



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



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 yesterday, including many children who have joined us across different year groups. We are looking forward to our Reception children starting school on Thursday; the whole school are excited to help them settle in.

As we embark on a new academic year full of learning, fun and creativity, I would like to thank all of our children, staff, parents and carers and governors for your continued support, enthusiasm and dedication to make 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. These words remind us that every child is known, valued and loved. By working closely together, we can ensure that each child feels a strong sense of belonging, grows in confidence, and is supported to flourish.



Reminders

Please ensure that your child brings the following to school everyday:

Water bottle — As it states in our Uniform Policy, metal and glass water bottles are not permitted. If you would like to purchase a water bottle, this can be done through our Parentmail App.

School Contact Book — Please record your child's daily reading and any notes for the teacher. Also, we ask that Parents/Carers sign your child's contact book over the weekend to confirm that you have seen any achievements or notes from the teacher.

Reading Book — Please ensure that these are returned to school in good condition. Reading books will only be changed if the current book is returned.

Coat/Jacket/Jumper — Particularly during the current changeable weather. Please label all belongings.

Snacks — If your child is in the juniors and you would like them to have a snack at breaktime please ensure that it is a healthy choice (fruit etc).

The children in the Infants do not need to bring in a snack as they receive a free piece of fruit daily.

Attendance

Every day in school matters!

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 that good attendance is a crucial part of safeguarding. Our school expects an attendance rate of **96%** for every child.

We know that sometimes your child cannot come to school because they are really unwell - and that's the right thing to do for them, and other children and staff. 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/carers in your decision making.

Every school day brings new learning, experiences and opportunities for children to grow. Low attendance can affect a child's academic progress, social development, confidence and friendships. By working together to support good attendance, we can help every child thrive so they can make the most of every learning opportunity.

I would also like to take this opportunity as we embark on a new academic year, to remind you that term time holidays will not be authorised. **Nationally, Headteachers are not permitted to approve term-time holidays** except in genuinely exceptional circumstances, and consider each application for a leave of absence individually before making a decision. The law clearly expects Headteachers to enforce these penalties strictly. Please book holidays in the school holidays throughout the year to avoid disrupting your child's education.



The class with the highest attendance will continue to receive the Attendance Trophy during assembly on Fridays, the children are very excited when their class achieve the trophy.

As always, the children with 100% attendance will be entered into a raffle at the end of Term 2.

Thank you for your continued support.

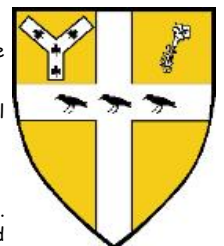
School Uniform

The children have returned to school looking very smart in their 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, it remains our policy that earrings (or any jewellery) are not worn in school.

As part of our commitment to supporting families and caring for our environment, we offer a range of free pre-loved school uniform. Children grow so quickly, and uniform often has plenty of life left in it. Reusing uniform is a great way to save money, reduce waste and support a more sustainable future. Pre-loved uniform can be found on the clothes racks in the school entrance. Please help yourself.



Birthdays

No birthdays this week.



Book of Excellence

Returning next week



Lunchtime Supervisors Award

Returning next week



School Values Kindness Award

Returning next week



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** (with or without the school logo, not polo top), and trainers. 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.

Year R Monday and Thursday

Year 1 Monday and Friday

Year 2 Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 Monday and Friday

Year 4 Monday and Thursday

Year 5 Tuesday and Friday

Year 6 Tuesday and Friday

Year R children should wear their winter or summer school uniform on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th. They will have their first PE lessons from Monday 14th September.

Summer Learning Challenge

Thank you to all the children who completed the 'Summer Unfoldable!' in readiness for our new school year. I know the commitment and support needed from parents and carers to complete the booklets and we are very grateful for your support and partnership. We will announce the winners of the Reading Vending Machine Raffle next week!



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

10 September Year R first day of school

11 September Year 6 swimming lessons begin

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/Carers 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

St. David

St. George

St. Patrick