

## St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

"I called you by your name, you are mine." Isaiah 43

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Newsletter

3 October 2025 Our school value this term is: kindness

Be Kind





We had a lovely Harvest Mass in the Church yesterday, as always, the children read and sang beautifully. Next Friday is World Mental Health Day—Hello Yellow Day, we are taking part with thousands of schools in wearing yellow to raise money to support Young Minds to show young people that they are not alone with their mental health.

This morning we held our first Rosary in the Chapel session with Fr Peter. Thank you to all of the families who attended and to Fr. Peter for leading a decade of the Rosary with the children and families.

Also, we are pleased to inform you that we raised £135 for Jeans for Genes day! Thank you for your generosity.



## Class of the Week Year 3

Year 3 have had a great week! We have enjoyed locating and naming parts of the body in Science and finding out interesting facts. For 'Little Way Week' the children thought about how St Therese encourages us to make small, loving actions so we can deliver God's love to the world. We reflected on the ways we show acts of kindness to others. We also had a wonderful discussion about Jesus' family and the love they shared.

During the week we have been working on our teamwork skills in PE and developing our hockey skills - keeping close control of the ball. We continued our teamwork skills in English, working together in groups to

create brilliant poems about 'Play' for National Poetry Day. The children also created fantastic descriptive paragraphs using past tense verbs linked to our class book 'Journey'.





The children are enjoying learning French. We have been focussing on asking 'How are you?' and giving a response. We have also been learning how to say numbers 0-10 In French. Well Done Year 3 for a super

week!

## Orienteering Club

Clubs started this week. The children in the Orienteering club had a great time exploring the course around our school grounds.



# Outside of school achievement

Well done to Barnaby, who has passed his level 4 swimming in just 5 weeks! He was delighted to share his certificate and badge in class.





## Little Way Week

This week we marked Little Way Week in school, a week when we learn from the example of St. Therese of Lisieux. Well done to the GIFT team who started off the week by leading a celebration

of the word. The GIFT team also led a "kindness flowers" activity during lunch times throughout the week,

to help the other children recognise and

celebrate little acts of kindness that they witness each day.





# Class Attendance 2025/26

Year R Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6 96.7% 96.1% 95.7% 95.2% 98.0% 96.8% 95.5%

























### **Birthdays**

Victoria age 10

Tomás age 10



#### Book of Excellence

Year R Scarlett and Saint-Jotham

Year 1 Sariyah and Finn

Year 2 David and Aathiraa

Year 3 Paisley and Ensi

Year 4 Timi and Amber

Year 5 Samuel and Joel

Year 6 Nogie and Poppy



#### Lunchtime Supervisors Award

Year R Scarlett

Year 1 Teddy

Year 2 Dorothy

Year 3 Jordan

Year 4 Savannah

Year 5 Mason

Year 6 Jeramiah



#### School Values Kindness Award

Year R Dotty

Year 1 Noah

Year 2 Blake

Year 3 Finley

Year 4 Daniel

Year 5 Sanava

Year 6 Mia



kindness

## Sum Dog Top Dogs!

Year R Imogen

Year 1 Zachary

Year 2 Ferris

Year 3 Jordan

Year 4 Amber

Year 5 Samson

Year 6 Sasha



#### Little Trekker's Competition

Next week, we will be taking part in the Little Trekkers competition. We are encouraging all children, parents and carers to travel to



school using a 'green' mode of travel. This might be walking, park and stride, taking the bus or riding a scooter/bike. Last year, our school was placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of the schools that took part in Medway and we are very proud of our achievement. We hope to do well again this year. Many thanks for your support!

## Dates for your diary

13 October Rosary in the Chapel with Fr Peter 8.45am—8.55am (please book through

10 October Hello Yellow Day—children invited to wear yellow in exchange for a donation to Young Minds

15 October 2026 Year R New Intake Tour 2pm

17 October Rosary in the Chapel with Fr Peter 8.45am—8.55am (please book through

17 October Last day of term 1

17 October Non-Uniform Day to support PTA funds

17 October PTA meeting in school 2.45pm

27 October INSET day children not in school

28 October First day of Term 2

31 October Rosary in the Chapel with Fr Peter 8.45am—8.55am (please book through

Parentmail)

3 November School photos

5 November 2026 Year R New Intake Tour 2pm

5 November Parents Evening 4pm—7pm

6 November Flu Vaccinations all day—more information to follow

10 November Anti-Bullying Week

12 November Parents/Carers Evening 4pm-7pm

14 November Children in Need Day-more details to follow

14 November PTA meeting in school 2.45pm

21 November Jubilee Day—more information to follow

28 November PTA meeting in school 2.45pm

3 December PTA meeting in school 2.45pm

4 December Advent Mass in the Church 9.30am

4 December 2026 Year R New Intake Tour 2pm

5 December School Disco after school

8 December Years 1 and 2 Nativity 2.30pm

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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  $3.30 \, \text{pm}$  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)

# House Points

St. Andrew St. David

St. George

St. Patrick

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