



UPCOMING DATES

- **Monday, 28 September:** School Book Fayre after school in the main school hall;
- **Monday, 28 September:** PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale after school;
- **Tuesday, 29 September:** KCSP Beginning of the Year Mass at Aylesford Priory for all School Chaplains;
- **Tuesday, 29 September:** School Book Fayre after school in the main school hall;
- **Monday, 5 October:** PTA Meeting after school in the KS1 Hub Room;
- **Tuesday, 6 October:** Curriculum Afternoon for Year 4 from 2.30 to 3.15pm;
- **Wednesday, 7 October:** Curriculum Afternoon for Year 1 from 2.30 to 3.15pm;
- **Thursday, 8 October:** Curriculum Afternoon for Years 2 & 6 from 2.30 to 3.15pm;
- **Friday, 9 October:** Curriculum Afternoon for Years 3 & 5 from 2.30 to 3.15pm;
- **Tuesday, 20 October:** Individual/Sibling School Photos;
- **Friday, 23 October:** Harvest Mass at 9.30am – all parents welcome;
- **Friday, 23 October:** End of Term 1;
- **Monday, 2 November:** Start of Term 2;
- **Monday, 2 November:** Deadline for Secondary School Applications (Year 6 parents).

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy week at St Augustine's, I have once again been reminded of just how much there is to celebrate within our wonderful school community.

Happy Birthday This Month!

We would like to wish a very **Happy Birthday** to all of our children and staff who have celebrated their birthday this month!

We hope your special day was filled with love, happiness and many blessings. May God bless you on your birthday and throughout the year ahead.

Happy birthday from everyone at St Augustine's.

Daniel	Year 4
Sara	Year 6
Violet	Year 6
Karthikeyan	Year 6
Nathan	Year 3
Teo	Year 4
Kamil	Year 5
Ieva	Year 5
Jonathan	Year 6
George	Year 6
Truly-Bleu	Year R
Alfonso	Year 5
Sana	Year 4
Gabriella	Year R
Aden	Year 6
Toby	Year 6
Francesca	Year 4
Leticia	Year 2

Growing Together in Faith, Knowledge and in God's Love

Everyone Has a Place

This week in our Collective Worship, we reflected on Sunday's Gospel from Matthew and the parable of the workers in the vineyard. Jesus reminds us of God's wonderful generosity and that every person is valued, everyone has something to offer and everyone has a place in God's Kingdom

"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."
Matthew 20:16

Our Key Message

God does not ask us to compare ourselves with others. Instead, He asks us to recognise the gifts we have been given, use them well and celebrate the gifts we see in those around us. Each of us is called to contribute in our own way.

This links beautifully with our school values of Love, Peace and Integrity and our mission of *Growing Together in Faith, Knowledge and in God's Love.*

We Saw This in Action at St Augustine's...

We have seen this Gospel message lived out in so many ways this week. Our children have encouraged one another, shown kindness, taken responsibility and demonstrated the courage to step forward and contribute to our school community.

It was particularly fitting that, during a week when we have been reflecting on the gifts and value of every individual, so many of our children put themselves forward for positions of leadership within our school.

Growing Our Pupil Leaders – House Captains & Vice-Captains

This week was a particularly exciting week at St Augustine's as we selected our new House Captains and Vice-Captains.

We were incredibly proud of every child who applied. Putting yourself forward for a leadership position takes courage, confidence and integrity. It was wonderful to hear our pupils speak so passionately about St Augustine's, their ideas for their Houses and, most importantly, their desire to serve others and make a positive difference.

The whole process has been a wonderful experience for our children and an important step in strengthening pupil leadership and pupil voice across our school. We want our children to know that their ideas matter, their voices are heard and they can play an active part in shaping our school community.

A huge well done to everybody who applied and to all of the children who were shortlisted.

We are delighted to introduce our new House Captains and Vice-Captains:

RUBY

House Captain – Freddie

Vice-Captain – Sara



EMERALD

House Captain – Kartickeyen S

Vice-Captain – Bonita





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TOPAZ

House Captain – Dokua
Vice-Captain – Matthew



SAPPHIRE

House Captain – Peter
Vice-Captain – Leona



One of the most special parts of the process was hearing directly from our children about why they wanted to become leaders and what they hope to contribute to St Augustine's. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for some of the amazing comments we heard when interviewing our shortlisted students.

We are very proud of our new House Captains and Vice-Captains look forward to seeing them lead by example, listen to their fellow pupils, encourage others and live out our values of Love, Peace and Integrity.

Congratulations to you all!

Curriculum Afternoons

We are pleased to let you know that we will be holding Curriculum Afternoons for all our parents next month.

Our Curriculum Afternoons will provide parents and carers with an opportunity to come into school and learn more about what your child will be learning this year, our curriculum expectations, key classroom routines and ways in which you can support your child's learning at home.

They are also a valuable opportunity to strengthen the partnership between home and school, as we work together to help every child flourish.

All sessions will take place from 2:30pm–3:15pm.

Tuesday 6 October – Year 4;

Wednesday 7 October – Year 1;

Thursday 8 October – Year 2 and Year 6;

Friday 9 October – Year 3 and Year 5.

