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Term 2, Week 1 | Friday, 6 November 2026

UPCOMING DATES

- **Friday, 13 November:** PTA Movie Night (see below);
- **Monday, 16 November:** Wear Odd Socks Today for Anti Bullying Week;
- **Monday, 16 November:** Year 5 visit to Flow Zone at SES Water;
- **Monday, 16 November:** Deadline for ordering school photos for free delivery to school;
- **Tuesday, 17 November:** Year 4 visit to Flow Zone at SES Water;
- **Wednesday, 18 November:** Football Match against Southborough Primary School at St Gregory's School. ***There will therefore be NO Football Club tonight.***
- **Sunday, 22 November:** Christ The King Mass at St Augustine's Church at 9.30am led by children of our school (details to follow);
- **Monday, 23 November:** Flu Vaccinations;
- **Tuesday, 24 November:** Year 6 visit to TWGGS (details to follow);
- **Thursday, 3 December**: Year R & Year 6 NCMP (details sent to parents in September);
- **Friday, 4 December**: Own Clothes Day in exchange for a Hamper Donation (further details to follow);
- **Tuesday, 8 December:** Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Production to Parents at 9.30am;
- **Wednesday, 9 December:** Own Clothes Day in exchange for a bottle donation (further details to follow);
- **Wednesday, 9 December:** Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Production to Parents at 2.15pm;
- **Friday, 11 December:** PTA Christmas Market (further details to follow);
- **Friday, 18 December:** School Carol Service at 9.15am (all parents welcome to attend);
- **Friday, 18 December:** End of Term;
- **Monday, 4 January:** Start of Term 3;
- **Friday, 15 January:** Applications for Reception September 2027 Close.

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear St Augustine's family,

All Saints' Day and our Writing Display

This week's Gospel assembly focused on All Saints' Day. We prayed together and reflected on the special gifts of our class saints and how their example can help us live out our faith today.

Last term, children across the school wrote about their class saint. Many of you will have spotted the beautiful display during parents' evenings and I've included a photo below. Every child is represented on the board, so please do stop and have a look at their work next time you visit. Seeing the pieces side by side gives us a lovely picture of how the children's writing develops from one year group to the next.



A huge thank you to our English Lead, Emily Stanbridge, and to our teachers and children for bringing the display together. It's a wonderful celebration of the exceptional writing our children produced in Term 1 and their understanding of their class saint.

Remembrance Display Challenge

In my last newsletter before half term, we invited the children to make poppies for our Remembrance display. We extended the deadline to today, and I'm happy to add any final contributions that come in by Monday, 9 November.

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To say I'm impressed by the children's creativity is an understatement! Pictured below is a particularly creative piece made by one of our pupils. It shows how much thought and care the children have put into remembering those who have served and sacrificed.

I will include a photo of our display in next week's newsletter but as always please keep an eye on our Facebook school page.



Parents' Evenings

Our first week of Term 2 has been a busy but brilliant week. We started the term with our parent' evenings and I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who came along to parents' evenings this week. It was lovely to welcome so many of you into school and talk about how your children are getting on. We know the appointment times were difficult for some families and we have been able to meet with some of you at other times. If you were unable to attend and would like to meet with your child's teacher, please do get in touch so we can find a time that works for you.

Community, Culture and Racism

I'm delighted that Joseph Opora has kindly agreed to lead an assembly for us next week. He will speak to the children about community, culture and racism and invite them to think about how we can help everyone feel welcome and respected at St Augustine's.

Celebrating Fr Graziano's Investiture

Many of you will already know that Mass will be celebrated this evening at St George's Cathedral in London to mark Fr Graziano's investiture. Please see the details under the Church News section. We appreciate that travelling to London on a Friday evening may be difficult for families. If you're unable to be there in person, you can join the Mass online using the link below.

We would love to see as many children and families as possible at the parish celebration on Friday, 13 November (see our Church News section of this newsletter for further details). Children attending should wear their school uniform. It will be a lovely opportunity for our school and parish families to come together and thank Fr Graziano for all he has done for St Augustine's over the years.

Please keep Fr Graziano in your prayers as he celebrates this special occasion.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

God bless,

Mrs Holden
Headteacher

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Anti Bullying Week

We are very excited to be taking part once again in 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday, 16 November as part of Anti-Bullying Week.

Children are invited to come to school wearing their usual uniform, along with a pair of odd socks. This is a fun way to celebrate what makes us all unique and to remind us that everyone is special and should be treated with kindness and respect.

There is no charge for taking part, and we would encourage all children to join in.

Throughout the week the children will be taking part in a range of activities focused on friendship, kindness, respect and celebrating differences.

Thank you for your support.

Van Cols Photographs

Earlier this week proof cards were sent home following the recent school photographer's visit. Please note that if you would like to order photos with free delivery to school the deadline is **Monday, 16 November.**

Prospective Parent Viewings - Reception September 2027

Our prospective parent viewings continue 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:

TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER AT 9.30AM;
THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER AT 9.30AM;
TUESDAY, 17 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 Primary School – September 2027

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

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.

If you are concerned that a child is at immediate risk of harm, please dial 999 or consult with the Front door on 03000 411111 or 03000 419191 (out of hours).

If you are concerned about a child's mental/emotional health please find below organisations that could support:
• NELFT mental health direct support line on 08000113474 (24 hours per day, 7 days a week)
• Childline – 08001111
• NHS Chat health – text 07520618850
*If you are struggling, Text SHOUT to 85258*www.kooth.com

RECEPTION CLASS NEWS

Amazing Animal Visit!

