



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



**Prayer for End of the School**  
**Year**

At the end of this school year we give thanks to God for the community of St Anselm's, and we ask you Lord:

Bless our children, especially year 6 and those other few that leave our school today: may your Spirit inspire them with confidence and calmness.

Bless our families as we take our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish.

Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

**FAREWELL AND THANK YOU**

As the end of term approaches, I write to you with a full heart and deep gratitude. After serving as Headteacher of St Anselm's for the past two years, the time has come for me to say farewell.

It has been an honour and a pleasure to lead St Anselm's. My role here has been made possible by the support of all the staff who are dedicated to the development and well-being of the pupils and families in this close knit community. I am also grateful to the parents, carers and families for your support and commitment to the school and your children's education and emotional development.

Our shared mission—to nurture every child in a spirit of love, faith, and learning—has always been at the heart of everything we do. Thank you for the kindness, encouragement, and trust you have shown me throughout my time here. I am deeply proud of what we have achieved together, especially the very positive 'OFSTED' report which recognised and praised the uniqueness of this community.

The children have enjoyed many school trips including singing at 'The Albert Hall'. They have had the opportunity to learn music through drumming and recorder lessons and we hope, in the future, to offer more musical instruments. They enjoy a range of other creative subjects, which are important for their overall development.

I want to say **THANK YOU to you all for the opportunity to be part of this community.** Thank you to the children that make every day different, who make us proud every day and make us smile. Thank you to the parents and carers who support and work so well with us. Thank you to the staff for their hard work and dedication. Their contributions and giving up of their time is admirable. The team spirit within the school, is reflected in the harmonious atmosphere which is emulated by the children and the way they interact and support each other.

Though I am moving on, I will carry this community in my heart always, and I will continue to pray for the flourishing of this school and all who are part of it. May God bless you all as you continue to grow in faith, love, and learning.

I hope you have a safe and restful holiday.

## Good bye and Good Luck

Good luck to all the year 6 pupils and parents/carers who will be leaving us today. You will always be a part of the St Anselm's community. We are very proud of everything you have achieved. You have been great role models to the younger children and your presence has enhanced the school community. We know that you will do very well at High School where you will continue to excel and make us proud.

Thank you and best wishes to Mrs De La Cruz, Mrs Dowd and Mrs Pollard who have worked extremely hard this year to teach the children in Reception, year 1 and year 5. Thank you for everything you have done for the school and the children. We wish you the very best for your future endeavours.

We welcome to the team Ms El-Fassi to year 1 and Mr Little to year 5.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our school uniform gives us our identity and we are very proud of it. Our bright blue jumpers and cardigans make our children stand out. Therefore, we would like a greater effort to ensure that all children are wearing the correct uniform so that they look smart. Therefore, we expect ALL children to come to school smartly dressed. This will give them pride in themselves and their school.

We expect all children to return to school in September wearing their winter uniform. This means a plain white shirt, school tie, jumper or cardigan and grey trousers for the boys and grey trousers, skirts or pinafores for the girls. Boys must wear GREY socks and girls must wear GREY tights or plain WHITE socks without frills or bows. All shoes must be black. Boots are not allowed. Girls MUST NOT return in summer dresses. If your child is wearing a thermal vest under their shirt, the shirt must have long sleeves. The thermal vest must not be visible. Girls must not wear leggings with ankle socks under their skirts.

Please NAME everything, as countless jumpers, and other items, cannot be returned to their owners unless we know who to give them to. If you use second-hand uniform, PLEASE take the old name/label out and rename for your child!

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter. We aim to be the best dressed school in Southall. Please see the next page for a full uniform list.

## ATTENDANCE

**Congratulations** to the following children who achieved 100% Attendance for the whole of this Academic Year – **Year 1** - Jude Mendes and Kirubelle Tilahun, **Year 3** – Joydon Da Gama and Jaylen Rodrigues, **Year 5** – Chioma Pascal, **Year 6** – Samuel Barbosa, Eva Marques, Joel Mattu and Shalom Multani

**Congratulations to Year 6 for the overall best attendance for the year – 96%**

## Diary Dates

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 – **Pupils return to school after the holidays**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October**- School closed for staff training

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – **Parental Consultations**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October - **Half Term**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – **Last day of the school term – School finishes at 1pm**

Spring Term

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026** – School Term begins for pupils

### Jubilee Year of Hope Celebration

St Anselm's Pilgrims of Hope embarked on a journey to St Augustine's Priory on Tuesday, 8th July, to proudly celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope alongside other Ealing Deanery Schools. A special thank you to Reniola, Gwendoline, Sabina, and Trevor for their excellent readings during the service; they truly shone.



### Girls Football Club

The girls' football team has made remarkable strides this year. Their dedication, teamwork, and positive attitude have been truly inspiring to witness. A special thank you goes to Coach Alan for his unwavering commitment to the team's success.





### Year 6 Junior Citizens

This week, Year 6 pupils attended the Hanwell Football Club to take part in the Junior Citizenship programme, an initiative run by The Metropolitan Police. The aim of the scheme is to increase children's awareness of health and safety in and out of their homes, as well as learning how to be a good citizen. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and gained a greater understanding of what citizenship means for them.



## Year 6 Royal Albert Hall

On Tuesday 24th June, Ealing Music Service presented a special celebration of music in Ealing in their 'Harmony in Diversity' concert at the **Royal Albert Hall**. **St Anselm's Year 6 Choir** sang in a massed choir of over 1000 children and it was an incredible experience for all involved.



## Summer Fayre

A heartfelt thank you is extended to everyone who supported the summer fayre. Your contributions, both on the day and in the lead-up, were invaluable in making the event a success. The community's generosity is greatly appreciated, and the funds raised will benefit the children. A special thank you to those who donated prizes and to the local businesses who supported the event.







## HOW WILL YOUR GARDEN GROW?

The children have worked very hard, preparing, digging, planting and watering the plants. This has been a very successful project which has taught the children about growing. We have begun to harvest some of the plants. Well done everyone!



## 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'.

## **How to check if your child is eligible for Supermarket Vouchers during the school holidays:**

As you may be aware, from September 2023, all children receive a free school lunch, funded by central government & by the London Mayor's Office. Parents on low income, may also be entitled to receive a supermarket voucher during the school holidays to help with feeding your child when the school is closed. If a parent is receiving any of the welfare benefits listed below, you could be eligible:

- Income Support (IS)
- Jobseekers Allowance Income based (JSAIB)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household income, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs that does not exceed £16,190
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit, household annual net earned income must not exceed £7,400 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

NB : Parents who receive Job Seekers Allowance or Employment and Support allowance, which is contribution based, Working tax credit or other benefits are not eligible for free school meals.

For further information and to apply on-line via Ealing Council – follow the link below: <https://fsm.bslforum.com/ealing/Dseat.jsp>

Parents will receive a letter confirming their child's entitlement and the school will be notified directly by Ealing Council. Eligibility will be reviewed annually by Ealing Council and notification will be sent to parents automatically.

By registering for free meals, you will help raise an extra £1,455 for your child's school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

### **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.

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Children's  
Society**  
(Westminster)  
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### **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.

### **Holy Father's Prayer Intention for**

**July 2025**

#### **For Mutual Coexistence**

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

### **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**