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We very much hope you will be able to join us. However, if you are unable to attend, please do not worry. The slides from each Curriculum Afternoon will be shared on our school website, so that all families can access the information.

A Special Day at St George's Cathedral

We ended the week on a high as today I had the pleasure of accompanying our School Chaplains to St George's Cathedral, alongside Mrs de Guzman and Mrs Gallagher.

We had a wonderful day together, giving our chaplains an opportunity to deepen their faith and reflect on the important role they play in supporting and developing the Catholic life of our school.

There were many special moments throughout the day, but the highlight had to be meeting Archbishop John Wilson. What a wonderful experience for our children and certainly a moment we will remember!

Our School Chaplains represented St Augustine's beautifully throughout the day, and we were incredibly proud of them.

Further details and photographs from our day will be posted on our Facebook page.



As another busy week at St Augustine's comes to an end, there is so much for us to be thankful for and celebrate. From our children stepping forward as leaders to our School Chaplains representing us at St George's Cathedral, we continue to see our children growing together in faith, knowledge and in God's love.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

Have a wonderful and restful weekend.

God bless,

Mrs Holden
Headteacher

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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Application for Secondary School – September 2027

Online applications opened on Tuesday, 1 September 2026 and **will close on Monday 2 November 2026**.

Applications can be made at :

www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions. If you are unable to access the online site, an alternative format can be requested by emailing : kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk.

Reception & Year 5

Some of our Year 5 students teamed up with our youngest learners in Reception this week for the launch of our new Reading Buddies programme.

The afternoon was filled with excitement as the older children took on the role of mentors. They guided their younger partners through picture books, practiced phonics sounds and shared their favourite stories.



Reception

A huge thank you to all the Reception parents and carers who joined us for our Phonics Workshop this morning. It was wonderful to see parents supporting their child's early reading journey.

During the session we explored how we teach daily sounds and oral blending in class. If you weren't able to make it, or if you would like a quick refresher, you can find our workshop resources and helpful sound guides on the Little Wandle website.

Top Tip for this week: Try to spend just 5–10 minutes a day practicing the focus sounds your child brings home—short bursts are incredibly effective!



CLUBS

Dance Club



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

PTA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM on Monday.

We are pleased to introduce our new PTA committee:

Chair: Emily Stanbridge;

Treasurer: Jade Williams;

Secretaries: Alaitz Maia Aldecoa de Elkins and Zlena Sartori;

Communications Representative: Hettie Gava;

Second-Hand Uniform Coordinators: Katy Seedhouse and Emily Burrows.

A letter from our new Chair is attached to this newsletter.

We would also like to thank the parents who have volunteered as class representatives so far:

St Bernadette (Year 2) : Roman and Tanya;

St Patrick (Years 5/6): Zlena.

If you are interested in becoming a class rep for your class please email ptaAugustines@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

- 2nd hand uniform sale afterschool on Monday 28th September! Bring cash, please!
- Our next PTA meeting will be on Monday, 5 October, straight after school in the KS1 Hub Room (old St Theresa classroom). We will discuss upcoming events and begin planning for the year ahead. Everyone is welcome!

The PTA would like to extend a huge Thank You to Maia for four years of dedication as PTA chair.

It certainly hasn't always been an easy job, and the enormous task of raising funds for the new playground was a challenge in itself. But with determination, countless hours and a lot of hard work, we got there and seeing the children enjoying the new playground has made it all so worthwhile.

Thank you for everything you have done for the school and for all the time and energy you have given over the past four years. We're delighted that you'll still be part of the PTA as Co-Sanctuary, and we look forward to continuing to work with you!

The PTA Team

HEADTEACHERS AWARDS

Reception St Francis: Mrs Liddle & Mrs McCarthy

Truly - for her value of love and peace. Helping to tidy without asking and being a kind friend;

Eliza - for her hard working attitude, always listening well and taking care of her work.

1 St Theresa: Mrs Croker & Mrs Slattery

Darcie - for excellent participation and being helpful and kind;

Nina - for working hard in Maths and being a kind friend.

2 St Bernadette: Miss Atkinson & Mrs Mundy

Eliana - for always being a fantastic role model in class and for trying her best in absolutely everything she does;

Mohammed - for persevering with his writing this week.

3 St Peter: Mrs Stanbridge

Renild - for excellent effort in his work this week. Well done!

Sairah - for being a kind friend who looks out for others.

4 St Paul: Mrs Hope

Maldini - for thoughtful responses in RE;

Robyn - for being a supportive and kind helper to her class mates.

5 St Luke: Mrs Crabb

Maddie – who has written an impressive factual account of St Luke our class Saint;

Tommie – his dedication to his work is exceptional. He demonstrates love, integrity and peace at all times.

5/6 St Patrick: Miss Atherton

Erika - for her developing confidence and sharing her ideas with her peers;

Hrithvik - for always following the value of common good. He is extremely helpful within the classroom!

6 St Mark: Mrs Beckett & Mrs McCarthy

Amelia - for always being a role model to others by following all our school values and helping others to achieve their best;

George - for always wanting to improve his work and working hard to up level his writing.