



UPCOMING DATES

- **Monday, 21 September:** PTA AGM at 3.40pm in the KS1 Hub Room (former Year 1 St Theresa Class Room) ;
- **Friday, 25 September:** Year R Phonics & Reading Session for all Reception parents at 9.15am
- **Friday, 25 September to Tuesday, 29 September:** School Book Fayre after school in the main school hall;
- **Friday, 25 September:** Diocese Beginning of the Year Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark for Years 3 & 4 School Chaplains;
- **Tuesday, 29 September:** KCSP Beginning of the Year Mass at Aylesford Priory for all School Chaplains;
- **Tuesday, 20 October:** Individual/Sibling School Photos;
- **Friday, 23 October:** Harvest Mass at 9.30am – all parents welcome;

Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebration of the Word

This week, our Celebration of the Word focused on the theme of forgiveness. In the Gospel from **Matthew 18:21-35**, Peter asks Jesus how many times he should forgive someone. Jesus teaches that forgiveness should be offered generously and without keeping count, reminding us that God's love and mercy have no limits.

The children reflected on how forgiveness is not always easy, but by choosing kindness, understanding and compassion, we can follow Jesus' example and help build a community rooted in love and peace.

"Lord, if my brother keeps on sinning against me, how many times do I have to forgive him?"
Matthew 18:21

As we continue through the term, we encourage all members of our school family to live out our values of **Love, Peace and Integrity** by showing forgiveness, patience and kindness to one another.

This week has been another wonderful opportunity to celebrate all that makes St Augustine's such a special place. We welcomed several visitors to the school, many of whom had not met our children before. It is always a pleasure to showcase our pupils and the incredible work they are doing. Without exception, our visitors comment on the warm welcome they receive and how happy, respectful and enthusiastic our St Augustine's children are.

One of our visitors this week was **Canon Graziano** who was given a tour of the school by a student from Year 2. He confidently explained how he lives out our school values of **Love, Peace and Integrity**. It was wonderful to see him speak so proudly about our school and the faith that underpins all that we do. Canon Graziano was delighted to see that the mural celebrates the charism of Saint Augustine and tells the story of how our school came into existence. As many of you know, St Augustine's Parish Church recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of the opening of the present church on Crescent Road. This significant milestone provided an opportunity to reflect on the rich history of our parish and school community and the strong partnership that continues to flourish between them today.

Congratulations to all of our Headteacher Award Winners. We enjoyed a fun and joyful Celebration Assembly today where we recognised and celebrated the wonderful children in our school who have demonstrated our values, worked hard in their learning and made a positive contribution to our St Augustine's community. It is always a privilege to celebrate the achievements of our pupils, and we are incredibly proud of all those who received an award.



Our Pupil Chaplains were officially announced during our Celebration Assembly this morning. As part of their commissioning, I presented each child with a special cross and prayer card, along with the message **"In God we trust. Do not be afraid."** We are incredibly proud of the children who have accepted this important role and look forward to seeing them lead and support our school community in faith throughout the year.

Next week, Mrs Holden will travel to London with our Pupil Chaplains from Years 3 & 4, accompanied by Mrs De Guzman and Mrs Gallagher. We are very excited about this special visit and look forward to joining other schools from across the Archdiocese at **St George's Cathedral, the mother church of the Archdiocese of Southwark**. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our Pupil Chaplains to grow in their faith, reflect on their mission and celebrate their important ministry within our school community.

Thank you for your continued support of our children and our school community. Together, we continue to grow in faith, learning and love, following the example of Saint Augustine and living out our mission each day.

God bless,

Louise Holden
Headteacher

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Book Fair Competition: Recreate a Book Cover!

To celebrate the arrival of the Book Fair, we are inviting all pupils to take part in our **"Recreate a Book Cover" Competition**. Children can choose their favourite book and recreate the front cover using drawing, painting, collage or any other creative method.

Winning entries will receive **Book Fair vouchers** and a selection of the best designs will be displayed in our library to help brighten and refresh the space for everyone to enjoy. We can't wait to see your creativity and celebrate our love of reading!

Closing date: Wednesday, 23 September 2026

Please ensure your child's name and class are written on the back of their entry.

CLUBS

Dance Club

Congratulations to Soraya for being the Dancer of the Week at Dance Club!





PTA NEWS



determination and resilience, growing in confidence more each day. Well done, Sedoo! Elliott - is always enthusiastic and eager to learn, approaching each day with energy and a positive attitude. He works hard in lessons, listens carefully and is quick to follow instructions, helping him to make great progress in his learning. He is also a kind and sociable member of the class who makes sure everyone is included. We are so proud of the maturity and determination he is showing every day. Well done, Elliott!

3 St Peter: Mrs Stanbridge

Emily - for adapting to a big change so quickly and sensibly. Well done!

Klara - for helping to make our classroom a happy, safe and welcoming place.

4 St Paul: Mrs Hope

Arthur - for excellent writing in English;
Frankie - for all the small acts of kindness that she does for the class throughout the day. They are much appreciated.

5 St Luke: Mrs Crabb

Arabella - always on task producing thoughtful and impressive results;

Kamil - shows peace, integrity and love by guiding and supporting others.

5/6 St Patrick: Miss Atherton

Jonathan - for his attention to detail in English. I was incredibly proud of his information text about Saint Patrick;

Luis - for showing integrity at all times, setting an example to those around him!

6 St Mark: Mrs Beckett & Mrs McCarthy

Dokua - for being incredibly brave in showing her working out in maths;

Wojciech - for always being helpful and showing initiative in everything he does.

HEADTEACHERS AWARDS

Reception St Francis: Mrs Liddle & Mrs McCarthy

Oscar - for the value of love - he is a lovely kind friend to others;

Neveah - for her wonderful attitude to learning.

1 St Theresa: Mrs Croker & Mrs Slattery

Maria - for being loving and kind to her friends;

Oscar - for creating some lovely pictures in RE.

2 St Bernadette: Miss Atkinson & Mrs Mundy

Sedoo - is a respectful and kind member of the class who always listens carefully and gives her best every day. She demonstrates integrity by acting honestly and taking responsibility for her choices. Through her thoughtful actions and positive attitude she lives out our Catholic values each day and is a wonderful role model to others. Sedoo works extremely hard and approaches every challenge with