



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



May is the Month of Mary

We ask Mary our mother to intercede for us as we pray.....

Hail Mary, full of grace.
 The Lord is with thee.
 Blessed art thou among women,
 and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
 pray for us sinners,
 now and at the hour of our death.
 Amen.



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another very busy half term I would like to thank you all for your support. The children have been working extremely hard and are making good progress with their learning. Well done to year 6 who have completed their SATs tests. All children tried their best and we are very proud of them all.

We have also been having lots of fun. Last week we had the Farm visit. Every child in the school got to meet, hold and groom the animals. We were particularly excited when the sheep escaped into the big playground and were amazed at how quickly the tortoise could run.

The children have taken part in many sporting events including;

- Girl's football festival
- Soft Ten Pin Bowling
- Primary Panathlon
- Kurling event
- Badminton Racket Pack festival

Upcoming events include:

- Cricket League x3
- Golf competition
- Girl's cricket event
- Y3/4 Boys football x3

Diary Dates

Monday 26th to Friday 30th May – Half Term

Friday 20th June – Summer Fair

Thursday 3rd July – KS1 Sports Day - morning, KS2 Sports Day - afternoon

Wednesday 16th July – End of year Mass 2pm in the Church

Friday 18th July – Last day of the school term –School finishes at 1pm



COFFEE MORNING:

Monday 9th June

Monday 1st July



HOLY COMMUNION: Some of the children in our school will be making their Holy Communion this weekend, along with other children in the Parish Community. Please keep them in your prayers.



Ealing
citizens

RENTERS' RIGHTS WORKSHOPS



Are you a private renter? Is your landlord not doing repairs? Are you worried about eviction? Come and find out your rights and how you could work with other renters to build power.

Monday 9th June, 1.45-3.15pm & 6-7.45pm

Please sign up at these links, or scan the QR codes:

- 1.45-3.15pm: https://bit.ly/Greenford_1 &
- 6-7.45pm: https://bit.ly/Greenford_2 &

**Our Lady of the Visitation Parish Hall
Greenford Road
UB6 9AW**



Contact Hilal, Community Organiser for Ealing Citizens at
hilal.yazan@citizensuk.org or 07497425 039

Summer Fair Donations

We are beginning to plan the summer fair which will be held on **Friday 20th June** in the school. If you are able to offer your support please come to the coffee morning on **Monday 9th June** or email the school office office@st-anselms.ealing.sch.uk.

All families are asked to donate the following items for our Bric a Brac and Tombola Stalls

- Unwanted or unopened gifts including unopened toiletries (in good condition)
- Unwanted home decor e.g., vases, ornaments (in good condition)
- Unwanted jewellery (in good condition, ear-rings must be new)
- Unopened bottles of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks

Please also donate the following items:

- Cakes
- Crisps
- Biscuits
- Orange or blackcurrant Squash
- Disposable plates and cups
- Napkins
- Sweets and chocolates
- Donations of empty glass jars, eg coffee jars. These will need to be washed with all labels removed.

At the fair we will have

- Adult and children's tombola
- Guess the number of sweets in a jar
- Bric a brac stall
- Photo booth
- Cake stall
- Outdoor Music and Disco
- Ice Cream Van
- Barbeque

And much more.....

Road Safety

As you will know the streets in Southall are incredibly busy with traffic, especially cars and lorries. These streets are dangerous for our children. In the past two weeks there have been two traffic accidents where pedestrians were seriously injured when crossing the road. You will remember that last year a child from a neighbouring school was killed when crossing King Street.

When we take children out of school we teach them how to cross the road safely. We will only ever cross a main road at the crossing or traffic lights. We will always wait for the green man to appear before crossing. When crossing side streets we teach them to find a place where they can see all around them.

It is your responsibility as parents to teach your children to be safe when crossing the road. This means walking to a crossing and waiting for the cars to stop, even if this means you have to walk a bit further. Teaching your children how to find a safe place to cross away from traffic and to look both ways before they cross.

It is very tempting to just run across the road when you think the road is clear. However, you are teaching your children bad habits that could get them killed. When I was leaving school at lunch time last week I saw parents with children from this school crossing King St at the corner of Church Ave. This is probably one of the most dangerous places along that stretch of road!

Please teach your child road safety by crossing the road in a safe place. This could save their lives!



Online Safety:

Recent research has shown the damage that exposing children to screens in their development. It has been proven that the neurons in children's brains are being rewired by spending too much time on a screen resulting in conditions such as hyperactivity, increased incidence of angry and aggressive behaviour, speech delay, social communication difficulties and damage to eye-sight.

