

St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

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

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Newsletter

13th December
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Our school value this
term is: Empathy



This Sunday marks the third Sunday of Advent when we will light the second purple candle.

We have had another eventful and festive week in school this week. I would like to thank all the staff for their dedication in preparing enjoyable and memorable Christmas activities for our children. Tonight is the Christmas Disco; thank you to the staff and parents who have helped to make the disco such a memorable Christmas event.

The Junior Carol service will take place in the church on the last day of term on Friday 20th December at 2.15pm.



Class of the Week

Year 5

This week we have been very busy. On Monday, we took part in our Orienteering launch and used our control marker map to complete a quiz in our house groups. It was great fun and we enjoyed representing different explorers around the world such as Amelia Earhart and Neil Armstrong.

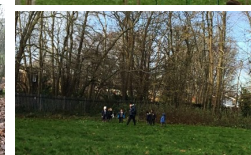
In science, we have been learning about the moon and how craters are formed upon it. We wanted to find out what affected the size of the craters caused by meteors. First, we used flour and cocoa powder to create the moons surface. We then used a measuring stick to drop a marble (meteor) from different heights. We then measured the size of the crater made and analysed our results. We found out that the higher the drop of the marble, the bigger crater was made.

In music, we have been rehearsing and learning about a Nasheed themed song called 'Madina, Madina.' We have sung in rounds and echoes.



Orienteering Launch Day

This week, we took part in our orienteering launch by becoming explorers representing Amelia Earhart, Neil Armstrong, Tenzing Norgay and Matthew Henson. The children thoroughly enjoyed working as a team to problem-solve, find located markers using our school map and exploring the school grounds.



Absence and Illness

As you know, good attendance at school is essential for children to reach their full potential and develop positive social skills and friendships. The following information has been shared with schools:

As expected in the winter months, seasonal illnesses are circulating and to support parents, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has published [advice](#) on how to reduce their spread.

Schools should continue maintaining high attendance expectations and refer parents to NHS [guidance](#) to know when a child is too ill for school. Pupils should not miss school on a precautionary basis and can normally attend school with a cough or cold, unless they have a fever or diarrhoea and vomiting.

Class Attendance 2024/25

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.7%	97.7%	97.1%	97.5%	96.0%	93.5%	95.4%



Birthdays

Victoria	age 5
Mahdi	age 11
Jordan	age 7
Adam	age 9
Karma-Elle	age 5
Theo	age 11
Cody	age 8



Book of Excellence

Year R	Noah and Teddy
Year 1	All of Year 1
Year 2	All of Year 2
Year 3	Lewis and Amber
Year 4	Leo and Safiya
Year 5	Gloria and Lucas H
Year 6	Sadie and Iris



Dates for your diary

- 17 December Year R Nativity 2pm
 18 December Years 4 and 5 Enterprise Afternoon 2.45pm
 19 December Year 6 assembly
 20 December Last Day of Term
 20 December Carol Service in the Church 2.15pm. The service will finish at approximately 3.10pm, the children will go back to the school with their teacher to collect their belongings. Parents and Carers who attend the Carol Service are asked to walk around to the school playground where you will be able to collect your children. If you are not attending the Carol Service, the normal 3.30pm end of day procedure applies.
 6 January First Day of Term 3

Study Bugs



To support parents/carers to report your child's absence in a quick and efficient way, please download the **StudyBugs** app.

The message is sent directly to our school system and includes important NHS advice for parents and carers.

[Get the app or register now](#)

Mathlete of the Week

- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6



Pantomime Trip

On Thursday the school attended the production of Cinderella at the Hazlitt theatre. It was also Christmas Jumper Day and the children looked very festive on their trip. Some of the children were also lucky enough to ride on the Christmas Coach with our driver Tracey!



Lunchtime Supervisors Award

Year R	Ocki
Year 1	Racheal
Year 2	Esmee
Year 3	Isaac
Year 4	Amelia-Rose
Year 5	Lucas M
Year 6	Jude



School Values Award

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

Year R	Noelia
Year 1	Willow
Year 2	Paisley
Year 3	Harry
Year 4	Charlie-Ray
Year 5	Alani
Year 6	Radley



Out of School Achievement

A few weeks ago, Noah in Year 6 was selected by England Ice Hockey Coaches and invited to trial for the England under 11s team, under their competitive power of 11 talent identification programme.

Noah hopes to represent his country in a tournament in the new year.

We are all super proud of Noah for all his hard work.



WOW (Walk Once a Week)

Year 1



House Points

St. Andrew

3765

St. David

4837

St. George

5366

St. Patrick

4388

