Romero Catholic Academy Trust

St Augustine of Canterbury RC Primary School

Christus, Heri, Hodie Semper

Meet the teacher – 14/09/2026

Welcome to EYFS:

Teacher: Mrs Platt
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Graham and Miss Whittaker
PPA Cover: Mrs Graham (Monday afternoon- PE
PE day: Monday

School day:

Please see below an example of a typical day in EYFS at St Augustine of Canterbury:

A Day in the life of Reception Class!

8.40- doors open and children are welcomed into class.

8.55 - Register, Prayers and Broadcast by the Pupil Chaplains.

9.00- Phonics session

9.30- Literacy or Maths

10.00- Milk and Fruit (a piece from home if wanted)

10.15- Playtime

10.30- Literacy or Maths

11.30- Tidy up time, toilet & wash hands

11.45- Dinner in hall and playtime on yard

1.00- Register

1.05- Topic work / Religious Education

2.40- Tidy up time and fruit (Free from school)

3.20- 3.25- Home time

Yearly curriculum overviews can be found on our school website but may be subject to change.

PE

In Reception children are taught physical education on Monday. Children will keep PE kit in school and change before the lesson- kits will be sent home at holidays to be washed.

Children must not wear any jewellery, especially earrings as per the school uniform policy on any day.

Communication

We really value our communication with parents and carers, and we're always looking for ways to keep you well-informed about school life. That's why we're continuing to develop how we use Class Dojo, our Instagram/Facebook accounts, and our newly formed News Squad to share updates and news with you.

Class Dojo is a great tool for quick messages, especially if there's something small you'd like to share that doesn't require a phone call to the office.

However, to be mindful of staff wellbeing, we kindly ask that messages are sent during school hours if it's necessary.
Here are a few helpful reminders to keep everything running smoothly:

- ✅ Minor updates? Feel free to send a quick Class Dojo message. If a response isn't needed, staff will acknowledge it with a 👍 once they've read it.
- 📞 Bigger questions or concerns? If you think your message might need a longer response, please call the school office. From there, we can arrange the most suitable way to talk, whether that's a phone call, a meeting, or a quick chat at drop off/ pick up time. We want to avoid anything being misinterpreted over messages and always prefer a real conversation when it matters.

- 💬 Want to help us improve home–school communication? We're hoping to set up a small working group and would love to hear from any parents/carers who'd be interested. If that's you, please drop us a message on Class Dojo.

8.40 arrival

- ✓ Class staff are usually available at the door at the beginning of the school day, please use this opportunity to pass on any urgent messages where necessary.

Class Dojo

- ✓ Each class display Dojo Belts, which show the progress children are making.
- ✓ Dojo points are linked to our school values: **Compassion, Hardworking, Respect, Inviting, Successful, and Teamwork**. This helps us keep things consistent and celebrate what matters most.
- ✓ Every Friday, there will be a **Dojo Winner**. This will be the child with the most points that week and they can choose from the prize box. At the end of the week, points reset so everyone gets a fresh start.
- ✓ When children move up a belt they also receive a **Dojo Dollar.**
- ✓

The Dojo Dollars can be saved and swapped for fun rewards such as:

- ✓ Wearing slippers or crocs for the day
- ✓ Using a blanket or cushion
- ✓ Sitting with a friend
- ✓ Two Dojo Dollars can be traded for a special **"Cosy Day"**.
- ✓ Rewards are always redeemed on **Fridays.**
- ✓ We're really looking forward to celebrating the children's achievements and positive behaviour together!

Tapestry

- ✓ The Tapestry app is where we celebrate and track children's academic achievements. Please feel free to share events, family updates and celebrations of WOW moments you may have with your child through your own observations.

Arbor (Attendance)

- ✓ Please use Arbor to report your child's absence or any medical appointments.

SchoolMoney

- ✓ As we are a cash free school, payments are made via School Money for breakfast club, after school club, missing book payments and trips.

SchoolGrid

- ✓ This platform is used to book your child's school dinners. The office staff can help you with login details but please note that this system is managed by Dolce.

Reading

There is nothing more important to help your child academically than reading at home!

In EYFS children take home reading books that are carefully matched to their current Phonics ability making the books able to be read independently by the child. The children are given a selection of books at their level and are able to choose the book they want to read.
The home reading books should be read 4 times over the week and logged in the reading record with any comments you wish to make.

Children will also be given a Swap a Book, this is a picture book that children choose themselves from a large selection that you can share with your child (**the children are not expected to be able to read this on their own**). We are hoping that being able to choose their own books will inspire a love for reading!

PLEASE keep both the reading book, swap a book and reading record inside the plastic wallet to prevent damage. Parents/carers are responsible to replace damaged books.

Independence

We aim for children to be as independent as possible- we expect children to be able to have a go at putting on their own coat and fastening the zip; to use a knife and fork to cut up their dinners; to take on and off their own shoes and clothes for PE. Please practice as much as you can at home to help your child to be confident and independent in school.

