ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Celebration Magazine

23.10.2026

As we draw to the end of Term 1, we have so much to celebrate. It has been a long and busy term, with lots achieved, and I think we can all agree that our two-week break is a welcome opportunity to enjoy time with our families, rest and recharge for Term 2. Our parent consultations finished this week, and I have been so pleased with the feedback from both parents and staff. It has been lovely to hear how well the children are doing and that their next steps in learning, alongside the support available, have been clearly shared. Thank you also to everyone who joined our Parent Forum and shared their thoughts and suggestions. Your views help us improve our school, and all the minutes and agreed next steps are now available on our website. Thank you for working with us to help your children flourish.

We had the absolute pleasure of sharing Superhero Day with Year 1 this week! The children arrived dressed for the occasion and made their way around the school demonstrating their amazing powers. Alongside all the fun, they thought about their own personal heroes and the everyday heroes who help and care for us all. Their enthusiasm and imagination certainly brought plenty of smiles to our faces.

A huge thank you to Year 6 and Year 4 for two wonderful assemblies this week. Their messages about our differences, our similarities and what makes each of us special were powerful reminders of the importance of standing together, speaking up for what is right and moving forward positively. Thank you to the parents and carers who joined us and made these occasions so special, to the children for their preparation, outstanding performances and excitement, and, of course, to the staff who go above and beyond to bring these assemblies to life.

Today, we marked Black History Month with a celebration of culture and community, while recognising that this important learning continues throughout the year. It was a joy to pause and appreciate the wonderful diversity within our school family. The children looked fantastic in their traditional clothing, and it was lovely to see so many parents contributing to our Cultural Cookout after school. Thank you for sharing your food, traditions and time with us. Our cake sale was also a great success, raising funds to support our school.

Dear God, thank you for all we have shared and achieved this term. Please keep our children, families and staff safe over the half-term break. Bless our homes with peace, laughter and time to rest, and bring us back together refreshed and ready for the term ahead. Amen.

Mrs Collins

Celebration of the Word

This week, we reflected on Jesus' teaching from Matthew 22:15-21. In the Gospel, some people tried to trap Jesus by asking whether it was right to pay taxes to Caesar. Jesus asked to see a coin and pointed out that it bore Caesar's image. He replied, "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God." Through this teaching, Jesus reminds us that while we have responsibilities in the world around us, our hearts, lives, and gifts ultimately belong to God.

We thought about how each of us is made in God's image and is deeply loved by Him. Jesus teaches us to make wise choices and to live faithfully, showing respect and responsibility in our daily lives while always putting God first. We are called to use our talents, time, and actions in ways that honour God and reflect His love to others.

As the week comes to a close, families might like to talk about the many gifts God has given them and how they can use those gifts to serve others. Taking a few moments to thank God for His love and asking Him to help us make good choices, act responsibly, and live as faithful followers of Jesus 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	Abigail Fenton
St. Jude	Jagvir Taak
St. Andrew	Thomas Phillips
St. James the Lesser	Blanka Kolodziejska
St. Simon	Noah-James Doughty
St. Philip	Zainab Sayed
St. Matthew	Daphne Rodriguez Calderon
St. John	Gabriel Mendes
St. Thomas	Isabella Buck
St. Matthias	Lewis Zimuto
St. James the Greater	Wyatt Payne
St. Bartholomew	Bishop Taiwo
St. Augustine	Inaaya Hussain
St. Paul	Abir Hussain
St. Peter	Jayden Ogbonna

CIRCLE AWARD

OUR VALUE OF THE WEEK: CHURCH

THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN HAVE RECEIVED THE CIRCLE AWARD.

RECEPTION: BLUE MARAPARA

YEAR 1: ST. JAMES THE LESSER

YEAR 2: WYNTER-LILY MUYUKA

YEAR 3: DYAM EDWIN

YEAR 4: AMIYAH ROGERS

YEAR 5: MIA COBLE

YEAR 6: AVA PORTANIER

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

HOUSE POINTS

TOTAL POINTS FOR THE WEEK:

ST. LUCY: 6514

ST. BERNADETTE: 6930

ST. JOAN: 7259

ST. THERESE: 6939

TOTAL POINTS SO FAR:

ST. LUCY: 37008

ST. BERNADETTE: 35428

ST. JOAN: 36577

ST. THERESE: 36009

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Matters

WEEK BEGINNING:

MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2026

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

95.57%

INFANT CLASS OF THE WEEK:

ST. JAMES THE LESSER (100%)

JUNIOR CLASS OF THE WEEK:

ST. JOHN (100%)

BUSTER'S BOOK CLUB

THE WINNING CLASS IS:

ST. MATTHEW

WALK ON WEDNESDAY

THE WINNING CLASS IS:

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

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

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Assessment Week (KCSP W1)
Road Safety Week
National Coding Week

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Reception Trip to Rochester via the train (children must have a coat and wear trainers)

Tuesday 17th November
MYG Year 3/4 Primary XC

Wednesday 18th November
Year 6 Guildhall Museum - River Medway Visit (children must have a coat and wear trainers)

Friday 20th November
BBC Children in Need Tag Day Donation (minimum donation of £1)

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 half term...

Elizabeth
Khisara
Khaleel
Abiru
Grace
Fatima
Vienna– Violet
Kore
Lily

Nancy
Abir
Atharva
Kadmiel
Dinis
Damian
Candace
Alisha
Skyler

Max
Rio
Sumaya
Izaiah
Georgia
Phillip
Kaiyuan

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Tuesday 24th November
Local Governing Committee Meeting 2

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.

Thursday 3rd December
EYFS Nativity - Nursery at 2.00pm
Parents and carers are very welcome. Please arrive promptly. Parking will be available.

Friday 4th December
Rocksteady Concert - 2.30pm
Parents of children performing are welcome to attend.

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