



# St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

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

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## Newsletter

7th January 2022



**Happy New Year!** I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break. On behalf of the staff and myself, I would like to thank you for your kind cards and gifts at the end of term.

It is lovely to see the children back after the Christmas holidays. Our Outbreak Management Plan is no longer required at the moment however, it has been reviewed should the need arise to implement further control measures. We continue to maintain our control measures including good hygiene for everyone, appropriate cleaning regimes, keeping occupied spaces well ventilated and following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19. Regarding the need to keep occupied spaces well ventilated; although the heating is on in school, the windows remain open for ventilation. The DfE guidance states that opening external windows can improve natural ventilation, and in addition, opening internal doors can also assist with creating a throughput of air. We balance the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature. Of course, like last year, as the weather gets colder, your child may wish to wear an extra layer in the classroom such as their PE jumper if they choose to.

### Severe Weather (ice/snow)

We are in the 'Winter' months and therefore we are experiencing colder weather which can bring with it the possibility of snow and ice. Please ensure that your child has suitable warm outdoor clothing — coat, gloves and hats.

We will make every effort to prepare for severe snow/ice this winter. If we do experience severe weather resulting in hazardous and unsafe conditions, we may need to make the decision to close our school to the children (a decision which is never taken lightly).

Once a decision is made to close, we will:

- Post a message on our school website.
- Send a message to parents/carers via Parentmail (text and/or email);
- We will update the school website regularly to keep parents and carers informed about arrangements for the following day.
- We will inform the Kent Closures website [www.kentclosures.co.uk](http://www.kentclosures.co.uk) of our school closure.

The most effective means of communication is through Parentmail when we can text you to inform you of school closure and also inform you of the school opening again. **Please do sign up for Parentmail if you have not already done so.**

If the School is forced to close during the day, we will immediately post a message on the website and send a message to parents and carers via Parentmail.

### Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday date

As you will know, there is an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3rd June 2022 to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Many schools across the country, including our school, are already on Half Term break on this date. Therefore, the Department of Education has authorised schools to take this additional one-day holiday on another term-time date.

We will take this one-day additional holiday on **Monday 4th July 2022.**

The children will not be in school that day.

We will update the term dates on our school website to include this change.

### Class Attendance 2021/22

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93%	100%	99%	94%	97%	99%	96%



## Birthdays

Rosie age 7  
Sienna age 10  
Polly age 7  
Isaac age 7  
Bethany age 10



## Book of Excellence

Year R Isaac and Elizabeth  
Year 1 Samson and Ano  
Year 2 Lucas.M and Sawyer  
Year 3 Louie and Isabella  
Year 4 Xavier and Yinka  
Year 5 Tobi and Thomas  
Year 6 Daniel and Yinka



## Mathlete of the Week

Year R Romee  
Year 1 Ivy  
Year 2 Tomisin  
Year 3 Charlotte  
Year 4 Elizabeth  
Year 5 Tobi  
Year 6 Ashton



## Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion

This year we are assisting the Parish with the Sacramental preparation classes.

If your child is in Year 3 or above and has been baptised Catholic and you wish for them to make their Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion there will be an information session for Parents and Carers in the Church Nartex on Tuesday 18th January at 5.15pm.

This is an opportunity to meet with Fr. Adams to discuss this commitment and the preparation details and dates. Please wear a mask a mask if you are attending.

## WOW Year R



## Buster Book Club Year 3



## Dates for your diary

**15 January** – Closing date for Year R applications September 2022 (please remember the SIF (supplementary information form) should be returned to the school office by 15th January)

**18 January**—Sacrament preparation meeting for Parents and Carers in the Church Nartex 5.15pm

Number  
Day 2019

**4 February** – NSPCC Number Day—non-uniform day—more information to follow

**8 February**—Safer Internet Day

**9 February**— Year 2 Assembly 2.30pm

**11 February**—Last day of Term 3

Week beginning 14 February— Half Term break

**21 February**—back to school Term 4

Week Beginning 28 February—Book Week

**25 March**—Year R Assembly 2.30pm

**29 March**— Easter Reflection 2.30pm

**31 March**— Easter Reflection 2.30pm

**1 April**— Year 5 Assembly 2.30pm

**1 April**—Last day of Term 4

**4 April to 18 April**— Easter Holiday break

**19 April**—start of Term 5

**20 May**—Year 1 Class assembly 2.30pm

**27 May**—Last Day of Term 5

## Epiphany

Yesterday was the Feast of the Epiphany.

The children took part in lessons and collective worships to celebrate this feast during this season of Christmastide.

Next week, we will attend a whole school Mass in the Church to mark the beginning of our new term. Fr. Adams has kindly agreed to celebrate Mass with the staff and children at a separate time to the Parish Mass times as an additional Covid measure.



## National Free School Meals

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January is Census day and Chartwells have produced a special menu.

**The number of Universal Free School meals taken by Years R, 1 and 2 on this day will have a direct impact on our funding.**

If your child is in Year R, 1 and 2 we would encourage you to order a FREE school dinner on this day.

Please order on ParentMail in the usual way.

## House Points



**St. Patrick**

3267



**St. George**

3880



**St. Andrew**

4125



**St. David**

3554