



**St Anselm's Catholic Primary School**  
**December 2024**  
*In God's Love We Live Learn and Grow*



**From all of us at St Anselm's, we wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and may the blessings of the Christ Child bring you peace, love and joy.**

**A Prayer For Christmas**



Let us remember Mary this Christmas, and may God bless our mothers.

Let us remember Joseph this Christmas, and may God bless our fathers.

Let us remember Elizabeth, Zechariah and John this Christmas, and may God bless all our relatives.

Let us remember the shepherds this Christmas, and may God bless all those who will be working.

Let us remember the wise men this Christmas, and may God bless all those who will be travelling.

Let us remember **Jesus** this Christmas, and may God bless us all and make us his children.

As we near the end of 2024, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support of your children and our school. A special thank you goes to all those parents who have helped in school and at events such as the Christmas Fair. We appreciate everything you do for us.

Thank you to everyone in the school who works so hard to ensure the school is a safe and happy place for the children to thrive. It is a privilege to work with this amazing team; Premises Staff, Office Staff, School Meals Supervisory Assistants, Nursery Nurses, Teaching Assistants, PPA and Support Staff, Class Teachers, Senior Leaders and Governors.

This term the children have been learning about the true meaning of Christmas and one of the ways that they have done this is through the Christmas Performances. They have demonstrated their God-given talents through singing, acting, learning lines and performing in front of audiences.

They have helped us to enter into the true spirit of Christmas and brought great joy to us as they announced the birth of Jesus, the Saviour. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join in, the staff for their hard work and the children for their performances.

My thoughts and prayers go out to you all and wish you a peaceful and safe Christmas.

**Diary Dates**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

First day back after the Christmas Holidays



**COFFEE MORNINGS:**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025



**LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

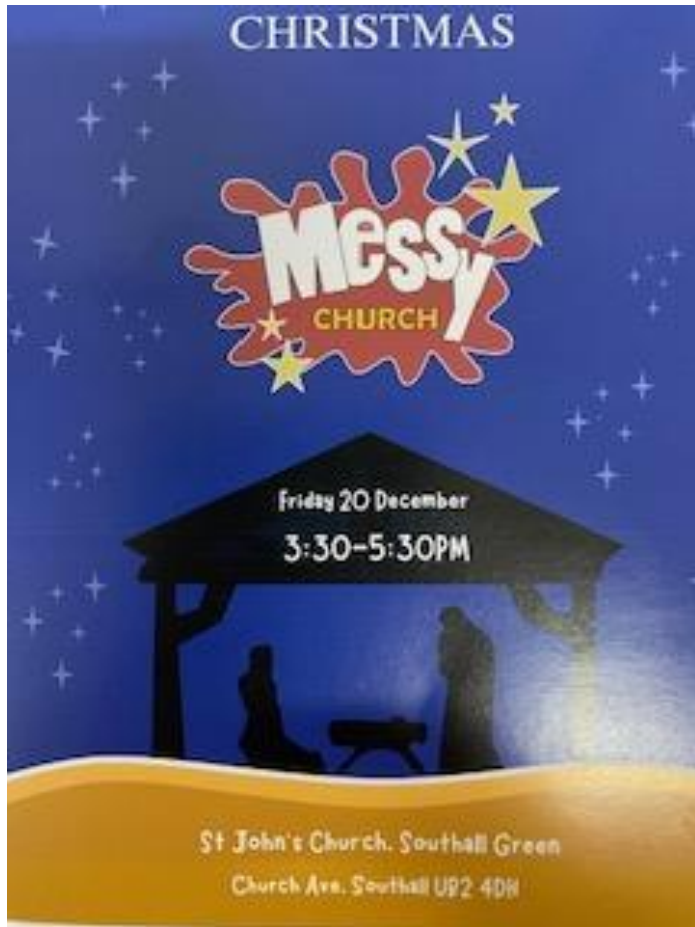
**Epiphany Mass**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January in the Church  
10am

**Reconciliation Service**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March in the school  
hall 10am (pupils only)

All children are invited to the Christmas Craft session at St John's Church on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. There will be lots to do and time to spend with friends.



**SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOL:** We are very blessed that our school holds a special place in the hearts of so many people within and outside of our community.

This Christmas we have received Christmas gifts from the Catholic Children's society. This is a Charitable organisation that supports families across the country. Every child also received a gift from a child at St Augustine's Catholic School in Ealing. Their generosity was overwhelming! Thank you all for your kindness.



