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NEWSLETTER 18

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School's Attendance

92.14%

Target

96.4%

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy two weeks it has been!

We have successfully navigated the extreme temperatures from a fortnight ago, and then last week we enjoyed Sports Day along with several other exciting activities taking place across the school. A huge thank you to all our pupils, parents and carers for helping us manage the exceptionally hot weather. With temperatures reaching **39°C**, our classrooms simply aren't designed to cope with that level of heat, particularly when they are full of up to 30 children. We are incredibly grateful to everyone for taking sensible precautions and supporting us to keep the children safe and comfortable throughout the heatwave.

Last week also held a couple of very special events. It all began on Wednesday morning when our wonderful PTFA visited school to see the new Design and Technology equipment they had generously purchased for us.



What I hadn't explained to the staff was that the PTFA weren't just coming to look at the equipment—they were also there to be judges for the '**St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School Can't Cook, Won't Cook, Shouldn't Cook, Cheffy Showdown!**'

A number of brave staff members volunteered and were given just 20 minutes to create something tasty using a selection of mystery ingredients. The PTFA took on the important role of judging the finished dishes.

I'm delighted to announce that **Mrs Swonnell and Ms Sheik** were crowned the winners with their delicious frittata. Sadly, **Mrs Broster and Mr Gibbs** were awarded the rather less prestigious *Shouldn't Cook* title after one member of the team (who shall remain nameless to spare his embarrassment!) was just a little too generous with the chilli oil!



Needless to say, the children thoroughly enjoyed the event and are already looking forward to using the fantastic new DT equipment in their lessons. Even Chef Alvaro couldn't resist getting involved, popping in to inspect the dishes while they were being prepared.



A heartfelt thank you to everyone in the PTFA for their time, generosity and continued hard work. We hope that by judging the competition they were able to see first-hand how their fundraising and support enriches the experiences of our children and makes such a positive difference to school life.

After break on Wednesday, the excitement continued as **Mrs Swonnell's Latin Club** performed their play to the whole school. Having helped to write and choreograph the production themselves, the children confidently performed a fantastic 20-minute show that impressed everyone watching. It was a remarkable achievement for our Year 4 and 5 pupils, and they should all be incredibly proud. Read on later in the newsletter to find out how they got on in the competition!

The week then culminated in what is undoubtedly the highlight of the school calendar – **Sports Day!** It was another fantastic occasion that brought our whole school community together. While the races were exciting, what stood out most was the way our children encouraged one another, celebrated each other's successes and showed real pride in representing their houses. Throughout the day, our school values were on full display. The children demonstrated perseverance by giving every event their best, courage by stepping outside their comfort zones, and respect by cheering on every competitor from first place to last. Sports Day reminds us that taking part, supporting others and trying your hardest are just as important as winning. The ice cream van at the end of the day was, of course, a huge hit and the perfect way to round off a wonderful afternoon!

A huge thank you to our staff for organising such a successful event, to our families for their fantastic support, and, most importantly, to every one of our pupils. You made us proud—not because of who crossed the finish line first, but because of the determination, sportsmanship and kindness you showed throughout the day.

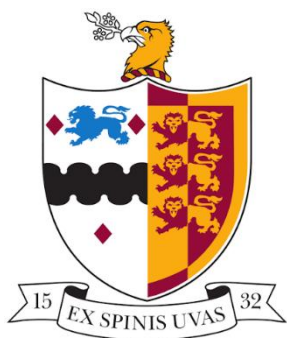
Mr Isaacs

Term 6 - 50 Word Writing Competition



There is still time for your entry.

Closing date: Friday 10th July



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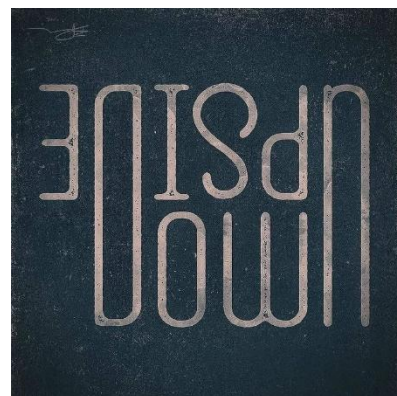
A huge congratulations to **Mrs Swonnell** and all of the pupils involved in our Latin Club. On Wednesday afternoon, they represented the school in a Latin performance competition against several other schools, many of which were independent schools.

Having already enjoyed their fantastic performance earlier that day, we weren't at all surprised to hear the wonderful news that they were crowned the winners! Their hard work, creativity and confidence shone through, and they thoroughly deserved this outstanding achievement. We are incredibly proud of every pupil who took part and of Mrs Swonnell for inspiring such enthusiasm and excellence.

Year 6 Performance

This year, Year 6 will be performing the 'Upside Down Primary!' as their end of year production. There will be one showing on Wednesday 15th July at 6:00pm.

Unfortunately, as some children do not have photo permission, no photographs or video images will be allowed to be taken. I hope you understand this and respect the wishes of other parents.



PE Notes



I have been asked by staff to remind you that if for whatever reason your child is unable to physically participate in PE, can we please have a note explaining that. Sometimes pupils say they are unable to take part but we have no record of this from parents.

Remember, if a child does not have a PE kit, it does not mean they cannot take part. Pupils can always work as mentors and coaches by offering advice and watching for people using correct techniques.

Parents' Evening

Following school reports being sent home on Friday 10th July, parents can attend an informal parents' evening on Wednesday 15th July to discuss anything from the school report. Meetings are made by appointment only so if you would like to make one, please email the office in advance.



Dates for your diary

Thursday	9th	July	New intake Stay and Play – session 1 (with parents)
Friday	10th	July	School reports to parents
Tuesday	14th	July	New intake Stay and Play – session 2 (children only)
Wednesday	15th	July	Parent Teacher meetings – by appointment only
Wednesday	15th	July	Year 6 end of year play – 6:00pm (for Year 6 parents)
Friday	17th	July	Oak Class (Year 6) Leavers' Mass at 9:30am
Tuesday	21st	July	Term 6 ends – finishes at 1:30pm

2026-2027 INSET days

Tuesday	1st	September	INSET 1
Wednesday	2nd	September	INSET 2
Monday	4th	January	INSET 3
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Friday	25th	June	INSET 5

2026-2027 Term dates

Thursday	3rd	September	Term 1 starts
Friday	23rd	October	Term 1 ends
Monday	2nd	November	Term 2 starts
Friday	18th	December	Term 2 ends
Monday	4th	January	Term 3 starts
Friday	12th	February	Term 3 ends
Monday	22nd	February	Term 4 starts
Friday	25th	March	Term 4 ends
Monday	12th	April	Term 5 starts
Friday	28th	May	Term 5 ends
Monday	7th	June	Term 6 starts
Wednesday	21st	July	Term 6 ends