



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 hope you all had a happy and restful Christmas. This is our first newsletter of the new year, I would like to wish all of our children, staff and families a wonderful 2023. On behalf of myself and our staff, I would like to thank you for your cards and gifts before the Christmas break.

We have had a good first full week back to school. We continue to welcome our Sports Specialist into school every Tuesday who teaches PE to each class and our Music specialist who teaches music to Years 3 and 4. We have also welcomed an additional Music specialist who will be teaching music to our children in Years 1 and 2 over the next 8 weeks.

Next week, we will welcome Medway Library Services into school again to lead an assembly with the children in Key Stage 2 including careers in the library service.

Icebergs

This week we have been learning about icebergs. We used ice cubes to create our own icebergs and floated them in water. We made initial observations to see how they behaved at first. The water became colder, the ice turned transparent and there were air bubbles in the middle of each one. We then added salt to the water to see how they reacted to being in the salt-water ocean. Our icebergs began to melt quite quickly and they began to crack. The air bubbles also escaped. We found out that icebergs float because they are less dense than water and salt lowers the freezing point of water and therefore melted the ice quickly. It was a fun lesson!



Attendance

Attendance is a high priority at our School. It is important that the children have good attendance to support their well-being, attainment and progress. Our weekly newsletter contains the percentage of attendance for each class. Of course, we understand that when your child is unwell they are not able to attend school. However, I would like to remind Parents and Carers that we will not authorise holidays unless there are really exceptional circumstances.

Our Attendance policy is on our website and can be found here: [Attendance Policy](#)

Behaviour Policy

At St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School we pride ourselves on the excellent behaviour of our children. Good behaviour is central to a good education. As a school, we manage behaviour well to enable us to provide a calm, safe and supportive environment in which our children can learn and thrive. We are very grateful for your support as Parents and Carers as we work in partnership to maintain high standards of behaviour.

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Class Attendance 2022/23

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
99%	95%	95%	93%	94%	94%	95%

Birthdays

Elsie	age 11
Rosie	age 8
Sienna	age 11
Polly	age 11
Isaac	age 8
Sienna	age 5
Bethany	age 11
Jacob	age 11
Emmery	age 8
Margot	age 6
Gabriel	age 11
Lucas	age 8
Faye	age 5
Harris	age 10



Dates for your diary

3 February Year 2 Assembly 2.30pm
 Week beginning 6 February—Children's Mental Health Week
 7 February Online Safety Day
 10 February Last Day of Term 3
 Week beginning 13 February Half Term Break
 20 February INSET Day—Children not in school
 21 February first Day of Term 4
 Week beginning 27 February—Book Week
 2 March World Book Day Book Character Dress up day
 Week beginning 13 March—Science Week

Book of Excellence

The following children received their sticker during assembly this morning.

Year R	Omolara and Muna
Year 1	Isaac and Amelia
Year 2	Kayden and Nathaniel
Year 3	Jessica and Poppy
Year 4	Theo and Freya
Year 5	TY and Francesca
Year 6	Moyin and Freya



Medway Can



This week the children have taken part in Medway Stars 'Let's get Jumping' competition. This is great way to keep our children active throughout the day. Our children in Year 5 are collecting the data to enter the competition—well done Year 5.

After School Clubs

Our clubs start next week with the introduction of a homework club to support the children with their homework and learning.

If your child has been successful gaining a place in their chosen club you will have received a permission form through Parentmail. This must be completed and submitted to allow your child to attend.

Please remember that clubs finish promptly at 4.15pm. The children should be collected from the playground as they are at 3.30pm.

I would like to thank our amazing staff for their time to run the extra-curricular clubs.

Lunchtime Supervisors Award

The following children received their sticker during a celebration assembly

Year R	Isaac
Year 1	Rida
Year 2	Jonathan
Year 3	Niamh
Year 4	Francesca
Year 5	Abbie
Year 6	Williams



Mathlete of the Week

Year R	Alice
Year 1	Joseph
Year 2	Adam
Year 3	Ava
Year 4	Harry
Year 5	Amelia
Year 6	Max O



Buster's Book Club

Year R



WOW
Year 2



House Points

St. Patrick

4130

St. George

3462

St. Andrew

4065

St. David

3462

