

## 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: Gratitude

*Be Thankful*



We have had a lovely week with the weather showing some signs that Spring is approaching.

Please ensure that your child has their names clearly written in their coat/jumper/PE sweatshirt and all of their belongings.

Also a little reminder that trainers are only to be worn on PE day.

The GIFT team started the week, leading the assembly all about our Lenten appeal in support of the Catholic Children's Society.

The PTA are holding their AGM on Wednesday 19th March at 2.45pm. Please come along to elect new committee members and share your ideas, meet other parents and plan future events to raise funds for the children to enjoy.

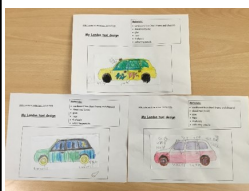


### Class of the Week - Year 1

We have been learning about animals and humans this term in science. We took part in different challenges to see if we could do unique movements with our bodies. We also learnt about minibeasts this week and went into the Eco Garden to explore the different minibeasts that we have. We then made observational drawings.



"Some minibeasts don't have spines"- Ava.  
"Some minibeasts can protect themselves from predators. The woodlouse has a shell that it can roll up into"- Austin.



"Snails have shells to protect themselves. They don't have legs they have a foot!" Bella

We also designed our own London taxis in DT. We will be creating our own models of these over the next few weeks using different equipment.

### Book Week Competition Winners!

We were delighted to see so many entries for our Book Week paper plate competition. The quality of the designs were so good that the Librarians chose 4 infant and 4 junior winners. All of the entries have been proudly added to our Storybook Forest display in school.



### Year 2 Assembly

Well done to Year 2 for their lovely assembly.



### Important Reminder

Please do not enter the school staff car park to drop off or collect your children.

After School Club (Wraparound Care)

If your child is attending the After School Club you may enter the school Car Park only after 4.30pm. Please do not enter the school staff car park if you are collecting your child **before 4.30pm**.

When collecting your child from the After School Club, parents/carers must collect their child directly from the green security gate. After School Club Staff will not release children to walk unsupervised to the car park to meet a parent/carer.

Thank you for your support.

## Class Attendance 2024/25

| Year R | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 96.9%  | 95.4%  | 94.5%  | 98.3%  | 98.3%  | 91.9%  | 90.0%  |



## Birthdays

Aaron Year 2



## Book of Excellence

Year R Kiari and Maja  
Year 1 Evelyn and Mmachi  
Year 2 Whole Class for their lovely assembly  
Year 3 Rome and Joshua  
Year 4 Mason and Israel  
Year 5 Niamh and Ella  
Year 6 Radley and Adelin



## Mathlete of the Week

Year 1 Kasie  
Year 2 Barnaby  
Year 3 David  
Year 4 Nathaniel. B  
Year 5 Radley  
Year 6 Nogie



## Lunchtime Supervisors Award

Year R Maja  
Year 1 Racheal  
Year 2 Esmae  
Year 3 Harry  
Year 4 Safiya  
Year 5 Amelia  
Year 6 Iris



## School Values Award

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

Year R Noah  
Year 1 Joel  
Year 2 Emilia  
Year 3 Cody  
Year 4 Johnathan  
Year 5 Elizabeth  
Year 6 Charlotte

WOW (Walk Once a Week)  
Year 5



## Dates for your diary

19 March PTA AGM at 2:45pm—please complete the Parentmail form  
21 March Red Nose Day—children wear RED in support of Comic Relief  
24 March Class photographs  
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 PTA Non Uniform Day  
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  
7 June First Holy Communion in the Church  
25 June Enterprise afternoon Years R, 2 and 6

## Red Nose Day

Next Friday, 21st March we will be taking part in Red Nose Day to support the charity.

Therefore, we are inviting the children to participate in a non-uniform day in exchange for a donation to Comic Relief.

The children may wear anything red or fancy dress. Please make your donation through Parentmail.

Please ensure the children wear sensible shoes and no jewellery.



## Lenten Appeal

Lent is a time for fasting, prayer, and giving. It's a time for us to reflect on our lives while living each day through Christ. There are three Pillars to guide us through Lent: *Almsgiving, Fasting, and Prayer*. Each of these are important to help us live through Christ each day.

Throughout Lent, we will continue to have additional times of prayer and worship, including opening up our school chapel at morning drop off to invite families to start their day with prayer.

Today, the children have taken home Catholic Children's Society money boxes. We ask that families donate what they can during Lent to help support the pillars of fasting and alms-giving. Perhaps children may chose to donate some pocket money; or by giving up things like fizzy drinks or sweets, they could put that money into their collection box

instead. We ask that filled money boxes are returned after the Easter break.

You can find out more about the Catholic Children's Society [here](https://www.catholicchildrensociety.org.uk/). Thank you for your continued generosity.



## House Points

St. Andrew

7350

St. David

9519

St. George

9820

St. Patrick

8682