds for Medway Foodbank. They will lead an assembly later in term 2, to share with the children how their kind donations have helped others.



Caring Hands  
in the community



## Kindness Award

This award is for children in each class who have demonstrated our termly value; this term being: kindness.

Year R	Lottie
Year 1	Racheal
Year 2	Faith
Year 3	Savannah
Year 4	Chikamso
Year 5	Ava
Year 6	Iris



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## House Points

**St. Patrick**

**758**

**St. George**

**771**

**St. Andrew**

**495**

**St. David**

**862**

