

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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Welcome Back Everyone!

I am delighted to be writing the first newsletter of the academic year! The last few months have been the most challenging of times for schools and families; we are all aware that challenges continue with COVID-19 and as you know, we have control measures in place in line with Government Guidance.

It is wonderful having the children all back in school. When I was walking around the school on Monday morning, hearing their voices and laughter coming from each of their classrooms; it was music to my ears after so many months of reduced capacity.

They have settled in so well which is a credit to you as parents and carers in preparing your children to return to school, thank you for your understanding and support during this unprecedented time.

We will endeavour to keep school life as 'normal' as possible within our new 'normal'. For example, we still hold school assemblies; a time to come together to learn, pray and celebrate each other, these are conducted through video link throughout the school within their individual classrooms.

During the summer, amongst all of the preparations for the school re-opening we also had building work to complete the Infant and Junior areas; new floors and fresh paint to walls and ceilings! It looks amazing, we are delighted with the finish. I would like to thank Mrs Hall and Mr Martin for their support in preparing the school for reopening.

Below is a collection of photographs taken from around the school to share with you what school life has been like this week.

Our new floor and paint in the Infant Area



Our new floor and paint in the Junior Area



Class Attendance

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
%	97.67%	98.57%	98.67%	89.66%	98.62%	96.13%

Birthdays this week

Alex age 5
Hayley age 5
Yinka age 8
Maia age 8
Poppy age 6
Malachi age 11
Bobby age 8



All the children who celebrated a birthday during partial school closure or the summer holidays have received their belated birthday sticker!

The following children were in the 'Book of Excellence' today

Each class has been chosen this week for returning to school with such positivity and enthusiasm!

We are so proud of all of you!



Lunchtime Supervisors Award

All of the children for being wonderful all week during our lunch times!



Mathlete of the Week Starting Next Week



Buster Book Club Starting Next Week



WOW Starting Next Week



Dates for your diary

Monday 20th September: Jeans for Genes Day (any denim in exchange for a donation to Genetic Disorders UK via Parentmail)

Friday 9th October: World Mental Health Day—more details to follow

13th and 14th October: Medway Tests

22nd October: Individual photographs

Friday 23rd October: Last day of Term 1

Week beginning 26th October: Half Term week

2nd November: Back to School

17th—20th November Year 6 Bikeability

More dates to follow

Dear Lord,

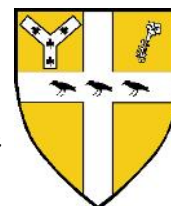
Thank You for this new school year and for keeping us safe. Help us to continue our learning and keep us on your path of goodness.

We ask that You help us on this adventure through the year and be the best we can. Please remind us that when we make mistakes, we can learn from them and give us the determination to carry on.

We thank You for all you do for us.

Amen

A reflective prayer written by our Year 6 children—well done!



Jean for Genes Day

Monday 21st September



In support of Genetic Disorders UK, we will be holding our annual 'Jeans for Genes' day on Monday 21st September. - we have chosen this date as it does not clash with any classes wearing their PE kits! The children may wear any item of denim in exchange for a donation to Jeans for Genes.

Importantly, we will not be accepting donations in school in the form of coins or notes. Donations must be made via Parentmail—I am sure you can understand this is to avoid handling of coins etc.

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.