



This week, we have been back in full swing with our learning, and some beautiful Big Writes have been completed across the school. Teachers have been buzzing about the fantastic work being produced and the amazing attitudes towards learning that the children have demonstrated. What a wonderful start to the new academic year, we are incredibly proud of them all!

I would like to politely remind parents and carers about our expectations for reading at home. We ask that you read to your child or listen to them read every day and sign their reading journal to confirm this. Research from the Education Endowment Foundation shows that parental engagement, particularly through home reading, can have a significant positive impact on children's progress. Regular reading also develops vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, imagination and confidence. For every day that their journal is signed, your child will receive ePraise points, which they can spend online to use in our ePraise shop. Please also ensure that your child comes to school prepared with the basic stationery they need, including pencils, writing pens and glue sticks. If providing these items presents any difficulty, please speak to us in confidence.

I believe that our class WhatsApp groups are now fully up and running. School reminders will be shared through the volunteer WhatsApp group leader for each class. Please remember that these are school community groups, so we ask that all conversations remain appropriate, respectful and positive. They should not become a platform for negative discussions about the school, its staff, pupils or other families. If you ever have a concern or problem, our door is always open. School can only address concerns and make changes when matters are raised directly with us, rather than discussed solely within private WhatsApp groups. A huge thank you to the parents who have volunteered to manage these groups and help everyone stay informed.

Next week, we have several exciting trips taking place, including the highly anticipated Year 6 residential to PGL. The children will spend three days and two nights away, enjoying new experiences, exciting adventures and lots and lots of fun! We will share some of their adventures on our Facebook page, and Year 6 parents will receive photographs and updates each day through the class WhatsApp group. We hope the children have a truly memorable time.

Finally, please remember that we are beginning our Harvest collection. All donations will be given to a local food bank to support members of our community who need help the most. We would be extremely grateful for donations of non-perishable items such as tinned vegetables, soup, beans, pasta, rice, cereals, tea, coffee, long-life milk and toiletries. Please ensure that all donations are brought into school by **Friday 2 October**, ready to be blessed during Mass on **Monday 5 October**. Thank you, as always, for your kindness and generosity.

Have a blessed weekend, Mrs Collins



Celebration of the Word

This week, we reflected on Jesus' teaching about forgiveness through the parable of the unforgiving servant. In the Gospel, Peter asks Jesus how many times he should forgive someone who has wronged him. Jesus replies, "not seven times, but seventy times seven," showing us that forgiveness should have no limits. Through the story of the king who forgives a huge debt, Jesus teaches that just as God shows great mercy and forgiveness to us, we are called to show the same mercy to others.

This Gospel helped us to think about the importance of forgiving from the heart. Sometimes people may upset us, make mistakes, or hurt our feelings, and it can be difficult to let go of our anger. Jesus reminds us that forgiveness is not about keeping count of wrongs but about choosing kindness, understanding, and compassion. When we forgive others, we reflect God's love and help to build stronger, happier relationships.

We also reflected on the difference between receiving kindness and showing kindness. The servant in the parable was grateful when he was forgiven, but he failed to offer the same forgiveness to someone else. Jesus challenges us to consider how we treat others and encourages us to be generous, patient, and merciful in our words and actions. By doing so, we help create communities where everyone feels valued, supported, and loved.

As the week comes to a close, families might like to spend some time talking about forgiveness and mercy. You could share a time when someone forgave you or when you found it difficult to forgive someone else. Discuss how forgiving others can bring peace and strengthen relationships. Taking a few moments to pray together, asking God for the courage to forgive, for healing in any troubled relationships, and thanking Him for His endless mercy and love, can be a wonderful way to end the week.



CELEBRATING OUR GOLDEN TIE WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS AWARDED THE GOLDEN TIE FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS.