Recommendations:

- Children under the age of two **should not** play any games or watch shows on mobile phones or tablets. They should never be given a mobile phone to entertain them. These should only ever be used to have face time conversations with relatives for short periods of time.
- Children between 2 and 5 should spend **no more** than 30 minutes a day watching a show or playing a game on an ipad. **They should never be given a mobile phone as the small screen is leading to sight damage.**
- Children between 5 and 10 should only use devices to complete home-work tasks with an additional **30 minutes a day for games.**
- **Children should not have their own smart phone before the age of 12-14.**
- All screens should be switched off, including the TV, at least one hour before children go to bed. Research has shown that excessive time on screen is impacting on children's physical and mental health and their sleep patterns.

Please click the link below to take part in the mobile phone survey.

[Take Our Survey: Share Your Experience on Your Child's First Smartphone](#)

We are also concerned about what children are accessing via the internet and particularly **YouTube**. The children tell us that they do not have games like GTA and Call of Duty but they watch gamers play them on YouTube. These YouTube videos appear to be available even when you have child locks and protections on.

Please explain to your children the reasons why they should not be watching or playing adult games. If you are not sure how horrific these games are please do a search. The content really is very disturbing.

There are also a number of sites that are camouflaged to look like they are for children but the content is scary and quite distressing, e.g. 'catnap'.



Calling All Gardeners!

The school has received a grant to transform and improve our grey spaces into green spaces. We have ordered planters, soil and a range of climbing plants to grow along our playground fence to improve our environment. We have also ordered raised garden beds for each year group so that every child can grow vegetables, discover how they grow and harvest them. However, this is a big job and we really need parent volunteers to help us after half term.

We need parents to work with the children to fill up the planters with soil and plant the vegetables. We will also need volunteers to come into the playground during the school holidays, with their children to water the plants. You can then take any of the vegetables that are ready to pick.

If you can come in regularly or just a one off please speak with Miss Coll or leave your details at the school office.



Year 3 Football

On Friday 16th May, Year 3 represented St Anselm's at the Ealing Schools boys football competition. Despite not winning any of their games, the boys were a credit to the school by continuing to try their hardest and they were commended by all the coaches for their behaviour and commitment to fair play. Year 3 also played against lots of teams with Year 4 children! We will be going again towards the end of the summer with the same positive attitude and looking to pick up some victories.

(Mr Power forgot to charge the camera, so no pictures, sorry!)

Fun on the farm!

On the 9th May, we had a wonderful treat as a local company visited St Anselm's with loads of farm animals! All of our children had an opportunity to hold some baby chicks, brush a donkey, feed ponies and have cuddles with some cheeky sheep! The lovely staff from the mobile farm worked with our children to discuss the diets of the animals, how to care for them properly and the habitats they would usually live in, making great links to Science across the curriculum.



Mr Power is looking to enter Wildlife Photographer of the Year in 2026 after capturing this amazing shot of a sheep and tortoise hanging out together. Who knew they would be best friends?!



Reception – Learning About Dinosaurs!

The Reception class has been exploring the fascinating world of dinosaurs! The children learned that dinosaurs came in all shapes and sizes, from the towering, long-necked creatures to the smaller, fast-moving ones. They discovered that dinosaurs could be carnivores, herbivores, or omnivores, depending on what they ate.

The children also learned about paleontologists, the scientists who study fossils to uncover more about these incredible creatures that lived millions of years ago. To bring their learning to life, the class used salt dough to create their own fossils, just like real paleontologists!

It's been a wonderful topic, sparking the children's curiosity about the prehistoric world. We're so proud of their enthusiasm and creativity in exploring the amazing world of dinosaurs!



Reception – Celebrating 80 Years of Victory in Europe Day (VE Day)

Reception class has been learning about VE Day, marking 80 years since the end of the Second World War in Europe. We explored why this important event is remembered and the sacrifices made for peace. The children discovered how VE Day is celebrated, including the traditions of remembrance and community spirit.

This learning has also helped the children make links to their previous studies about Remembrance Day, deepening their understanding of the importance of remembering those who fought for peace and freedom.

To make our learning even more enjoyable and meaningful, we had a Teddy Bear Picnic! It was a lovely way to reflect on the joy and peace that VE Day symbolises. The children had a great time enjoying snacks with their teddy bears while discussing what they've learned about this significant day in history.



Year 4 Trip to the River Thames!

Year 4 ventured out on an exciting school trip to the River Thames as part of our Geography learning. The visit was a fantastic opportunity to consolidate our understanding of the journey of a river and see the features we have been learning about in the classroom, up close and personal.

Armed with nets and curiosity, we explored the riverbanks and investigated the wildlife living in and around the water. The children thoroughly enjoyed catching and identifying a variety of river-dwelling bugs, getting hands-on with nature in the process.

There were plenty of smiles (and some very muddy shoes) as we embraced the outdoors and brought our river topic to life!



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.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for

May 2025

For working conditions.

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

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