Reception had an exciting start this week to their new topic all about animals with an amazing animal visit! The children were fascinated as they got to see some wonderful animals up close, learning all about their different features, habitats, diets and how they survive.

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It was a fantastic opportunity to spark curiosity, ask questions and discover just how special and different animals can be.

There were lots of excited faces, brilliant questions and some very brave animal explorers!

We are looking forward to building on this wonderful experience as we continue our animal adventures and find out even more about the amazing creatures we share our world with!





EDEN CLUB

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.

PTA NEWS

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to cancel the advertised Light Party. Instead, we are pleased to be hosting a **Movie Night** showing **Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl**.

Film: Wallace & Gromit: *Vengeance Most Fowl*
Tickets: £2 per child
Includes: A drink and a snack
Collection: 5:00pm

Children will be taken to the school hall from their classrooms at the end of the day by teachers and/or PTA members.

To book tickets, please visit the PTA Events website:

https://www.ptaevents.co.uk/staugustines/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=126380

Thank you for your understanding. We hope to see lots of children there for a fun evening!

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The PTA Team

STAFF NEWS

This month Mr Beckett is taking part in Movember to help raise awareness and funds for men's health. It is a cause that deserves more attention and every donation, no matter how big or small, can make a difference.

If you can spare some money it would be really appreciated. And if you are unable to donate, a share would mean just as much!

Let's do our bit to support men's health.

Thank you!

Support my fundraiser:
https://movember.com/m/davidbeckett1994?mc=78



PUPIL NEWS

Siddh in St Peter has been selected to play with the Invicta Knights (Area Programme) for the 2026-2027 season following a successful cricket trial.

This achievement is a sign of his hard work, dedication and passion for cricket.
Being selected for Invicta Knights is an important milestone within the cricket development pathway and provides the opportunity to compete at a higher level, with progression towards county cricket.

Well done Siddh!



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CLUB NEWS

Dance Club



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

CHURCH NEWS

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Mass Online: Watch the Sunday 9:30 Mass live at: https://www.youtube.com/@st_augustines_tw

Parish Priest: Canon Graziano de Palma (grazianodepalma@rcaos.org.uk)
Assistant Priests:

Fr Paschal Omono (paschalomono@rcaos.org.uk)
Fr Melus Ezekia (melusezekia@rcaos.org.uk)

We would like to share details of the parish's new website, which contains information about parish life, mass times, upcoming events and sacramental programmes:
St Augustine's Catholic Church – Our Lively Parish Community

Please also find below a link to this week's parish newsletter, which includes information about the First Holy Communion Programme 26/27, a matter we know will be of interest to many of our families. We are pleased to share that registration is still open for the First Holy Communion Programme 2026/27. The programme is open to children in Years 3–4 of primary school. How to apply: Please collect an application form from one of the Clergy after Mass and return it by Saturday, 7 November. Applications received after the closing date will be deferred to the following year's programme. Please remember to provide a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate when submitting the application form.

Link to: Parish Newsletter

We encourage families to visit the new website and keep up to date with parish news and opportunities to become involved in the wider faith community.

Parish Events - Canon Graziano's investiture on 6th November:

On Friday, 6 November at 6pm Fr Graziano will be formally installed as Canon during a solemn Mass of investiture celebrated by archbishop John Wilson at St George's Cathedral in London. You will be able to follow the Mass on YouTube via the Diocese's account here.

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Please keep Canon Graziano in your prayers as he prepares for this special occasion.

Let's celebrate together at St Augustine's:

Our extended parish family will also joyfully gather around Canon Graziano in thanksgiving at home, at St Augustine's in Tunbridge Wells, on Friday, 13 November with the celebration of a Mass at 7.00pm, followed by a bring & share party in the hall. Please join them on the day. We look forward to seeing you there.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Reception St Francis: Mrs Liddle & Mrs McCarthy
Andrey - for his wonderful listening in phonics this week. Listening carefully and joining in well without sounds;
Ayra - for showing the value of peace as she starts a new school and makes new friends.

1 St Theresa: Mrs Croker & Mrs Slattery
Maddison - for always trying her best and being a kind friend;
Azlan - for being a calm member of the class and working hard in lessons.

2 St Bernadette: Miss Atkinson & Mrs Mundy
Adidev - for settling in so beautifully to life at St Augustine's. Adidev acts with integrity, trying his hardest and producing outstanding predictions in English;
Jonita - for approaching learning with great enthusiasm, persevering with challenges to further her learning in maths, whilst supporting her friends to do their best too.

3 St Peter: Mrs Stanbridge
Kristina - for showing great listening skills, making sure to follow classroom instructions at always;
Olivia - for showing our school value of love in all she does.

4 St Paul: Mrs Hope
Arthur - for excellent writing and deep thinking in English and RE;
Evie - for being a good role model for our class as someone who tries her hardest and does her best at all times

5 St Luke: Mrs Crabb
Courtney - always tries her best and completes every task. She contributes well to class discussions and is always willing to help others;
Peter – his cheery disposition brightens our class every day. He demonstrates our values of love, peace and integrity.

5/6 St Patrick: Miss Atherton
Arlo - for his fantastic return back to school, focused and ready to learn;
Chloe - for her caring nature, always showing the school values of love, peace and integrity!

6 St Mark: Mrs Beckett & Mrs McCarthy
Toby - for his excellent focus in Geography and knowledge of the countries within Africa;
Violet - for persevering through all challenges she faces with growing confidence.