



# St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

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



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## Newsletter

1 December 2023  
Our school value this term is:  
**Be Caring**

This Sunday marks the first Sunday of Advent. It is the season in which we prepare and wait for the coming of Jesus. During Advent we light a candle for every week, this week we light the purple candle.

This week Mrs Champion has spent some time getting to know Year 1 before her official return on 18th December. We will therefore say goodbye to Miss De Sousa on Friday 15th December. I would like to thank her for her dedication to the children and our school community whilst she has been part of our team. We wish her all the very best for the future.

You will receive a ParentMail from the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) with details about their Christmas Disco on Friday 15th December, entrance fee is £2 and payment can be made through ParentMail. This is also a non uniform Day for all children (sensible shoes, clothing suitable for the weather and no jewellery).



### Parking outside of School

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who park considerately outside of the school when dropping off and collecting your children at the beginning of the school day and end of the school day. However, following a number of complaints from local residents concerning parking, we are asking for your support to park safely either in the church car park (not around the entrance of the car park) or safely and considerately on the main road or residential areas. We are reminding parents and carers of considerate parking as reports have been made that some parents and carers are parking entirely on the pavement and blocking the way for pedestrians/push chairs/wheelchairs. Inconsiderate and unsafe parking puts children, pedestrians and other drivers at risk as visibility to cross the road and walk safely on the path is obstructed.

It is ultimately the responsibility of drivers to park safely for the well-being of our children and community and to set a good example to your children. If you rely on others to transport your child to or from school, please relay this information to them to ensure they park safely.

I would also like to remind parents and carers not to enter our school staff car park in the morning (unless you have accessibility requirements) or enter our school staff car park before 4.30pm when you may collect your child from Evening Owls after school club only.



### Class of the Week Year 5

This term we have been learning all about the Tudors. So far, we have explored the homes of Henry VIII, his wives and the King himself. This week, we learnt about the lives of the rich and poor during the Tudor period. We explored the jobs that people did and created our own job advertisements. It was really interesting and we are glad some of the jobs aren't around anymore.



Job title	What they did	What we had about this job was...	What was it about this job was...	Score out of 10 for homework
Headman	all people with an authority	you could be a headman	you could be a headman	9/10
Spit-boy	you had to spit your spit into a bowl	you had to spit your spit into a bowl	you had to spit your spit into a bowl	8/10
Grass of the stool	Wipe the highball	could be a job	could be a job	10/10
Day farmer	pick up eggs and milk	you could be a day farmer	you could be a day farmer	9/10
Ray actor	play a part on a stage	you could be a ray actor	you could be a ray actor	5/10
Pin maker	make pins from wire	you could be a pin maker	you could be a pin maker	2/10
Wood deer	to make the deer	you could be a wood deer	you could be a wood deer	1/10
Fishwife	to make the fish	you could be a fishwife	you could be a fishwife	3/10



### Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 7th December is Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save The Children. The children may wear any festive jumpers, clothing or accessories in exchange for a donation to Save The Children which can be made through ParentMail. As we are attending the Pantomime on this day, it will be lovely to look festive for our Christmas treat.



## Class Attendance 2023/24

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97%	97%	94%	91%	88%	93%	92%

Well done to Years R and 1 with 97% attendance this week!



## Birthdays

Children who have celebrated their birthday this week.

Jayden age 6  
 Quinn age 5  
 Maximilian age 10  
 Zach H age 11  
 Kayden age 8  
 Tara age 8  
 Nathania age 10  
 William age 10



## Dates for your diary

5 December 2pm New Reception intake tours  
 6 December Year 6 trip Kent Life Museum Victorian day  
 7 December Whole school Pantomime at the Hazlitt Theatre (Please complete ParentMail form)  
 7 December Christmas Jumper Day  
 8 December Carol-a-thon for Demelza House Year 4  
 11 and 12 December 2.30pm Years 1 and 2 Nativity in the school hall  
 11 December Last week of clubs  
 12 December Year 5 trip to Hampton Court Palace  
 13 December 2.30pm Years 4 & 5 Enterprise Christmas Market  
 13 December School Christmas Lunch  
 15 December 9.15am Year 6 Class Assembly  
 15 December non uniform day  
 15 December PTA (Parent Teacher Association) Disco  
     Infant Disco 3.30pm-4.30pm  
     Junior Disco 4.45pm-5.45pm  
 18 December 2.30pm Year R Nativity  
 20 December Celebration Assembly and Carol Service  
 20 December Last day of term  
 3 January INSET day children not in school  
 4 January Children back in school

## Book of Excellence

The children have received their Headteacher sticker in assembly

Year R Willow and Jasper  
 Year 1 Sienna and Sienna  
 Year 2 Harry and Rida  
 Year 3 Eugene and Johnathan  
 Year 4 Toki and Niamh  
 Year 5 Joseph and Isabella  
 Year 6 Ademola and TY



## Lunchtime Supervisors Award

Year R Michael  
 Year 1 Jordan  
 Year 2 Eliana  
 Year 3 Leo  
 Year 4 Tomisin  
 Year 5 Faith  
 Year 6 Maxwell



## Family Christmas Singalong

St. Augustine of Canterbury Church would like to invite all families to join them on **Sunday 17th December at 3.30pm** for a **FAMILY CHRISTMAS SINGALONG!**



## Mathletics

Year 1 Sienna H  
 Year 2 Levison  
 Year 3 Tomás  
 Year 4 Tomisin  
 Year 5 Timothy  
 Year 6 Alfie



## Mini Youth Games

This week we entered the Badminton Mini Youth Games at Medway Park. Well done!



## Out of School Achievement



We are very proud of Rome as he achieved "Man of the Match" for his football. Well done!

WOW  
Year 4



## House Points

St. Patrick

5229

St. George

5406

St. Andrew

4440

St. David

6008

