

We are looking forward to a wonderful range of activities for **Black History Month**, including dance workshops led by a professional dance company, presentations from parents and children, and lots of learning across the school. These opportunities will help our children explore Black history, celebrate different cultures and discover inspiring people whose contributions have shaped our world. While this learning continues throughout the year, October gives us a special opportunity to highlight and celebrate these stories together.

We have been overwhelmed by your generosity towards our **Harvest collection**—thank you! Your donations will be blessed at church during Monday's Harvest Mass before being collected by Medway Foodbank on Tuesday to support local people and families facing hardship. This puts our Catholic Social Teaching principle of the **Preferential Option for the Poor** into action, reminding us to give particular care to those most in need. We are also celebrating **Cycle to School Week**. Families can support this by choosing a safe cycle or scooter to school where possible, wearing helmets and using designated crossing points. Walking is another lovely way to enjoy an active journey together.

Next week brings some exciting opportunities for **hands-on learning**. Year 2 will visit **Rochester Castle**, where exploring a real historic site will help bring their learning about castles and life in the past to life. Year 6 will take part in a **live heart dissection workshop**, observing the structures inside a heart and developing their understanding of how it pumps blood around the body. These experiences will encourage curiosity, thoughtful questions and connections between classroom learning and the wider world.

Next week is also our **Mental Health Week**, giving us time to focus on looking after our minds as well as our bodies. Children and adults experience a range of emotions, and learning to recognise and talk about these feelings can help us seek support when we need it. At home, regular sleep routines, active play, time together and a relaxed daily check-in can support wellbeing. Remind your child that they can always speak to a trusted adult about a worry. On **Friday, children are invited to wear something that makes them happy**, as we celebrate the interests and individuality that make each of them special.

Our **parent consultations begin from 12 October**, so please book your appointment. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to hear what your child has been learning, celebrate the areas in which they are excelling and discuss where they may need further support. Working together helps us agree useful next steps and support your child's progress and confidence. If you cannot attend on the scheduled dates, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative appointment.

Have a blessed weekend,  
Mrs Collins



## Celebration of the Word

This week, we reflected on Jesus' parable of the two sons. In the Gospel, a father asked both of his sons to go and work in the vineyard. One son initially said "no" but later changed his mind and went, while the other said "yes" but did not do what was asked. Through this story, Jesus teaches us that God values our actions as much as our words and that it is never too late to make the right choice.

We thought about how important it is not only to say that we will do the right thing, but to follow through with our actions. Jesus reminds us that living our faith means listening to God and showing our love for Him through the choices we make each day. We are all called to care for others, help those in need, and make good decisions, even when it can be difficult.

As the week comes to a close, families might like to talk about times when they have changed their minds and chosen to do the right thing. Taking a few moments to thank God for His guidance and asking Him to help us put our faith into action can be a wonderful way to end the week.



# Don't miss our Termly RE and Computing Newsletters!

Each term, alongside our weekly Celebration Magazine, we share dedicated **RE** and **Computing** newsletters.



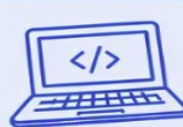
## RE NEWSLETTER

Discover what our pupils are learning in RE, how we are growing in faith and living out our school values.



## COMPUTING NEWSLETTER

Find out about the exciting digital skills our pupils are developing and how technology enhances learning across the curriculum.



## Stay informed and celebrate learning!

You can find all of our newsletters on the school website.



Visit:

[st-michaels.medway.sch.uk/News/Newsletters/](http://st-michaels.medway.sch.uk/News/Newsletters/)

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. ❤️

### HOUSE POINTS



#### TOTAL POINTS FOR THE WEEK:

ST. LUCY: 7105

ST. BERNADETTE: 5031

ST. JOAN: 7001

ST. THERESE: 7039

#### TOTAL POINTS SO FAR:

ST. LUCY: 20019

ST. BERNADETTE: 19414

ST. JOAN: 19745

ST. THERESE: 19099

### ATTENDANCE



#### WEEK BEGINNING:

MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2026

#### WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

97.11%

#### INFANT CLASS OF THE WEEK:

ST. PHILIP (98%)

#### JUNIOR CLASS OF THE WEEK:

ST. AUGUSTINE (99.69%)

### BUSTER'S BOOK CLUB



#### THE WINNING CLASS IS:

ST. AUGUSTINE

#### WALK ON WEDNESDAY



#### THE WINNING CLASS IS:

ST. MATTHIAS

### Term 1 Dates for your Diary

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.

# 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...



Muhammad  
Romeo  
Louie  
Matilda  
Arif

Yasin  
Helena  
Elena  
Nadia  
Faith



## 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**

15 Sept: Medway Test. Children to arrive promptly.

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

21 Sept: Y4 Rochester Gurdwara visit.

22 Sept: Y3 Guildhall Museum trip.

23 Sept: Y6 PGL begins.

**24 Sept: Y6 PGL. Trauma Informed Parent Workshop 2pm.** Y2 Victoria Gardens Trip- Fieldwork.

25 Sept: Y6 PGL. Beginning of Year Mass at St George's Cathedral. Prayer Leaders attend.

**28 Sept: Harvest Food Collection begins. Donations due by 2 Oct.**

29 Sept: Feast of St Michael Mass 10am led by Y4. Parents welcome.

30 Sept: Y3 Victoria Gardens Trip- Fieldwork.

### October 2026

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