

### 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



Welcome back to school and the beginning of Term 2. We have many events to look forward to during the coming weeks and I would like to take this opportunity as we start a new term to thank our staff who work with unwavering commitment for the children's learning and well-being everyday. Thank you also to our parents and carers who work in partnership with us in sharing our school values and achieving the very best for our children. I am very proud to be the Headteacher of our school with wonderful staff and dedicated parents and carers working together to live out our school mission for our children.

#### Class of the Week - Year 6



commitment helps with this.

In our Religious Education lessons, we have been thinking about and exploring commitment in our daily lives. We thought about some of the jobs people do, some paid and some voluntary and how each role needs a different form of commitment. As part of our learning, we interviewed Sergeant Richardson of Metropolitan Police Protection Team. He told us that it

takes courage to be committed in a job role, especially when faced with the unknown, but if we have determination and find it in ourselves to be brave, we can achieve great things and that

In English, we have also been writing stories to enter the BBC 500 word story competition. We have thought



about character, plot, our audience and how we can use figurative language to engage our reader

We began gymnastics this week by using the spring board and vaulting horse. We earnt how to mount and dismount safely as gymnasts

do. We also developed our tuck and straddle jumps.

## School Photo Day

Just a reminder that the children will have their individual and siblings photos taken on Monday. The children should wear their winter school uniform, therefore, if your child normally has PE on Monday, this has been arranged for a different day.

#### Anti-Bullying Week 2025



Anti-Bullying Week 2025 takes place from Monday 10th - Friday 14th November with the theme 'Power for Good' . It is coordinated by the AntiBullying Alliance, which is based at the children's charity the National Children's Bureau. Throughout the week, the children will explore anti-bullying lessons and assemblies in addition to the work we do with the children all year to empower them to use their Power for Good to speak out, support others, and build a world where kindness wins.



MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

On Monday 10th November, the children are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week in a positive way. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or buy expensive costumes. All you need to do to take part is wear odd socks, it could not be simpler!

#### Parent/Carer Evening

On the 5th and 12th November, we will be holding Parent/Carer evening appointments with your child's teacher in the hall. The booking form is available through Parentmail.

Please arrive promptly for your appointment as we must adhere to the times booked. The classrooms will be open for you to have a look at your child's learning, however for those with later appointments please view your child's books before your scheduled appointment time as the school will be closing promptly at 7pm.

# Children in Need

Friday 14th November is BBC Children in Need day. This year we will be taking part in a non-uniform day to raise funds for this important charity. Children may come to school on Friday 14th November in their own clothes (sensible shoes and no jewellery) in exchange for a

donation (suggested £1+) to Children in Need, payable through ParentMail.

# Class Attendance 2025/26































#### **Birthdays**

Nogie age 11



#### **Book of Excellence**

- Year R Ewaoluwa and Theo
- Year 1 Taylor and Tireni
- Year 2 Liam and Rachael
- Year 3 Harnoor and Kyla
- Year 4 Lukas and Diane
- Year 5 Sai and Sanaya
- Year 6 Gabriel and Sophie



#### Lunchtime Supervisors Award

- Year R Amari
- Year 1 Charis
- Year 2 Michael
- Year 3 Sienna V
- Year 4 Amber
- Year 5 Samson
- Year 6 Polly



#### School Values Empathy Award

- Year R Holly
- Year 1 Victoria
- Year 2 Emily
- Year 3 Elizabeth
- Year 4 Joshua
- Year 5 Kavden
- Year 6 Polly



## Sum Dog Top Dogs!

- Year R Annalise
- Year 1 Jayden
- Year 2 Jazziel Year 3 Aalivah
- Year 4 Diane
- Year 5 Johnathan
- Year 6 Ava



#### WOW

Year 4



## Dates for your diary

- 3 November School photos
- 5 November 2026 Year R New Intake Tour 10am and 2pm
- 5 November Parents Evening 4pm—7pm in the school hall
- 6 November Flu Vaccinations all day—please see details on Parentmail
- 10 November Anti-Bullying Week—Odd Socks Day
- 11 November Remembrance Liturgy
- 12 November Parents/Carers Evening 4pm-7pm in the school hall
- 14 November Children in Need Day—non uniform day in exchange for a donation.
- 14 November PTA meeting in school 2.45pm
- Week beginning 17 November Road Safety Week
- 21 November Jubilee Day-more information to follow
- 28 November PTA meeting in school 2.45pm
- 3 December PTA meeting in school 2.45pm
- 3 December Year 6 Kent Life trip
- 4 December Advent Mass in the Church 9.30am
- 4 December 2026 Year R New Intake Tour 2pm
- 5 December School Disco after school (KS1 3.30pm—4.15pm KS2 4.30pm—5.30pm)
- 8 December Years 1 and 2 Nativity 2.30pm
- 9 December Years 1 and 2 Nativity 2.30pm
- 10 December 2026 Year R New Intake Tour 2pm
- 11 December Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children
- 11 December Whole School trip to Hazlett Theatre Pantomime
- 12 December PTA Christmas Fair 3.30pm in the school hall
- 16 December Year R Nativity 2,30pm
- 18 December Last Day of Term 2
- 18 December Junior Carol Service in the Church 2.15pm
- 19 December INSET Day—children not in school
- 5 January Term 3 children back to school
- 6 January Epiphany Mass 9.30am in the Church—all welcome
- 9 January Year 5 Swimming begins
- **15 January** Year 6 and 6 Height and Weight (more details to follow)
- **4 February** Cyber Security Information Session for Parents/Carers 2.15pm in school (more details and sign up information to follow)
- 6 February NSPCC Number Day
- 10 February Safer Internet Day
- 13 February Last Day of Term 3
- 23 February First Day of Term 4 Children back to school
- 27 February Year 4 Swimming begins
- Week Beginning 2 March Book Week
- 4 March Parents/Carers Evening 4pm-7pm
- 5 March World Book Day (children invited to dress up as a character)
- 11 March Parents/Carers Evening 4pm-7pm
- 19 March to 24 March Scholastic Book Fair in the school 3.30pm-3.45pm
- 31 March Year 4 Easter Reflection
- 2 April Last Day of Term 4
- 3 April to 17 April Easter Break
- 20 April First Day of Term 5

#### Flu vaccination Reminder

As you know from Parentmail, the child vaccination team will be in school on Thursday 6th November.

The link to the portal is <a href="www.kentimmunisations.co.uk">www.kentimmunisations.co.uk</a> school code is KT118779. Even if you do not want your child to be vaccinated, they have asked that parents/carers log on to record your wishes. The portal closes at 4pm on Monday.



# **House Points**

St. Andrew

St. David

St. George

St. Patrick

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