



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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Our school value this
term is: kindness

Be Kind



Thank you to all of the families who have supported their child to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge, encouraging them to read and enjoy books over the summer holidays and beyond! We were fortunate to welcome the Medway Library Service into school at the end of term 6 to tell the children about the challenge and encourage them to take part.

We have a few certificates in school already and would love more as we are creating a display to celebrate the children's reading achievements. If you have a certificate at home, please bring it into school to enable us to take a copy for our display (thank you if you have already brought your child's certificate into school).



Year R 2025

Our wonderful Year R class joined our school family yesterday! They are doing so well coming into school and getting used to their new routines.

Well done to all of the children in the school who have been showing the children our school values through their words and actions. A special thank you to Year 6 who are already amazing mentors to Year R during lunchtimes.



At St Augustine of Canterbury we want the children's homework to be purposeful and engaging. Therefore, we have purchased new workbooks for the children in Years 2 to 6 to take home as their home learning books. The children in Year 1 will be taking home a phonics practise book in the first instance.

The books have been selected as they are engaging, support the curriculum and reinforce the children's learning.

Each week, the children will be assigned pages on a Thursday to complete the activities in either Maths and/or English depending on which year group they are in. Books should be returned the following Tuesday at the latest.

As I am sure you can understand, purchasing the books is a large cost to the school. Therefore, if your child loses a book we will need to ask that the cost of a replacement is made by the parent/carer.

The children will continue to have spellings and reading as regular weekly homework in addition to occasional projects in the older year groups.

We would like to encourage all children to use our Sum Dog (Maths) and Phonics Play subscriptions at home to consolidate and strengthen their learning.

Thank you for your support.

Community

We have received requests from local residents to ask our parents and carers to please park considerably on the roads surrounding the school when picking up and dropping off your children. Please do not park on grass verges, in front of driveways and on corners which blocks visibility. We have also had reports of parent/carers idling and playing music loudly. Please treat our neighbours with respect as our school is part of our shared community.

We have also had concerns raised of the number of dogs around the school gate entrance.

For the safety and wellbeing of our children, if you need to bring your dog with you to the alleyway when dropping off or picking up your child, please ensure that you keep your dog safely away from other children at the school gate. This will help ensure that all children feel safe and comfortable as they enter or leave the school playground; understanding that some may be frightened of dogs.

Just a reminder that dogs are not permitted onto the playground.

Jeans for Genes

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.



Class Attendance 2025/26

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
100%	92.7%	98.1%	93.2%	96.0%	94.5%	99%



Birthdays

Poppy	age 11
Joseph	age 7
Hayley	age 10
Evelyn	age 6
Saint-Jotham	age 5
Amber	age 9
Samantha	age 7



Book of Excellence

Year 1	Zachary and Lottie
Year 2	Dorothy and Samantha
Year 3	Neriah and Lara
Year 4	Joshua and Savannah
Year 5	Charlie and Oscar
Year 6	Neveah and Emmerly



Lunchtime Supervisors Award

Year 1	Taylor
Year 2	Liam
Year 3	Kyla
Year 4	Joshua
Year 5	Tara
Year 6	Emmerly



School Values Kindness Award

Year 1	Zachariah
Year 2	Racheal
Year 3	Hayden
Year 4	Rida
Year 5	Israel
Year 6	Isaac



Achievements outside of School

We would love to hear about and celebrate your child's achievements outside of school.

This could be medals, certificates, or trophies etc. Please email office@staugustine.medway.sch.uk with their achievement and a photo (if you wish), which we can include in our newsletter.

Parent/Carer Information meetings

In addition to the parent information letters that have been sent home today, we are inviting parents and carers to come into the classroom after school to meet the teacher and receive important information regarding curriculum coverage, learning focus, routines, homework and general essential information.

The meetings will begin as soon as possible after the school day once the children have all been released to you.

Thank you for your support.

Dates for your diary

Remember to bring in your Summer Reading Challenge certificates for us to photocopy for our display!

- 15 September Year 5 Information Session for Parents/Carers after school in their classroom
- 16 September Medway Tests
- 16 September Year 3 Information Session for Parents/Carers after school in their classroom
- 17 September Medway Tests
- 18 September New School Year Mass 9.30am in the Church—parents and carers welcome.
- 18 September Year 6 Information Session for Parents/Carers after school in their classroom
- 19 September Jeans 4 Genes Day—children invited to wear jeans in exchange for a donation to the charity
- 22 September Year 1 Information Session for Parents/Carers after school in their classroom
- 23 September Year 2 Information Session for Parents/Carers after school in their classroom
- 24 September 'Noah Day' Jubilee Year of Hope—more details to follow
- 25 September 2026 Year R New Intake Tours 10am and 2pm
- 25 September Year R Information Session for Parents/Carers after school in their classroom
- 26 September European Day of Languages
- 26 September PTA meeting in school 2.45pm
- 26 September Year 4 Information Session for Parents/Carers after school in their classroom

October—Month of the Holy Rosary

- 2 October Harvest Mass in the Church 9.30am (date change)
- 10 October Hello Yellow Day—children invited to wear yellow in exchange for a donation to Young Minds
- 15 October 2026 Year R New Intake Tour 2pm
- 17 October Last day of term 1
- 17 October Non-Uniform Day to support PTA funds
- 17 October PTA meeting in school 2.45pm
- 27 October INSET day children not in school
- 28 October First day of Term 2
- 3 November School photos
- 5 November 2026 Year R New Intake Tour 2pm
- 5 November Parents Evening 4pm—7pm
- 6 November Flu Vaccinations all day—more information to follow
- 10 November Anti-Bullying Week
- 12 November Parents Evening 4pm—7pm
- 14 November Children in Need Day—more details to follow
- 14 November PTA meeting in school 2.45pm
- 21 November Jubilee Day—more information to follow
- 28 November PTA meeting in school 2.45pm
- 3 December PTA meeting in school 2.45pm
- 4 December Advent Mass in the Church 9.30am
- 4 December 2026 Year R New Intake Tour 2pm
- 5 December School Disco after school
- 8 December Years 1 and 2 Nativity 2.30pm
- 9 December Years 1 and 2 Nativity 2.30pm
- 10 December 2026 Year R New Intake Tour 2pm
- 11 December Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children
- 11 December Whole School trip to Hazlett Theatre Pantomime
- 16 December Year R Nativity 2.30pm
- 18 December Last Day of Term 2
- 18 December Junior Carol Service in the Church 2.15pm
- 19 December INSET Day—children not in school

House Points

St. Andrew

327

St. David

279

St. George

376

St. Patrick

306