A procession of the Three Kings will take place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January from Dickens Yard to Ealing Abbey. Anyone wanting to join the procession should meet outside Christ the Saviour Church at Ealing Broadway at 12.30pm. The procession will start at 1pm and will take about 30 minutes.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

## E-Safety Tip

Enjoy all your Christmas presents and keep safe this Christmas. Use technology sensibly and tell your parents/carers if you see or hear anything online that concerns you or makes you feel uncomfortable.



## Year 2- Nativity Trip!

In year 2, we travelled to Gumley House Convent school for a live re-enactment of the nativity story! The children got to meet characters from the story like King Herod (terribly scary), the shepherds and the angels- plus meeting Mary and Joseph and the animals in the barn where Jesus was born! The children were so well behaved and had a fantastic time meeting all the animals and students alike.





## EYFS Nativity

A big thank you to all the parents who joined us for the Early Years Nativity performance! It was a heartwarming event, and the children did an amazing job. We appreciate your support and are so grateful to have such a wonderful school community. Wishing all our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year – enjoy the holiday season with your loved ones!



## KS1 Nativity

A massive thank you to all the parents who joined us for the KS1 Nativity performance! It was a wonderful performance and the children worked so hard learning all their lines and songs. We really appreciate your continued support and I know the children love sharing everything we have been learning with you. Wishing all our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!





## PE Events

### Boys Football Competition

The Boys football team had their first round of fixtures in the league in December. Despite a positive start and plenty of goals scored, we leaked a few too many goals and finished with a record of 1 win, 1 draw and 4 losses. Well done to all the boys who took part and we need to be stronger at the back for the upcoming fixtures!



### Kurling Competition

Children from years 3&4 went with Ms Fernandes and Mrs Dhavan to attend the Curling event at Featherstone High School. The children performed admirably against children a year or two older and had an absolute blast! Behaviour was exemplary as always. Well done to all who attended!



## Year 3: Trip to Gunnersbury



To bring our learning about the Stone Age to life, we visited Gunnersbury Museum and Gardens. Before we began our workshop, we had some time to look at “Peoples Unite! How Southall Changed The Country.” This exhibition recently opened at the museum; it contains art installations from Southall artists and documents the history of Southall and West London’s incredible music scenes, from anti-facist performances by The Clash and The Who, in support of Blair Peach and others who stood up to the National Front in Southall, through to bhangra’s breakthrough into the mainstream via Panjabi MC’s 2002 hit *“Mundian To Bach Ke”* recorded in Acton. The children loved learning about the impact their community had on England.

After this, the children began their Stone Age workshop! They got to handle actual Stone Age artefacts which had been discovered in Gunnersbury’s grounds, learnt how to use a bow and arrow and spears to hunt woolly mammoths and built a range of settlements from the Palaeolithic Era all the way through to the Neolithic Era. The children were brilliantly behaved and the staff at Gunnersbury were amazed by how much they already knew about Stone Age Life!





## Reception Explores Indian Cuisine

As part of their topic on "Where Are We From?", Reception has been learning about India. After studying traditional clothes and dances, the children had the exciting opportunity to try Indian food. A huge thank you to all the parents who generously provided dishes for the children to taste. The children were very brave and had a wonderful time exploring the flavours of Indian cuisine!





## Reception Explores Mongolian Culture

As part of our "Where Are We From?" topic, Reception discovered that one of our classmates is from Mongolia! He kindly brought in traditional Mongolian clothes for show-and-tell, giving the children a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Mongolian culture. They also learned that some people in Mongolia live in yurts, called 'gers.' The children had great fun creating their own 'gers' using card and junk modelling!



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## Reception – India: Traditional Dance

Reception has been learning about India as part of their cultural studies. As a highlight of their learning, the children had the opportunity to participate in a vibrant Indian dance workshop with Mrs. Klair. They had great fun learning traditional dance moves, and both the children and adults thoroughly enjoyed the experience! Here are some pictures of us in action!





## Year 2- Making Rainbow Salads

In year 2, we have been looking at salads and how to ensure we eat healthily, but also deliciously! The children sampled a selection of salads in their first week, followed by experimenting with different ingredients and dressings to add texture and flavour to our food. Then, the children designed their own salads, made them and evaluated them. The children were fantastic at trying new things and understanding the difference between fruits and vegetables.



**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](http://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**

**December 2024**

**For pilgrims of hope**

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**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**



