ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Term 1, Week 7 | Friday, 16 October 2026

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);
- **Friday, 13 November:** PTA Light Party (details to follow);
- **Monday, 16 November:** Odd Socks for Anti Bullying Week (details 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, 11 December:** PTA Christmas Market;
- **Friday, 18 December:** School Carol Service at 9.15am (all parents welcome to attend);
- **Friday, 18 December:** End of Term.

As we come to the end of another week, we would like to share some of the events and learning experiences that have taken place across the school.

Year 3 visit to The Amelia

It was wonderful to hear from our Year 3 pupils who enjoyed an exciting visit to The Amelia yesterday where they took part in a fascinating workshop linked to their learning about the Stone Age. The children were delighted to handle and examine a range of authentic artefacts, including bones, shells and even animal fur, helping them to gain a real sense of what life may have been like thousands of years ago. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the past, discovering how people lived and survived during the Stone Age, and deepening their understanding of this important period in history. Their enthusiasm, curiosity and exemplary behaviour were a credit to the school, and the visit provided a memorable opportunity to bring their classroom learning to life.

Virtual Rosary

Pupils from across the school joined Archbishop John Wilson in the Diocese's virtual Rosary this week. During this special time of prayer, the children reflected on the Luminous Mysteries, taking the opportunity to deepen their faith and grow in their understanding of the life and ministry of Jesus. Together, they also prayed for the health and well-being of Pope Francis, joining with over 6000 pupils from around the Diocese of Southwark in keeping him in our thoughts and prayers.

Harvest Donations

As part of our commitment to Faith in Action, we will be supporting our local community through our Harvest collection. Thank you for your generosity and support as we live out our values of kindness, compassion and service to others. Together, we can make a real difference to those who need it most. More information about out Harvest celebration can be found within the newsletter.

Parents Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Parents' Evenings after the half term break on **Tuesday, 3 November** and **Thursday, 5 November** from **4:00pm to 6:30pm**.

These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements and explore how we can continue to work together to support their learning and development. Please look out for

an email next week containing the booking link and further details about how to arrange your appointment.

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-tunbridgwells.kcsp.org.uk

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL):

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

Application for Primary School – September 2027

Online applications open on Friday, 6 November and **will close at midnight on Friday, 15 January 2027**. Applications can be made at: www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Harvest Service : Friday, 23 October

Our annual Harvest celebration will take place next Friday at 9.30am. The service will be led by our children in KS1 (Years 1 and 2) and we warmly invite all of our parents to attend. Once again we are supporting our local Nourish Community Foodbank programme and are asking for donations for this worthwhile cause from all of our children. Donations may be brought into school from next Monday, 19 October.

Nourish have asked for donations of the following products:

Food & Drink:
Long-life (UHT) milk;
Tinned meat and tinned fish;
Tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, and tinned tomatoes;
Tinned spaghetti and baked beans;
Pasta, rice, and cereals;
Cooking and pasta sauces;
Soups and rice pudding;
Spreads (jam, peanut butter);
Tea and coffee;
Biscuits.

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Household & Personal Care:
Washing powder and cleaning products;
Toiletries (such as shampoo, soap and toothpaste);
Pet food.

Thank you!

Reading Buddies

Our older pupils have been enjoying spending time reading with younger children, both in the classroom and outside at lunchtime. Armed with a basket full of exciting books, the children have been sharing stories, practising their reading skills and developing a love of reading together.

The younger children have loved listening to stories read by their older buddies, while the older pupils have shown great patience, kindness and responsibility as they support and encourage their younger peers.

These special reading sessions help to build confidence, strengthen friendships across the school and foster a positive reading culture for everyone. It has been wonderful to see children of different ages learning together and enjoying books in the fresh air.
We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and care shown by all of our reading buddies!



SPORTING NEWS

Last Friday, our school football team held the first cup game of the season at home to Paddock Wood.

Our team worked extremely hard throughout the game. After being 2-0 down at half-time, Aidan scored a wonderful goal and Rory saved a crucial penalty kick which ended the game at 2-1.

Although it is the end of our cup journey, it is just the beginning for the league.

Thank you to Zak's dad for refereeing and, of course, Mr Beckett for his coaching!



CLUBS

Dance Club

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

Next term Dance Club will be starting a new dance routine making it an ideal opportunity for new starters!

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EDEN CLUB

Bookings are now closed for Term 2! If you have not yet submitted a booking form but wish to make a booking for next term please do so as soon as possible. We will endeavour to process all bookings by the end of term.

Please note that we are unable to process bookings for next term until the current term's sessions have been paid for.

Eden Club Litter Picking

Last Friday, our Eden Club pupils went litter picking around the entrance to our school. Equipped with litter pickers and safety equipment, funded through a generous community grant from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, the children worked enthusiastically to help keep our school environment clean, welcoming and safe for everyone.

