



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: Kindness

Be Kind



What a fantastic first full week we have had together! It has been wonderful to see the children settle back into school routines with such enthusiasm, positivity and determination. Classrooms have been filled with smiles, learning and renewed friendships as the children have embraced the start of the new school year.

We are incredibly proud of how well our children have returned, showing kindness, resilience and a readiness to learn. Thank you to all our families for your continued support in helping children arrive each day ready to make the most of every opportunity.

As we look ahead to the weeks and months to come, we are excited to continue working together to ensure every child flourishes academically, socially and spiritually. We pray for a happy, successful and rewarding term for all. "I have called you by your name, you are mine." (Isaiah 43:1)

This Sunday 13th September is Education Sunday. Archbishop John has written a to schools and parishes (attached to this Parentmail). In his letter, Archbishop John recognises the work of all who labour in our schools as well as the parents and carers who support the children laying "the foundations upon which education is built."

Parent/Carer Information meetings

Alongside the parent information letters that will be sent home next week, we are delighted to invite parents and carers into your child's classroom after school to meet their teacher. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the curriculum, learning focus, daily routines, homework and other important information to support your child's success throughout the year.

The meetings will begin as soon as possible after 3.30pm once the children have all been released to you.

Year R - 24 September

Year 1 - 22 September

Year 2 - 25 September

Year 3 - 15 September

Year 4 - 17 September

Year 5 - 14 September

Year 6 - 21 September

Lost Property

Please have a look through the lost property boxes in the reception area. We will not be able to keep it after the end of next week so please have a look and take anything that belongs to your child.

Please remember to put your child's name on all of their belongs!

Year R 2026

We would like to give a very warm welcome to all of our Year R children and their families as they begin their journey with us. It has been wonderful to see the children settling into school life with such enthusiasm, curiosity and confidence.

Starting school is a significant milestone, and we are incredibly proud of how well the children have embraced new experiences already. We look forward to working closely with families to ensure that every child feels valued, develops a love of learning and flourishes throughout their time with us.

Well done to all of the children in the school who have been showing the children our school values through their words and actions. A special thank you to Year 6 who are already amazing mentors to Year R during lunchtimes.



Homework

At St Augustine of Canterbury we want the children's homework to be purposeful and engaging. Therefore, this year, we have again purchased workbooks for the children in Years 1 to 6 to take home as their home learning books. The books have been selected as they are engaging, support the curriculum and reinforce the children's learning.

Each week, the children will be assigned pages on a Thursday to complete the activities in either Maths and/or Reading Comprehension and/or GPAS depending on which year group they are in.

Books should be returned the following Tuesday at the latest. As I am sure you can understand, purchasing the books is a large cost to the school. Therefore, if your child loses a book we will need to ask that the cost of a replacement is made by the parent/carer. The children will continue to have spellings and reading as regular weekly homework in addition to occasional projects in the older year groups.

We would like to encourage all children to use our Sum Dog (Maths) and Phonics Play subscriptions at home to consolidate and strengthen their learning.



Milo's Money is a fun way to teach children about how money is used in our everyday lives. Every class has their very own dinosaur mascot who gets to go home with one child each week. When Milo visits, he can help explore:

Shopping - exchanging money, Online shopping, Visiting the bank and depositing money, Visiting the Post Office, Spending birthday/Christmas money or savings.

Booking holidays.

Exchanging money for a holiday.

Money art!

During his visit, the children can write a short diary entry about what they have learnt together. This can be a few sentences, pictures, or both. They can, if they wish, share with the class their time when bringing him back to school before he visits another home.

We hope you enjoy these wonderful little adventure experiences with Milo and his friends.

Written by Leo and Tara Year 6



Birthdays

Joseph	age 8
Esme	age 8
Hayley	age 11
Saint-Jotham	age 6
Amber	age 10



Book of Excellence

Year R - from next week
Year 1 - Josiah and Annalise
Year 2 - Alicia and Lottie
Year 3 - Levi and Jayan
Year 4 - Momo and Mitchell
Year 5 - Ariella and Timi
Year 6 - Talia and Bradley



Lunchtime Supervisors Award

Year R - from next week
Year 1 - Josiah
Year 2 - Finn
Year 3 - Evelyn
Year 4 - Maisie
Year 5 - Isaac
Year 6 - Talia



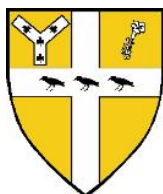
School Values Kindness Award

Year R - from next week
Year 1 - Sienna
Year 2 - Karma-Elle
Year 3 - Willow
Year 4 - Jordan
Year 5 - Cody
Year 6 - Timon



School Council 2026-27

Year R - Joy and Zion
Year 1 - Dotty and Saint-Jotham
Year 2 - Lottie and Zachariah
Year 3 - Blake and George
Year 4 - Aksho and Esmae
Year 5 - Davina and Troy
Year 6 - Safiya and Olu



Summer Reading Challenge

The children's Summer Reading Challenge ends on Saturday 12th September! Remember to bring in your certificates for our display and to be entered into the Reading Vending Machine raffle!



Dates for your diary

Remember to bring in your summer reading challenge certificates

- 14 September** Year 5 Information Session for Parents/Carers after school in their classroom
- 15 September** Medway Tests
- 15 September** Year 3 Information Session for Parents/Carers after school in their classroom
- 16 September** Medway Tests
- 17 September** New School Year Mass 9.30am in the Church—parents and carers welcome.
- 17 September** Year 4 Information Session for Parents/Carers after school in their classroom
- 21 September** Year 6 Information Session for Parents/Carers after school in their classroom
- 22 September** Year 1 Information Session for Parents/Carers after school in their classroom
- 23 September** 2027 Year R New Intake Tours 10am
- 24 September** European Day of Languages
- 24 September** Year R and Year 6 Height and Weight Checks
- 24 September** Year R Information Session for Parents/Carers after school in their classroom
- 25 September** Year 2 Information Session for Parents/Cares after school in their classroom
- 8 October** Harvest Mass in the Church 9.30am—families welcome!
- 9 October** Hello Yellow Day—children invited to wear yellow in exchange for a donation to Young Minds.
- 12 October** 2027 Year R New Intake Tour 2pm
- 14 October** Parents Evening 4pm—7pm in the school hall
- 21 October** Parents Evening 4pm—7pm in the school hall
- 23 October** Last Day of Term
- 23 October** Non-Uniform Day to raise funds to purchase books for the Reading Vending Machine
- 2 November** INSET day - children not in school
- 3 November** First day of Term 2—Children back to school
- 4 November** Flu Vaccinations in school
- 11 November** 2027 Year R New Intake Tour 2pm
- 13 November** Children in Need Day—non-uniform in exchange for a donation
- Week beginning 16 November** Anti-Bullying Week
- 18 November** School photos
- Week beginning 23 November** Road Safety Week and Maths Week
- 1 December** Advent Whole School Mass 9.30am in the Church
- 3 December** 2027 Year R New Intake Tour 10am
- 7 December** Years 1 and 2 Nativity 2.30pm
- 8 December** Years 1 and 2 Nativity 2.30pm
- 9 December** 2027 Year R New Intake Tour 2pm
- 11 December** Year 6 Assembly for Parents and Carers 2.45pm
- 15 December** Year R Nativity 2.30pm
- 17 December** Last Day of Term 2
- 17 December** Junior Carol Service in the Church 2.15pm—all infants and juniors families welcome!
- 18 December** INSET day children not in school
- 4 January** First day of Term 3 Children back to school

House Points

St. Andrew

164

St. David

185

St. George

222

St. Patrick

182