



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

Be Caring



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

Please ensure all children are wearing their winter uniform to school, this includes a white shirt (not polo) and a school tie. Ties can be purchased through ParentMail. Please also remember that the PE kit is plain navy sweatshirt/hoodie, plain navy jogging bottoms or shorts (not cycling shorts) and white t-shirt. If you are having difficulty with purchasing uniform we have a selection of second hand uniform in school.



Class of the Week

Year 4

Year 4 have had a great week! We have been focusing on Advent and created beautiful Advent Wreaths in our RE books. In Geography, we have been working on points of the compass ready for our orienteering session on Monday. The whole class have created wonderful oil pastel artwork inspired by Kandinsky. They listened to music by Wagner and expressed their emotions and feelings - just like Kandinsky did. We have also been working on shapes in Maths- we used straws to create polygons such as triangles, pentagons, hexagons and octagons.

Here are some comments that the children said about their learning this week:

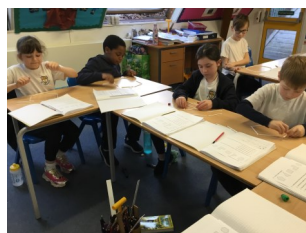
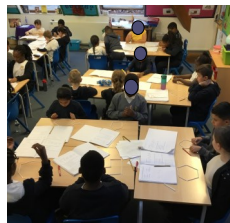
"Using the straws in Maths made the lesson exciting"- Sophia

"I loved Art and being creative as nothing is right or wrong"- Kayden

"Learning about shapes has been really fun!"- Nathaniel D

"The Advent Wreath helps us countdown to Christmas"- Hayley

"Using the straws in Maths helped me understand the shapes better"- Tara



Year 6 Kent Life Victorian Christmas

To complement their learning about the Victorian period of British history, this week year 6 went to the Museum of Kent Life and undertook a number of Victorian workshops.

The whole class enthusiastically set to making candles, playing with Victorian toys and all manner of other period activities.

A particularly theatrical performance was given by certain members of the class in the roles of characters from Dickens' A Christmas Carol— Scrooge, the Ghost Of Christmas Yet To Come and the wife to Bob Cratchet were particularly memorable.



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
93.1%	96.2%	98.6%	99.1%	96.7%	97.8%	93.4%



Birthdays

Tara	age 9
William	age 11
Nathania	age 11
Joel	age 9
Liliana	age 11
Lord-Noble	age 6



Dates for your diary

- 9 December Orienteering launch day
- 10 December Infant Nativity (Years 1 and 2) 2.30pm
- 11 December Infant Nativity (Years 1 and 2) 2.30pm
- 11 December Christmas Dinner Day
- 12 December Hazlitt Theatre Trip and Christmas Jumper Day
- 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

Book of Excellence

Year R	Ainslii and Josiah
Year 1	Austin and Blake
Year 2	Emilia and Jordan
Year 3	Alex and Joshua
Year 4	Israel and Victoria
Year 5	Gabriel and Poppy
Year 6	Max and Priscilla



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.

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Mathlete of the Week

Year 1	Noah
Year 2	Harnoor
Year 3	Kome
Year 4	Nathaniel D.
Year 5	Ava
Year 6	Freya



School Disco

Next Friday 13th December is the Christmas Disco in the hall. As communicated in the letter sent through Parentmail on Wednesday the times are as followed:

Infants 3.30pm—4.20pm

Juniors 4.30pm—5.30pm

Friday 13th December will also be a non-uniform day for all children (sensible shoes and no jewellery). As with all discos, the children in Year R who wish to attend will need to be supervised by a parent or carer. Tickets will go on sale this week. I am grateful to the parents who have volunteered to support the disco with the school staff. Tickets sales will go to the PTA funds.

Children in Years R, 1 and 2 who have purchased a ticket through Parentmail will go straight to the disco at 3.30pm. If your child is not attending the disco, they will be released as usual from the playground at 3.30pm.

At the end of the Infant disco, the children will go back to class to collect their bags and coats and return to the hall to be released to their parent/carer. Please exit the hall through the atrium main exit to allow space for the junior children to enter the hall when their disco starts at 4.30pm. If you are arranging for someone other than yourself to collect your child, please ensure that the class teacher is aware to avoid delays at 4.30pm pick up.

The children in the Juniors should arrive at 4.30pm when they will enter the hall for their disco session. The disco will finish promptly at 5.30pm, please ensure that you are on time to collect your child from the hall. Children who are late being collected will need to go to the After-School Club which will incur a charge.

Lunchtime Supervisors Award

Year R	Finn
Year 1	Racheal
Year 2	Faith
Year 3	Diane
Year 4	Afraa
Year 5	Isaac
Year 6	Charlie



School Values Award

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

Year R	Karma-Elle
Year 1	George
Year 2	Aaliyah
Year 3	Amber
Year 4	Kayden
Year 5	Amelia
Year 6	Freya



WOW (Walk Once a Week)

Year 4



House Points

St. Andrew

3218

St. David

4077

St. George

4644

St. Patrick

3731

