



### UPCOMING DATES

- **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);
- **Tuesday, 8 December:** Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Production to Parents at 9.30am;
- **Wednesday, 9 December:** Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Production to Parents at 2.15pm;
- **Friday, 18 December:** School Carol Service at 9.15am (all parents welcome to attend);
- **Friday, 18 December:** End of Term.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another busy week draws to a close I wanted to share with you the a few highlights and notices from the week.

### Our Lady of the Rosary

This week, during our Celebration of the Word, we have been reflecting on the Annunciation and celebrating Our Lady of the Rosary. Through prayer and reflection, the children explored Mary's faithful "yes" to God and the important role she plays in our faith. As part of our Faith in Action, every child contributed a link to a special prayer chain, offering their prayers to Mary and asking for her loving intercession. Together, our prayer chain is a visible sign of our united school community, joined in faith, hope and prayer.

### Curriculum Afternoons

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and carers who attended our recent Curriculum Afternoons. We hope the sessions provided a valuable insight into life at St Augustine's, including the curriculum your children will be studying, as well as our expectations for attendance, behaviour and learning throughout the year. Building strong partnerships between home and school is essential to ensuring every child flourishes, and we greatly value your involvement in your child's education. We would welcome any feedback you may have regarding the afternoon and invite you to share your comments by emailing [office@st-augustines-tunbridgewells.kcsp.org.uk](mailto:office@st-augustines-tunbridgewells.kcsp.org.uk).

While parents and carers were learning about the year ahead, pupils took part in special workshops with myself and other members of staff focusing on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. This academic year, we will be exploring our Trust-wide focus, the Preferential Option for the Poor, reflecting on our responsibility to recognise and support those most in need. Throughout the year, we will seek to live out this principle through acts of charity, service and prayer. As part of these sessions, each class created artwork inspired by this important principle, which will contribute to a whole-school display in the hall and serve as a reminder of our commitment to putting faith into action.

### Harvest Mass

As we look ahead to our Harvest Celebration, we are excited to begin our first charitable outreach of the school year by supporting Nourish Community Foodbank. The Harvest season reminds us to give thanks for all that we have and to share generously with those who are facing hardship. We invite families, if they are able, to donate dried, tinned and other non-perishable food items to our school collection.



Donations can be brought into school from Monday 19th October and placed at the collection point in the school hall. This visible act of generosity will be a powerful sign of our commitment to living out the Catholic Social Teaching principle of the Preferential Option for the Poor, as we put our faith into action by supporting the most vulnerable members of our local community. As Jesus reminds us in Scripture, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40). We thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

### Change of Season

With autumn now upon us after a long and unusually warm summer, please ensure that children come to school each day with a suitable coat as the weather becomes cooler and more changeable. To help us return any misplaced items quickly, we kindly ask that all coats and other outdoor clothing are clearly named. Thank you for your support in helping children stay warm, comfortable and ready for learning, whatever the weather may bring.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

God Bless,

Mrs Louise Holden  
Headteacher

### WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

#### Safeguarding

If you're worried about a child or would like some family support, please contact one of our Safeguarding Team:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):

Judith Taylor : [senco@st-augustines-tunbridgewells.kcsp.org.uk](mailto:senco@st-augustines-tunbridgewells.kcsp.org.uk)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL):

- Louise Holden : [headteacher@st-augustines-tunbridgewells.kcsp.org.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-augustines-tunbridgewells.kcsp.org.uk)
- Katrina Liddle;
- Candice Beckett.

#### Prospective Parent Viewings - Reception September 2027

We have started our prospective parent viewings for Reception September 2027! If you, or anyone you know, would like to make a booking please contact the school office. The dates are as follows:

THURSDAY, 22 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](http://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](mailto:kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk).



## CLUBS

### Dance Club



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

### EDEN CLUB

Bookings are now open for Term 2! The booking form is attached to this newsletter.

Please note that the deadline for receipt of booking forms is Wednesday, 14 October.

We are unable to process bookings for next term until the current term's sessions have been paid for.

Eden Club has a new mobile phone number: **07379 195844**. If you are unable to contact Eden Club whilst dropping off your child in the morning or collecting your child after school using the school gate intercom, it may be that they are in the playground so please use this number instead. Please note that parents are unable to make or change bookings by phoning this number. The school office should be contacted for any booking questions.

*Our wraparound care provision (Eden Club) for parents takes place Monday to Friday during term time before and after school.*

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

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

## HEADTEACHERS AWARDS

*Reception St Francis: Mrs Liddle & Mrs McCarthy*

Harry - for his value of love and peace, he is always helpful, happy and a fantastic friend to others;

Gabriella - for her fantastic reading and careful homework.

*1 St Theresa: Mrs Croker & Mrs Slattery*

Lizzie - for her amazing writing and working so hard in lessons. You are a star!

Rose - for being so kind and caring towards her friends and helping around the classroom to keep it tidy.

*2 St Bernadette: Miss Atkinson & Mrs Mundy*

Leti - for showing kindness and love to all the people in her class. She always looks out for other children who may not have anyone to play with and encourages them to join in and play with her;

Cassius - for being such a peaceful and diligent member of the class. He always tries his best and never gives up!

*3 St Peter: Mrs Stanbridge*

Adriel - for excellent effort in his work this week;  
Sienna - for showing compassion towards those who need help.

*4 St Paul: Mrs Hope*

Filip M - for integrity because he kept going with his English through wet play because he wanted to finish it;  
Amelia - for always helping in class and being a good role-model.

*5 St Luke: Mrs Crabb*

Mia - who has excelled herself in maths this term. She is conscientious, eager to do her best and always there for others.

Faiyaz - who demonstrates integrity, peace and love at all times. He cares deeply about others and always does his best.



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*5/6 St Patrick: Miss Atherton*

Callista – for her attention to detail in her narrative in English;

Lucia – for always encompassing our school values of love, peace and integrity.

*6 St Mark: Mrs Beckett & Mrs McCarthy*

Peter - for his incredible hard work and resilience this week;

Esther - for her wonderful writing in English and consistently improving her work.