

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



Welcome back to school everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed a rest and special time with family and friends.

It was lovely to welcome the children back on Wednesday, including many children who have joined us across different year groups. We are looking forward to our Reception children starting school on Thursday; the whole school are excited to help them settle in.

As we embark on a new academic year full of learning, fun and creativity, I would like to thank all of our children, staff, parents and carers and governors for your continued support, enthusiasm and dedication to make our children's primary school experience the very best it can be. We continue to live out our Mission Statement together, 'I have called you by your name, you are mine.' Isaiah 43



Attendance

At St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School excellent attendance is of great importance for the Education, Welfare and Safeguarding of our children. The Department for Education is in support of excellent attendance in schools for all children and it is clear in Keeping Children Safe in Education that good attendance is a crucial part of safeguarding. Our school expects an attendance rate of 96% for every child.

We know that sometimes your child cannot come to school because they are really unwell - and that's the right thing to do for them and other children. Medical advice is clear however, that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend - for example if they have a cough, or cold, without a temperature. The NHS guidance [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) is designed to support parents/carers in your decision making.

We also know that children fall behind their friends and classmates when they miss school. At St Augustine of Canterbury we want the amount of missed education to be reduced as much as possible. We believe that our community is stronger together, with all of our children in school, on time, every day. We are building life skills, life-long friendships and preparing your child for future success.

I would also like to take this opportunity as we embark on a new academic year, to remind you that term time holidays will not be authorised. **Nationally, Headteachers are not permitted to approve term-time holidays** except in genuinely exceptional circumstances, and consider each application for a leave of absence individually before making a decision. The law clearly expects Headteachers to enforce these penalties strictly. Please school holidays in the school holidays throughout the year to avoid disrupting your child's education.

You will see from the low attendance percentages below that attendance is not what it could be in some classes for the 3 days we have been back to school. We look forward to the percentages improving next week. The class with the highest attendance will continue to receive the Attendance Trophy in assembly on Fridays, the children are very excited when their class achieve the trophy.

As always, the children with 100% attendance will be entered into a raffle at the end of Term 2.

Reminders

Please ensure that your child brings the following to school everyday:

Water bottle — As it states in our Uniform Policy, metal and glass water bottles are not permitted. If you would like to purchase a water bottle, this can be done through our Parentmail App.

School Contact Book — Please record your child's reading and any notes for the teacher. Also, we ask that Parents/Carers sign their child's contact book over the weekend to confirm that you have seen any achievements or notes from the teacher.

Reading Book — Please ensure that these are returned to school in good condition.

Coat/Jacket/Jumper — Particularly during the current changeable weather.

Snacks — If your child is in the juniors and you would like them to have a snack at breaktime please ensure that it is a healthy choice (fruit etc).

The children in the Infants do not need to bring in a snack as they receive a free piece of fruit daily. However, if they would like to buy something from the Healthy Snack shop, they will have the opportunity during Friday breaktime.

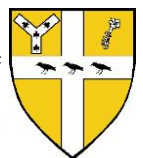
School Uniform

The children have returned to school looking very smart in our school uniform. Wearing our school uniform unites us in our St. Augustine of Canterbury family.

During Term 1, the children may wear their summer or winter uniform. After the half term break, when we enter Term 2, we ask that all children wear the winter uniform of white shirt (not white polo), tie, grey trousers, skirts or pinafores and grey sweater.

As you know, it remains our policy that earrings are not worn in school.

Please also remember that the children should be wearing school shoes and not trainers. Second-hand uniform is available and can benefit all parents, particularly those on low incomes. In addition, by extending the life of garments, it is more sustainable for the environment. Thank you for your continued support.



Class Attendance 2025/26

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
%	86.7%	88.0%	90.0%	90.0%	93.1%	98.4%



Birthdays

No birthdays this week



Book of Excellence

- Year 1 Koko and Aaron
- Year 2 Amelia and George
- Year 3 Jayden and Emilia
- Year 4 Ayana and Emi
- Year 5 Nathaniel D and Afraa
- Year 6 Jeremiah and Gloria



Lunchtime Supervisors Award

- Year 1 Caleb
- Year 2 Ava
- Year 3 Emilia
- Year 4 Rome
- Year 5 Stephanie
- Year 6 Mylo



School Values Kindness Award

- Year 1 Evelyn
- Year 2 Ava
- Year 3 Jaxson
- Year 4 Alice
- Year 5 Joel
- Year 6 Sasha



PE Days

The children will continue to wear their PE Kit to school on the days they have PE lessons.

PE Kit is plain navy shorts (not leggings or cycling shorts), plain white t-shirt (not polo, with or without the school logo), trainers or plimsols. On colder days, the children can wear plain navy tracksuit bottoms (not leggings) and plain navy hoody or sweat shirt with their usual plain white t-shirt.

Class	PE days
Year R	Monday and Thursday
Year 1	Monday and Friday
Year 2	Monday and Wednesday
Year 3	Monday and Wednesday
Year 4	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday and Friday
Year 6	Tuesday and Friday

Year R children should wear their winter or summer school uniform on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th. They will have their first PE lessons from Monday 15th September.

Dates for your diary

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

- 11 September Year R 2025 First Day
- 12 September Year 6 swimming lessons begin
- 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/Cares 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

- 9 October Harvest Mass in the Church 9.30am
- 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

House Points

St. Andrew

70

St. David

73

St. George

76

St. Patrick

68

