



St Anselm's Catholic Primary School
January 2025
In God's Love We Live Learn and Grow



We Pray



Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be **merciful**.
like the
heavenly Father,
and have told us that
whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we
will be saved.
We ask this of you,
Lord Jesus, through the
intercession of
Mary, Mother of **Mercy**;
you who live and reign with
the Father and the
Holy Spirit
for ever and ever.
Amen.



Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas seems like a long time ago so it feels a bit late to be thanking you for your gifts and blessings at Christmas but it is important that you know how grateful we are for your ongoing kindness and messages of appreciation.

January has been a cold, dark month so it is with great joy that I am looking out my office windows at the bright blue sky and gleaming sunshine. These days always bring forth the feelings of Hope and Joy.

This term we began our Jubilee Year of Hope with an assembly led by Mrs Dhak. The children are thinking about ways they can bring Hope to others this year. During our 'pilgrimage', which will span the entire year, we will be participating in activities with the other Deanery schools to celebrate the Jubilee. We also be showcasing some of the work to parents.

We have a renewed focus on **READING** for the coming year. All classes have visited the local library and all children should now have a library card. If your child does not have a library card please let us know and we will arrange this at the next visit. We would also like to encourage parents to visit the library at the weekend and in the school holidays. Children who read at home read better than those who do not. **Our library day is Friday afternoon from 2pm to 3pm.** Please come to join us.

Diary Dates

Parents evening

Thursday 13th February

Half Term

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Last Day of Term for Easter

Friday 4th April (*School finishes at 1pm*)

First Day back for the Summer term

Tuesday 22nd April (*All children are expected to be back at school on this day*)



COFFEE MORNINGS:

Monday 3rd February 2025
Monday 3rd March 2025
Monday 12th May 2025
Monday 9th June 2025
Monday 7th July 2025

READING WORKSHOP – Wednesday 5th February at 9am in the school hall. We will be talking about the importance of reading and how you can support your children at home and at school. We will also be sharing updates on what we are doing to enhance children's love of reading.

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK – please join us on Monday 10th February at 2pm to come into your child's class to hear them talk and present their learning on how to promote healthy minds. This will be followed by a workshop in the school hall.

Uniform Reminder

Please can we remind you all that children are expected to be in correct school uniform each day including proper school shoes and a tie. Please NAME everything, as countless jumpers, and other items, cannot be returned to their owners unless we know who to give them to. Girls must not wear leggings/tights with ankle socks. This looks very untidy.

A reminder that we sell pre-loved uniform at a very reasonable price during our coffee mornings.

PE Kit must be in school every Monday morning and remain in school for the week.

Attendance and Punctuality

A reminder that the school gate opens at 8.25am and children come into school from 8.30am to 8.45am. If your child arrives after 8.45am the school door will be closed and your child will be late.

Last year we improved the attendance greatly, achieving 2nd in the borough. We would like to improve on this achievement this year and be first in the borough. That will require children to be in school learning.

There is a proven correlation between attendance and attainment. The more time your child misses at school the more learning they and the less they achieve.

Attendance Matters



Healthy Teeth

It is very important that we teach the children to look after their teeth. This should start at home by making sure that teeth brushing is part of the daily routine. **Children must brush their teeth with a toothbrush and tooth-paste in the morning and the evening.** It is the last thing they should do before they go to bed.

Tooth decay can also be affected by what we eat. Fizzy drinks and sugary snacks and sweets are particularly bad for the teeth. If a child's first teeth are damaged this will cause damage to their teeth later in life.

If you would like any further advice with this please let us know.



E-Safety Tip

Please make sure that you know who your child is playing online games with. Ask them about their friends; who they are and how they know them. Young children may perceive someone they have met online as a friend.



Year 3 & 4 Cooking Club

After our introductory week making omelettes, we decided to take a trip to the Land of 'The Middle East'! The children prepared, cooked and devoured a healthy meal comprising of six vegetables. They chopped red onions, red, yellow and green peppers and leeks- frying them with garlic, paprika, cumin and sumac. Then, they cooked some couscous and mixed it together, with other children preparing the Harissa creamy butter beans!



Are you having Financial / Other Difficulties at Home?

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please ask for an appointment to meet confidentially with Ms Coll or Mrs Dhak.



School Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)

- Mrs Eileen Dhak –Deputy Headteacher, RE & KS2 Leader
- Mr R Jennings KS1 Leader / Maths
- Ms K Coll - Headteacher
- Sue Cawley – Vice Chair of Governor and Governor for Safeguarding

WEBSITE

Please continue to look at the school website for Pupils items on the CLASS PAGES GALLERY & VIDEO RESOURCE CENTRE & updates and information for parents under the PARENTS tab.

We also send communications to parents via text so please remember to check your messages.

<https://st-anselms-catholic.secure-primarysite.net/calendardates/>

www.stanselmscatholicprimaryschool.co.uk

Pope Francis Award

Congratulations to all of the children who have received a 'Pope Francis Award' certificate this month

The Pope Francis Award is given to children who demonstrate some of the characteristics that Pope Francis advocates. Pope Francis brings the message of the gospel to life in a practical way, care for our world, for all human beings and for ourselves. We do this with the acknowledgement that it is in God's love that we live, learn and grow.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for

January 2025

For the Right to an Education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Parental Contact Telephone Numbers

If you have moved house or changed your mobile phone number, please don't forget to let the office staff know your new details – this is important to ensure we have up to date contact numbers for emergency purposes

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes

Ms K Coll - Headteacher