St. Barnabas	/
St. Jude	Ramelle Ifeobikwu
St. Andrew	Nadia Ziembicka
St. James the Lesser	Amelia Mamon
St. Simon	Alara Ozdilek
St. Philip	Ethan Lloyd
St. Matthew	Noble Idu
St. John	Padraic Roberts
St. Thomas	Sebby Temneanu
St. Matthias	Jessica-Rose Pilbeam
St. James the Greater	Aiza Hussen
St. Bartholomew	Georgia Grimes
St. Augustine	Greatness Idu
St. Paul	Praise Nweke
St. Peter	Sofia Hartley

CIRCLE AWARD

OUR VALUE OF THE WEEK: INDEPENDENCE

THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN HAVE RECEIVED THE CIRCLE AWARD.

RECEPTION: /

YEAR 1: HELENA BLASZCZYK

YEAR 2: MARIA PILL

YEAR 3: AVERY CHAUHAN

YEAR 4: YUSUF KALAM

YEAR 5: MARAT ANISIMOV

YEAR 6: NANCY GARDNER

VERY WELL DONE. YOU ARE EXCELLENT AMBASSADORS FOR THE SCHOOL!

HOUSE POINTS



TOTAL POINTS FOR THE WEEK:

ST. LUCY: 3620

ST. BERNADETTE: 3572

ST. JOAN: 3367

ST. THERESE: 3584

TOTAL POINTS SO FAR:

ST. LUCY: 6271

ST. BERNADETTE: 6201

ST. JOAN: 5928

ST. THERESE: 6003

ATTENDANCE



WEEK BEGINNING:

MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2026

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

96.49%

INFANT CLASS OF THE WEEK:

ST. PHILIP (99%)

JUNIOR CLASS OF THE WEEK:

ST. JOHN (99.33%)

BUSTER'S BOOK CLUB



THE WINNING CLASS IS:

ST. JOHN

WALK ON WEDNESDAY



THE WINNING CLASS IS:

ST. PAUL

Term 1 Dates for your Diary

21 Sept: Y4 Rochester Gurdwara visit.

22 Sept: Y3 Guildhall Museum trip.

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30 Sept: Y3 Victoria Gardens Trip- Fieldwork.

October 2026

1 Oct: Black History Month begins. School Census Day. Early Years Headcount.

OUR AMAZING LEARNING

Check out the fabulous learning we have been doing this week!



The following children celebrated a birthday this week, or will do over the weekend...



Isla
Niylah
Neide
Sofia

Wealth
Dylan
Sienna
Mercy

Aleksa
Hannah
Nevina



Term 1: Dates for your diary

September 2026

1 Sept: INSET Day.

2 Sept: Children start school.

7 Sept: Beginning of Year Mass, 10am. Parents welcome.

8 Sept: Year 4 Guildhall Museum trip.

9 Sept: Housekeeping Meeting for Parents.

10 Sept: Year 6 PGL Parents Meeting

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18 Sept: Wear Jeans for Genes Day (£1 minimum donation). Y5 Rochester War Memorial trip.

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5 Oct: Cycle to School Week begins. Harvest Mass 10am led by Y3.

6 Oct: Y2 Rochester Castle trip.

7 Oct: Hands on Science workshops for Y6 and Y2.

9 Oct: Mental Health Day. Wear what makes you happy.

12 Oct: Parent Consultations- Nursery

13 Oct: Parent Consultation- Reception

14 Oct: Individual and family photographs from 8am. Parent Consultations- Year 1

15 Oct: Parent Consultations- Year 2

16 Oct: Parent Consultation- Year 3 and Parent Forum 2.30pm.

19 Oct: Parent Consultation- Year 5

20 Oct: Flu vaccination Reception to Y6. Parent Consultation- Year 6

21 Oct: Y1 Superhero Day and Y2 Assembly St. Matthew Class Assembly. Parent Consultations- Year 4

22 Oct: Y6 Assembly- St. Paul.

23 Oct: Last Day of Term. Tag Day. Cake Sale. Cultural Food Celebration.

26 Oct-6 Nov: Autumn Break.