



## 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:

**Be Kind**



Welcome back to school everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed a rest and special time with family and friends.

It was lovely to welcome the children back last week including many children who have joined us across different year groups. We were delighted to see our Reception children start school yesterday; the whole school were excited to help them settle into their new school.

As we embark a new academic year full of learning, fun and creativity, I would like to thank all of our children, staff, governors and parents and carers for their continued support, enthusiasm and dedication to making our children's primary school experience the very best it can be. We continue to live out our Mission Statement together, 'I have called you by your name, you are mine.' Isaiah 43

To celebrate our children's wonderful efforts to live out our school values as virtues, we will be introducing a new weekly award in recognition of one child in each class who has demonstrated the value for each term. This term we are focusing on kindness, seeing it lived out in small ways everyday makes our school the happy and safe place it is. We will also be taking part in 'Little Way Week' again this year which is inspired by St Thérèse of Lisieux, patron of mission. As a child, St Thérèse dreamed of being a missionary. With age, she understood that very few of us are called to make big and radical gestures, but that through small, loving actions we too can deliver God's love to the world. I am looking forward to sharing our first awards with you next week.



### Attendance

At St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School excellent attendance is of great importance for the Education, Welfare and Safeguarding of our children. 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 2024 that good attendance is a crucial part of safeguarding.

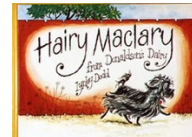
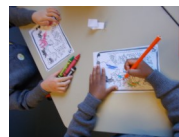
We know that sometimes our children cannot come to school because they are really unwell - and that's the right thing to do for them and other children. Medical advice is clear however, that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend - for example if they have a cough, or cold, without 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.

We also know that children fall behind their friends and classmates when they miss school. At St Augustine of Canterbury we want the amount of missed education to be reduced as much as possible. We believe that our community is stronger together, with all of our children in school, on time, every day. We are building life skills, life-long friendships and preparing your child for future success.

Further information regarding the Government Legislation will be sent to parents next week. Thank you for your continued support.

### Year R 2024

Year R have had a lovely first two days at school. They enjoyed making a First Day keyring gift to take home to mark their special day. They have been listening to lots of songs and stories, including Hairy Maclary, as we have been thinking about our different names.



The children have created their first artwork to put on the classroom walls, with the rhyme:

Here are my hands with ten  
fingers in all.  
My first mark in school to hang on  
the wall.  
As years go by, I will remember  
and say,  
"My hands and I had a good first  
day!"  
September 2024

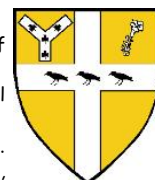


### School Uniform

The children have returned to school looking very smart in our school uniform. Wearing our school uniform unites us in our St. Augustine of Canterbury family.

During Term 1, the children may wear their summer or winter uniform. After the half term break, when we enter Term 2, we ask that all children wear the winter uniform of white shirt (not white polo), tie, grey trousers, skirts or pinafores and grey sweater.

As you know, earrings are not worn in school. Please also remember that the children should be wearing school shoes and not trainers. Second-hand uniform is available and can benefit all parents, particularly those on low incomes. In addition, by extending the life of garments, it is more sustainable for the environment. Thank you for your continued support.



## Class Attendance 2024/25

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	99%	99%	93%	93%	98%	94%



## Birthdays

Noelia age 5  
Jasper age 6  
Poppy age 10  
Joseph age 6  
Hayley age 9  
Evelyn age 5  
Oscar age 5  
Amber age 7



## Dates for your diary

16 September - Year 5 Parent/carer Information meeting  
17 September - Year 3 Parent/carer Information meeting  
17 and 18 September Medway Tests  
19 September - Year 1 Parent/carer Information meeting  
20 September - Year 2 Parent/carer Information meeting  
20 September - Jeans for Genes Day—see below for details  
23 September - Year 4 Parent/carer Information meeting  
25 September - Year 6 Parent/carer Information meeting  
26 September - Year R Parent/carer Information meeting  
Week beginning 30th September 'Little Way Week'  
3 October - Whole School Mass in the Church  
Week beginning 7 October Dyslexia Awareness Week and Space Week  
9 October - Reception 2025 Open Afternoon 2pm  
10 October - Hello Yellow Day—World Mental Health Day  
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

## Book of Excellence

Year 1 Austin and Samantha  
Year 2 Mia and Isaac  
Year 3 Alice and Ovo  
Year 4 Afraa and Sanaya  
Year 5 Sasha and Nogie  
Year 6 Adelin and Faith



## Mathlete of the Week

Resuming next week!

Mathletics

## Lunchtime Supervisors Award

Year 1 Lacey  
Year 2 Jordan  
Year 3 David  
Year 4 Victoria  
Year 5 Gloria  
Year 6 Timothy



## PE Days

The children will continue to wear their PE Kit to school on the days they have PE lessons.

PE Kit is **plain navy shorts** (not leggings or cycling shorts), **plain white t-shirt** (not polo, with or without the school logo), trainers or plimsols. On colder days, the children can wear **plain navy tracksuit bottoms** (not leggings) and **plain navy hoody or sweat shirt** with their usual plain white t-shirt.

Class	PE days
Year R	Monday and Thursday
Year 1	Tuesday and Friday
Year 2	Monday and Wednesday
Year 3	Monday and Friday
Year 4	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday and Friday
Year 6	Thursday and Friday

## Parent/Carer Information meetings

In addition to the parent information letters that will be sent home this term, we will be inviting parents and carers to come into the classroom after school to meet the teacher and receive important information regarding curriculum coverage, learning focus, routines, homework and general essential information.

The meetings will begin as soon as possible after the school day once the children have all been released to you.

Please see the dates for your child's class under the 'Dates for your Diary'.

## Jeans for Genes

Next Friday is Jeans for Genes Day. The Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected. On Friday, the children and staff may wear denim in exchange for a donation to the charity. Any denim clothing is fine in exchange for a donation to the Jeans for Genes charity. Donations can be made through Parentmail. Thank you for your support.



## Contact Books

Your child has brought home a new contact book for the academic year. These are a valuable resource to communicate with your child's teacher regarding reading at home and any notes which may need to be shared between the class teacher and parents and carers.

Please look at your child's contact book every day and record their reading/spelling etc. There are also helpful resources at the back of each book linked to the curriculum.

Contact books should be sent into school every day and will be signed by the class teacher on Fridays. We ask that parents and carers also sign the contact book over the weekend to share with the teacher that you have seen it as we work together as a school and home partnership. Thank you for your support.

## House Points

St. Patrick

188

St. George

250

St. Andrew

89

St. David

82

