



# 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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I hope you have all had a good week! On Thursday, we welcomed our new Year R children; this was very exciting! Our Year 6 children have embraced their role as Lunchtime Buddies with enthusiasm and kindness; truly living out our mission statement!

Next Friday is Jeans for Genes Day. The Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected. On Friday, the children and staff may wear denim in exchange for a donation to the charity. Any denim clothing is fine in exchange for a donation to the Jeans for Genes charity. Donations can be made through Parentmail. Thank you for your support.



Following the sad news of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II last week; the children have been reflecting on her life and reign within their lessons and assemblies. The children have written lovely prayers and produced impressive art work.

As you are aware, all schools will be closed on Monday 19th September, which will be a special Bank Holiday on the day of the State Funeral.



### Year R 2022

Year R have had a fantastic first couple of days in Primary School! We are so excited for all of you as you begin your Primary School years at St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School. Mrs Burns and Mrs Carey are so proud of how well they have settled in.

We made first day Keyring gifts to bring home and made handprint art with the poem:



*Here are my hands with ten fingers in all.  
My first mark in school to hang on the wall.  
As years go by, I will remember and say,  
"My hands and I had a good first day!"  
September 2022*



## Class Attendance 2022/23

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
100%	96%	99%	98%	97%	98%	98%



## Birthdays

Amber age 6



## Book of Excellence

The following children received their sticker during our celebration assembly this morning.

- Year 1 Davina and Harry
- Year 2 Joel and Adam
- Year 3 Shantel and Nevaeh
- Year 4 Timothy and Iris
- Year 5 Bobby and Maddison
- Year 6 Thomas and Maizie



## Lunchtime Supervisors Award

The following children received their sticker during our celebration assembly this morning.

- Year R Whole class for settling in so well.
- Year 1 Timi
- Year 2 Hayley
- Year 3 Poppy
- Year 4 Jude
- Year 5 Thomas
- Year 6 Lacey



Do you speak another language? Would you like to share your knowledge and experiences of another language and culture with the children in our school? If so we would like to invite you to come into school and join us as we celebrate the **European Day of Languages on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September.**

Please contact Mrs Liggins SENCO and Modern Foreign Language Lead for more details on how you can get involved by emailing [Senco@staugustine.medway.sch.uk](mailto:Senco@staugustine.medway.sch.uk)

## Dates for your diary

**19 September** Youth Mental Health day/ Special Bank Holiday for the State Funeral

**23 September** Jeans for Genes day

**Week beginning 26 September** Little Way Week—a week to commemorate Thérèse of Lisieux

**26 September** European day of languages—see below

**Week beginning 3 October** Dyslexia and Dyspraxia awareness week

**10 October** Hello Yellow World Mental Health Day—children may wear yellow in place of uniform to support Young Minds

**14 October** Harvest Celebration

**21 October** last day of Term 1

**31 October** first day of Term 2

**7 November** individual children and school sibling photographs

**Week beginning 14 November** Anti-Bullying week

**14 November** Odd Socks Day in support of Anti-Bullying Week More dates to follow

## School Council

This week, each class held their School Council elections to find out who will be the class representatives for this academic year.



Our children's voice is very important to us; St Augustine of Canterbury is their school and we want their experiences to be the very best they can be for their education, well-being and safety. Our School Council encourages our children to have a real say in issues that affect them and to know that their opinions count.

## Class Representatives

Year R: Faye and Aaron

Year 1: Romee and Cody

Year 2: Kayden and Sophia

Year 3: Lucas. H and Shantel

Year 4: Lara and Charlie

Year 5: Ademola and Chantelle

Year 6: Bethany and Tobi

## Parking

Thank you to the parents and carers who park safely everyday when dropping off and collecting your children. Unfortunately, this is not the case across our school community. I have received reports of dangerous and irresponsible parking at the beginning and end of the school day. The safety of our children and staff is paramount and parking in this way is putting them at risk and is dangerous!

- Keep the yellow zig-zag lines clear of stopped or parked vehicles during the fixed times.
- Do not drop off or collect children at the main school gate by stopping your vehicle in the driveway.
- Do not use the entrance to perform a U-Turn. This is dangerous.
- Do not park on the pavement either side of the school entrance, at any time. Parking on the pavement next to the school gates is extremely dangerous for those entering or leaving the school by the main gate.
- Avoid mounting the grass verges either side of Deanwood Drive, this is causing unsightly damage and obstruction.
- Do not park close to the islands either side of the school entrance; this could cause an obstruction for the normal flow of traffic including larger vehicles and emergency services.
- Only park in the bays in the Church carpark, do not park on the grass, in front of the Presbytery driveway or in front of the Church doors.
- Do not park at the entrance to the Church grounds, particularly on the corners, as this restricts visibility when exiting onto Deanwood Drive.

We need your support and commitment to rapidly improve the parking for the safety of our children and community. Thank you.