

UPCOMING DATES

- **Monday, 5 October:** PTA Meeting at 3.35pm;
- **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);
- **Tuesday, 3 November:** Parent Consultations in the main school hall from 4.00 to 6.30pm (further information to follow);
- **Thursday, 5 November:** Parent Consultations in the main school hall from 4.00 to 6.30pm (further information to follow).

Dear Parents and Carers,

There are some weeks that remind you exactly why St Augustine's is such a special place to learn, grow and belong, and this has certainly been one of them.

Aylesford Priory

One of the highlights of my week was accompanying our Pupil Chaplains and Mrs De Guzman to the beautiful Friars at Aylesford Priory. The children represented our school wonderfully and were a real credit to the St Augustine's community. Their reverence, enthusiasm and thoughtful participation throughout the day demonstrated the values that make us so proud of our pupils.

The visit was particularly meaningful for me as it formed part of my induction as a new Headteacher within the Trust. During a beautiful Mass led by Bishop Paul Hendricks, I took part in a commissioning service alongside other leaders. One of the prayers and reflections shared by Bishop Paul has remained with me throughout the week, reminding me that leadership is rooted in service, compassion and faith. It was a privilege to take part in such a special occasion and one that strengthened my commitment to serving our school community.



School Council

Our School Council also met this week and enjoyed discussing what makes St Augustine's such a special place, as well as sharing ideas for how we can continue to improve our school. I was impressed by the maturity of their ideas and the genuine desire to ensure every child feels included, valued and heard. Pupil voice is incredibly important and I am excited to see their ideas develop throughout the year.

Month of the Holy Rosary

As we enter October, the Month of the Holy Rosary, our focus on prayer and reflection continues. This week, children spent time in the beautiful Peace Garden at Aylesford completing prayers dedicated to the Archangels and displaying them on wings around the garden. It provided a wonderful opportunity for reflection and reminded us of God's guidance, protection and love.



Actions speak louder than words

Threaded throughout our prayer and liturgy this week has been the theme from Sunday's Gospel: *actions speak louder than words*. Together, we have reflected on how we can live out our faith through our daily actions, whether that be showing kindness, helping others, demonstrating forgiveness or making the right choices when no one is watching. It has been heart warming to see so many examples of children living out the Catholic Social Teaching Principles in classrooms, on the playground and around our school.

Curriculum Afternoon

A gentle reminder that our Curriculum Afternoons will be taking place next week. These sessions provide a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to visit school, spend time in classrooms and gain a deeper understanding of the learning experiences we provide for our children. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing more about our curriculum.

Eden Club

You will also notice an advertisement in this week's newsletter for **Eden Club**, our wraparound care provision. As a working mum myself with two young children, I understand how difficult it can be to secure childcare that works around the demands of family life and work commitments. We currently have places available and would warmly welcome any enquiries you may have.

Eden Club is a wonderful part of our school community and one of the many things that makes St Augustine's unique. Children benefit from spending time in a safe, nurturing and familiar environment before and after school, enjoying activities with friends and being cared for by staff who know them well. If you would like further information about the provision, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Year 6 Booster Sessions

At St Augustine's, we regularly review all interventions to ensure they are having the greatest possible impact on pupils' learning and wellbeing. This week, we spent some time speaking with our Year 6 children about their Thursday booster sessions and gathering their views on how this additional support is helping them. It was wonderful to hear such positive feedback, with pupils sharing how the sessions have helped to build their confidence, strengthen their understanding and prepare them for the challenges ahead.

To read some of our pupils' comments, please visit our Facebook page. We would be delighted if you could take a look, and feel free to like and share the post with family and friends. Thank you for your continued support.
<https://www.facebook.com/share/1JUMHYW/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

As I walk around the school each day, I continue to be struck by the warmth of our community and the many small acts of kindness that take place. They serve as a reminder that the strongest communities are built not simply on words, but on actions. Thank you for your continued support. I wish you all a peaceful and restful weekend. God bless,

Mrs Louise Holden
Headteacher

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Prospective Parent Viewings - Reception September 2027

Earlier this week a schedule of our prospective parent viewings was shared with all parents. If you, or anyone you know, would like to come and view our school please contact the school office. The dates of these visits are as follows:



TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER AT 9.30AM;
THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER AT 9.30AM;
TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER AT 9.30AM;
THURSDAY, 29 OCTOBER AT 9.30AM;
TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER AT 9.30AM;
THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER AT 9.30AM;
TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER AT 9.30AM;
THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER AT 9.30AM;
TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER AT 9.30AM;
THURSDAY, 19 NOVEMBER AT 9.30AM;
TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER AT 9.30AM;
THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER AT 9.30AM;
TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER AT 9.30AM;
THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER AT 9.30AM.

Application for Secondary School – September 2027

Online applications are now open 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.

CLUBS

Dance Club



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

PTA NEWS

A huge thank you to everyone for your support with our last two uniform sales! We've raised an amazing £60.11, which is fantastic and so appreciated. Also thank you again to everyone who has donated, bought, or helped with the uniform sales, your support really does make a difference!

We would like to invite parents to come and join the PTA! Our next meeting will be held on Monday, 5 October after school in the KS1 Hub Room (previously St Theresa's classroom). We will be discussing ideas for upcoming events and future plans for the year ahead!

We are also looking for parents to fill the Class Rep roles for St Francis, St Theresa, St Peter, St Paul and St Mark.

EDEN CLUB

The school runs a wraparound care provision (Eden Club) for parents which takes place Monday to Friday during term time before and after school.

Our Eden Breakfast Club opens at 7.30am until the start of the school day and our Eden After School Club runs until 6pm.

Breakfast Club costs £7 per session which includes a light breakfast and After School Club costs £15 which includes a light supper.

Please contact the School Office if you are interested in making a booking.

HEADTEACHERS AWARDS

Reception St Francis: Mrs Liddle & Mrs McCarthy

Trinity - for her value of love and peace. She has been kind and caring towards everyone in the class and is always on hand to help whoever needs it;

Arthur - for his care for the environment, looking after God's creatures with care and nurture.



1 St Theresa: Mrs Croker & Mrs Slattery

Daisy - for making some lovely cards in RE when we were thinking about how to do small things with great love;

Martin - for joining in Maths discussions really well.

2 St Bernadette: Miss Atkinson & Mrs Mundy

Joey - for being a thoughtful and dedicated artist: showing integrity, listening carefully and applying his creativity to produce wonderful artwork;

Josie - for growing in confidence, settling to work promptly and always trying her best, while showing our value of peace through her calm and polite manner.

3 St Peter: Mrs Stanbridge

Daisy - for making some lovely cards in RE when we were thinking about how to do small things with great love;

Martin - for joining in Maths discussions really well.

4 St Paul: Mrs Hope

Teo - he is always offering to help support others during Maths;

Nicholas - for excellent descriptive writing in English.

5 St Luke: Mrs Crabb

Aisha has been writing an amazing suspenseful story in English using some wonderful figurative language.

Grace encapsulates all the catholic social teaching values each and every day making St Luke's a happier place to be.

5/6 St Patrick: Miss Atherton

Ryan - for his focus and attention to detail in handwriting; I can't wait to see it in all his writing!

Kartickeyen - for always being a wonderful ambassador, participating in extra-curricular clubs and listening to the voice of St Patrick in his School Council responsibility.

6 St Mark: Mrs Beckett & Mrs McCarthy

Iniya for her growing confidence and progress with her writing.

Marcus for being a good role model to all the younger children and showing the value of integrity.