As part of our commitment to caring for God's creation, the children showed great responsibility and pride in looking after their local environment.

We are very grateful to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council for supporting this initiative and helping our pupils to make a positive difference within our community.

"The Earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." (Psalm 24:1)

Well done, Eden Club, for leading by example and showing how small actions can make a big impact!



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.

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

PTA NEWS

We are pleased to share with you all some of our upcoming events. More details will follow in the next few weeks.

- **Term 2:**
  - Light Party – Friday, 13 November;
  - Christmas Market – Friday, 11 December.
- **Term 3:** Event to be confirmed.
- **Term 4:** Easter Bingo – date TBC.
- **Term 5:** Spring Fayre – a Friday after school, date TBC.
- **Term 6:** Colour Run – date TBC.

More details will follow as each event approaches.

Support our PTA while you shop

With easyfundraising, over 8,000 retailers, including Argos, John Lewis, M&S and Booking.com, can donate to St Augustine's Primary School PTA when you shop online, **at no extra cost to you**.

Join for free here, then visit easyfundraising first to choose your retailer and shop as usual.

Thank you for supporting our school!

The PTA Team.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Tunbridge Wells District Libraries

Tunbridge Wells district libraries have some fun activities and initiatives planned for October; perfect for Half-Term.

- Tuesday 27 October - Gruffalo activity at Sherwood library: 1.00 - 2:30pm.

Join them for a fun and imaginative workshop inspired by Julia Donaldson's much loved story The Gruffalo. This session encourages families to enjoy stories together, spark creativity and build a love of reading through play.
The session is free, but booking is required. Please email sherwoodlibrary@kent.gov.uk for more information.

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- Thursday 29 October - Discover, Explore, Create - Halloween Fun at Sherwood Library: 10am - midday

This October half-term, children are invited to enjoy our free Halloween themed drop-in activities. From creepy crafts to spooky creations, there is plenty of fun to discover. Free drop-in session.
Please email sherwoodlibrary@kent.gov.uk for more information

- Rusthall Library - Welly Boot and Raincoat Swap (during October)

We are looking for donations for our Welly Boot swap at Rusthall library. Please drop off good condition, clean boots and raincoats (all ages welcome) at the library and find something new to take away. Please email rusthalllibrary@kent.gov.uk for more information

Tunbridge Wells Puppetry Festival

Have fun this half-term at the Tunbridge Wells Puppetry Festival, 26–31 October!

Come and enjoy world-class puppetry in all its forms, because not all puppets have strings!

There are free and ticketed performances and workshops taking place across Tunbridge Wells and Southborough, including Royal Victoria Place, Southborough Civic Centre, The Forum and The Pantiles.

With plenty of free activities and performances to choose from, it's a great opportunity for families looking for affordable half-term entertainment.

Special offer: Use discount code **TICKLEMONSTER** to receive **25% off tickets**!

To explore the programme and book tickets, visit:

Whats On 2026 – Tw Puppetry Festival



HEADTEACHERS AWARDS

Reception St Francis: Mrs Liddle & Mrs McCarthy
Ivy - for her wonderful, peaceful attitude to school and learning. For always being a good friend to others and her kindness;
Portia - for her amazing work on her reading and showing me how she has practiced her writing!

1 St Theresa: Mrs Croker & Mrs Slattery
Amraz - for consistently living our school values, quietly demonstrating profound love, deep integrity and a peaceful spirit in everything he does;
Alayah - for producing wonderful sentences about our class saint, St Theresa, using excellent handwriting and fantastic phonics skills.

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2 St Bernadette: Miss Atkinson & Mrs Mundy
David - for showing integrity in his approach to work and friends, working hard and enthusiastically to produce great work;
Mia - for her enthusiastic approach to work, her helpful manner and her embodiment of our value of love.

3 St Peter: Mrs Stanbridge
Filip - for thinking about his attitude towards learning lately and for showing a huge improvement in his work;
Siddharth - for putting others before himself and always doing what he can to help.

4 St Paul: Mrs Hope
Maldini - for listening to feedback and making improvements in his writing;
Hannah - for being such a supportive member of the class to her friends and the adults in her class.

5 St Luke: Mrs Crabb
Alexandra – who has written a captivating adventure story in English managing to keep us in suspense until the very end;
Zakariya - who fills our classroom with kindness and compassion. He works diligently at all times and helps to guide others.

5/6 St Patrick: Miss Atherton
Luka - for his resilience and determination this week;
Emily - for her positive attitude to learning at all times!

6 St Mark: Mrs Beckett & Mrs McCarthy
Flynn - for being an incredible role model of all school values and supporting others when they need it;
Violet - for not only showing perseverance when the work is challenging but also being a great support to her friends.