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: Empathy

This Sunday marks the first Sunday of Advent. It is the season in which we prepare and wait for the coming of Jesus. During Advent we light a candle for every week, this week we light the purple candle.

Thank you to all of the Parents and Carers who attended the Parents Evening on Wednesday.

As you know, the wearing of earrings is not permitted in school, please ensure that earrings are removed before your child comes to school. Thank you.

Class of the Week
Year 3

Year 3 have had a very busy week this week and one of the highlights was seeing how engaged they were in maths when we asked them to become codebreakers. They worked so hard to crack the code and it was wonderful to see how proud they were of themselves when they were successful.

'It was a really fun game with good teamwork.' – Rome

'I learned about solving problems.' – Amber

'I liked that we had to work out what number the letters represented. It was fun because I cracked the code with the people on my table.' – Diane

It was also lovely to see the children's interest in our learning about magnets this week. They were fascinated when they tested whether their magnets would attract or repel each other and their answers to the question 'what is a magnet and how does it work?' were excellent.

In DT, we have been looking at the Eatwell Guide. The children enjoyed planning a menu that would include all of the main food groups and give them a healthy, balanced diet.

The Great Christmas Jumper Sale

As you know we will be supporting Save the Children on the 12th December by taking part in Christmas Jumper Day.

Christmas jumpers can be very expensive and the children often get very little use out of them as they are so seasonal. Therefore, our School Council have come up with a wonderful idea to host a Christmas Jumper Sale on **Thursday 5th December 2.45pm to 3.15pm** in the school hall.

How it will work:

We are asking for donations of Christmas jumpers which your child may have grown out of (in good condition).

All Christmas jumpers donation will then be available to purchase in exchange for a donation to **Save the Children.** We do ask that only one jumper per child is purchased to give as many families as possible the opportunity to benefit from the sale. Thank you for your support.

A very special gift

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Richardson (Grandparents to Faith) for making the most beautiful Christmas Card Post Box for the children. The post box is handcrafted from wood and finished with beautiful embroidery.

We are so lucky to have such a beautiful post box for the children to post their Christmas cards to each other. This is the third bespoke gift Mr Richardson has made for the school, he also made our beautiful cross in the atrium and our amazing Healthy Snack Shop in the Junior area.

I know many of you noticed the stunning post box in the atrium during parents evening and were very impressed with how amazing it is.

Thank you again to Mr and Mrs Richardson for making us such a special gift we will always treasure.

Class Attendance 2024/25

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.9%	97.7%	98.6%	99.7%	97.9%	93.1%	93.6%

Birthdays

Jayden	age 7
Quinn	age 6
Max	age 11
Kayden	age 9

Book of Excellence

Year R	Finley and Tireni
Year 1	Quinn and Liam
Year 2	Muna and Barnaby
Year 3	Romee and Diane
Year 4	Sophia and Eugene
Year 5	Lucas M and Polly
Year 6	Harry and Joseph

Mathlete of the Week

Year 1	Mmachi
Year 2	Faye
Year 3	Timi
Year 4	Samson
Year 5	Tsitsi
Year 6	Joel

Lunchtime Supervisors Award

Year R	Lottie
Year 1	George
Year 2	Isaac
Year 3	Harry
Year 4	Safiya
Year 5	Tsitsi
Year 6	Franky

School Values Award

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

Year R	Finn
Year 1	Hadassah
Year 2	Jayden
Year 3	Rida
Year 4	Alex
Year 5	Isaac
Year 6	Theo

WOW (Walk Once a Week)
Year 3

Dates for your diary

3 December Year 6 trip to Kent Life—Victorian

4 December 2pm Open Afternoon for Reception 2025

5 December Advent Mass 9.30am in the Church

5 December Great Christmas Jumper sale in school 2.45—3.15pm

10 December Infant Nativity (Years 1 and 2)

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11 December Christmas Dinner Day

12 December Hazlitt Theatre Trip and Christmas Jumper Day

17 December Year R Nativity

18 December Years 4 and 5 Enterprise Afternoon

20 December Last Day of Term

20 December Carol Service in the Church 2.15pm

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 send directly to our school system and includes important NHS advice for parents and carers.

Get the app or register now

Request for games and toys in good condition

If you have any board games, books, jigsaw puzzles (complete pieces), dolls or other good condition toys at home which you no longer use or need, we would be very grateful for any donations. These will be valuable to add to our lunchtime clubs, wet play boxes and in our classrooms.

If you are able to donate, please bring your items to the school office.

Many thanks in advance!

Family Christmas Singalong

There will be a Family Christmas Sing-a-long at St. Augustine's Church on Sunday 15th December at 3pm. This will include a visit from Fr. Christmas and festive refreshments. All are welcome!

Little Trekker's Competition

A very big congratulations to all of our school community for taking part in the Little Trekkers competition as part of our WoW initiative. Our school was placed 4th out of the schools that took part in Medway and we are very proud of this achievement. Well done everyone!

House Points

St. Andrew	St. David	St. George	St. Patrick
2770	3415	4059	3384