ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Celebration Magazine

20.11.2026

Assessment week has gone well and, as always, the children have risen to the challenge. It has been lovely to see them approach their assessments with focus and determination. Well done to all the children for giving their best and showing what they have learned.

This week, our Mini Police cadets took part in a presentation to celebrate everything they achieved during the programme. Run by Kent Police with the Young People's Justice Service, the programme helps build positive relationships between young people and the police. During their visit to Gillingham Police Station, the cadets found out how a station works, saw the custody suite and cells, sat in a police van and even had their fingerprints taken. We are very proud of our cadets and hope they enjoyed sharing what they learned.

Year 6 welcomed visitors from the Guildhall Museum as part of their topic on Medway. They discovered fascinating facts about the River Medway and explored how it has shaped the history of our local area. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn more about the places they know and the stories behind them.

You may have spotted the Christmas posters around the school. We have lots of special events planned and look forward to sharing this wonderful time of year with our school community. Please take a moment to check the posters and add the dates to your diary.

As Advent approaches, we look forward to preparing our hearts for the birth of Jesus. At home, you could say a short prayer together, read part of the Nativity story or choose a small act of kindness to do as a family each week. You might also light a candle together on Sundays and take a quiet moment to think of someone who needs our prayers.

Finally, the Book Fair arrives next week! Please do come along and browse the books. There will be some lovely deals just in time for Christmas, whether you are looking for a gift or a story to enjoy together. A percentage of the proceeds comes back to the school for us to spend on new books for our library, so every purchase helps us give the children more books to choose from.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Collins.



Celebration of the Word

This week, we reflected on Jesus' parable of the Talents from **Matthew 25:14-30**. In this story, a master entrusts his servants with talents (a form of money) while he is away. The servants who used their talents wisely and worked hard were praised, while the servant who hid his talent out of fear missed the opportunity to use the gift he had been given. Through this parable, Jesus teaches us that God has given each of us unique gifts, talents, and opportunities, and He calls us to use them with confidence, kindness, and generosity to make a positive difference in the world.

Throughout the week, we reflected on the many gifts God has given us and how we can use them to help others, serve our community, and be the best versions of ourselves. We discussed the importance of responsibility, courage, and perseverance, recognising that even small acts of kindness and effort can have a big impact. As the week comes to a close, families might like to spend time talking about the special gifts and talents each member of the family has and how they can use them to help others. Let us pray that God helps us to recognise our gifts, use them wisely, and always strive to share His love through our words and actions.



CELEBRATING OUR GOLDEN TIE WINNERS

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

St. Barnabas	Hendrix Brampton
St. Jude	Violet-Rose Smith
St. Andrew	Sienna Crowley
St. James the Lesser	Charlotte Freeman
St. Simon	Luca-Jacque Currie
St. Philip	Amelia Hunter
St. Matthew	Olivia Olejarz
St. John	Atharva Vyas
St. Thomas	Leo Khader
St. Matthias	Riley Hession
St. James the Greater	Amiyah Rogers
St. Bartholomew	Mia Coble
St. Augustine	Jerome Enninful
St. Paul	Hubert Arthur-Amponsah
St. Peter	Rieme Lawani

CIRCLE AWARD

OUR VALUE OF THE WEEK: LEARNING

THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN HAVE RECEIVED THE CIRCLE AWARD.

RECEPTION: BOWIE PITTS

YEAR 1: ST. SIMON AND ST. JAMES THE LESSER

YEAR 2: PETER PAYNE

YEAR 3: ST. THOMAS

YEAR 4: JOSHUA JOSE

YEAR 5: SERGEJ CERVJAKOVS

YEAR 6: ANTHONY EDENJOKU

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

HOUSE POINTS

TOTAL POINTS FOR THE WEEK:

ST. LUCY: 4008

ST. BERNADETTE: 3730

ST. JOAN: 3910

ST. THERESE: 3906

TOTAL POINTS SO FAR:

ST. LUCY: 44111

ST. BERNADETTE: 41808

ST. JOAN: 43855

ST. THERESE: 43433

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Matters

WEEK BEGINNING:

MONDAY 9TH NOVEMEBR 2026

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

96.02%

INFANT CLASS OF THE WEEK:

ST. PHILIP (99.33%)

JUNIOR CLASS OF THE WEEK:

ST. AUGUSTINE (100%)

BUSTER'S BOOK CLUB

THE WINNING CLASS IS:

ST. PETER

WALK ON WEDNESDAY

THE WINNING CLASS IS:

ST. ANDREW

Term 2 Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 25th November
Year 5 Kent Life: World War 2 Visit (children must wear a coat, sensible shoes and bring a packed lunch if required)
Book Fair (Cashless)

Thursday 26th November
Book Fair - Check the deals offered to get the best possible prices (Cashless)

Friday 27th November
Book Fair (Cashless)

Monday 30th November
St Andrew's Day - Wear Blue
Advent Mass at 10.00am (Led by Year 5)
Book Fair (Cashless)

Tuesday 1st December
Advent Begins
Book Fair - Final Day
MYG Badminton

Wednesday 2nd December
EYFS Nativity - Reception at 2.00pm
Parents and carers are very welcome. Please arrive promptly. Parking will be available.
Y3 Wilder Schools programme

Thursday 3rd December
EYFS Nativity - Nursery at 2.00pm
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Friday 4th December
Rocksteady Concert - 2.30pm
Parents of children performing are welcome to attend.

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...

Avni
Adeoluwa
Harvey
Viktor
Joy

Hendrix
Hanna
Adrian
Geovanni

Term 2: Dates for your diary

Monday 9th November
Start of Term 2
EYFS World Nursery Rhyme Week
Nursery Police Officer Visit

Tuesday 10th November
Fire Safety Talk (Whole School)
MYG Basketball

Wednesday 11th November
Armistice Day: 2-minute silence for all pupils
Year 4 HOOK Victorian Day (children are required to dress from that period of time)

Friday 13th November
Finance month-end checks to KCSP
EYFS Dress Up Day: Children to come dressed as their favourite nursery rhyme character
BBC Children in Need Tag Day Donation (minimum donation of £1)

Week Beginning Monday 16th November
Assessment Week (KCSP W1)
Road Safety Week
National Coding Week
Anti-Bullying Week 2026– Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 17th November
MYG Year 3/4 Primary XC

Tuesday 24th November
Local Governing Committee Meeting 2

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Monday 7th December
Reconciliation Liturgy (Advent) - 10.00am
Santa's Grotto Week (7th-11th December)

Wednesday 9th December
KS1 Nativity - Year 1 at 2.00pm
Parents and carers are very welcome. Please arrive promptly.
Parking will be available.

Thursday 10th December
KS1 Nativity - Year 2 at 2.00pm
Parents and carers are very welcome. Please arrive promptly.
Parking will be available.

Friday 11th December
Finance month-end checks to KCSP
Christmas Fair begins at 3.00pm

Tuesday 15th December
KS1 Panto at 10.30am
Please ensure payments are made in advance via Arbor to avoid disappointment.

Wednesday 16th December
KS2 Panto at 10.30am
Please ensure payments are made in advance via Arbor to avoid disappointment.

Thursday 17th December
KS2 Christmas Carol Service (in Church) at 2.00pm
We would love you to join us in church and celebrate with us.

Friday 18th December
Last Day of Term
Christmas Tag Day
School Finishes at 2.00pm

Christmas Holiday
Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027

Monday 4th January 2027
Start of Term 3