



October 2025

St Anselm's Catholic Primary School



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LITURGICAL CELEBRATION



All Saints Whole school

Mass in the Church –

Monday 3 November 11 am

Remembrance Liturgy

Tuesday 11 November 9 am

in the school hall.

Christmas Fayre Tuesday 9

December

EYFS Nativity Tuesday 9

December in the school hall

– 9 am

KS2 Christmas

Performance Thursday 11

December 9 am

KS2 Christmas Carols

Tuesday 16 December 9am



COFFEE MORNINGS:

*Headteacher's talk- Come
and have a chat with Mrs
Martis.*

Monday 1 December 2025

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of this half term, I would like to take this opportunity to express how proud I am of all our children for their hard work, enthusiasm, and positive attitude towards learning. It was a pleasure to see so many of you engaging in discussions with class teachers and taking the time to appreciate the wonderful work produced by the children.

This half term has been a particularly busy and enriching one. Highlights have included the Year 5 visit to the Science Museum, various sporting activities, the Year 6 visit to the Gurdwara, our popular Movie Night, as well as our celebrations for Black History Month and Diwali. It has truly been a vibrant and memorable term for everyone.

As we head into the half-term break, I would like to wish all our families a restful and enjoyable week. A gentle reminder that children will be bringing home reading books – please encourage them to read daily and to make use of the Dominion Library to explore a wider range of books.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a restful half-term break – school reopens on Monday 3 November.

*Warm regards,
Mrs S Martis*



IMPORTANT DATES OR EVENTS

Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October - Half Term Break

Monday 10 November Odd socks day - Anti-bullying week

Tuesday 11 November Remembrance Day

Tuesday 9 December Christmas Fayre

Friday 19 December - Last day of the school term - School finishes at 1pm (Christmas break)

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

- Children cannot go on holiday during term time; attendance is crucial.
- Holidays will not be authorized, risking loss of the school place.
- Fines for non-compliance are now £80 per parent per child.
- Speak to the Headteacher before requesting time off; do not book flights first.
- Holidays can be scheduled during school closures (e.g., Christmas, Easter).
- Exceptional circumstances do not include visiting sick relatives or weddings.
- Unexplained absences will be reported to authorities.
For more information, refer to the Attendance Policy on our website.



IMPORTANT DATES OR EVENTS

Class Visit dates to the Dominion Centre Library

Please take a note of dates for each class's visit to the Dominion Centre Library.

Please remind your child to bring their library card to school on their visit day so that they can borrow books.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Year Group	Date
Year 6	19 th September
Year 5	26 th September
Year 4	3 rd October
Year 3	10 th October
Year 2	17 th October
Year 1	24 th October
Year 6	7 th November
Year 5	14 th November
Year 4	21 st November
Year 3	28 th November
Year 2	5 th December
Year 1	12 th December
Reception	19 th December

Class Stay and Pray

Please take a note of dates for each class's stay and pray.

We warmly invite all parents to join the children for prayer and reflection on their scheduled day at **2.45 p.m.**

Thank you for your support and participation!

Year Group	Date
Year 6	10 th October
Year 5	22 nd October
Year 4	6 th November
Year 3	20 th November
Year 2	25 th November
Year 1	2 nd December

LITURGICAL CELEBRATION

POPE LEO'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS



For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY



A huge congratulations to Year 5 for an outstanding Harvest Assembly! You shared important facts about food miles from around the world, encouraging us to consider shopping more locally to support our farmers and protect the planet. Thank you for your generous donations which will benefit many people in our community.

YEAR 5 SCIENCE MUSEUM



Our Year 5 class had an exciting trip to the Science Museum in Kensington, where we took part in a fascinating space workshop. We learned how light travels all the way from the Sun to Earth and explored amazing images of different planets in our solar system. After the workshop, the children had the opportunity to explore the space gallery, where they were amazed by real satellites and rockets that have been to space. It was an inspiring day that sparked our curiosity about the universe.

YEAR 6 VISIT TO THE GURDWARA



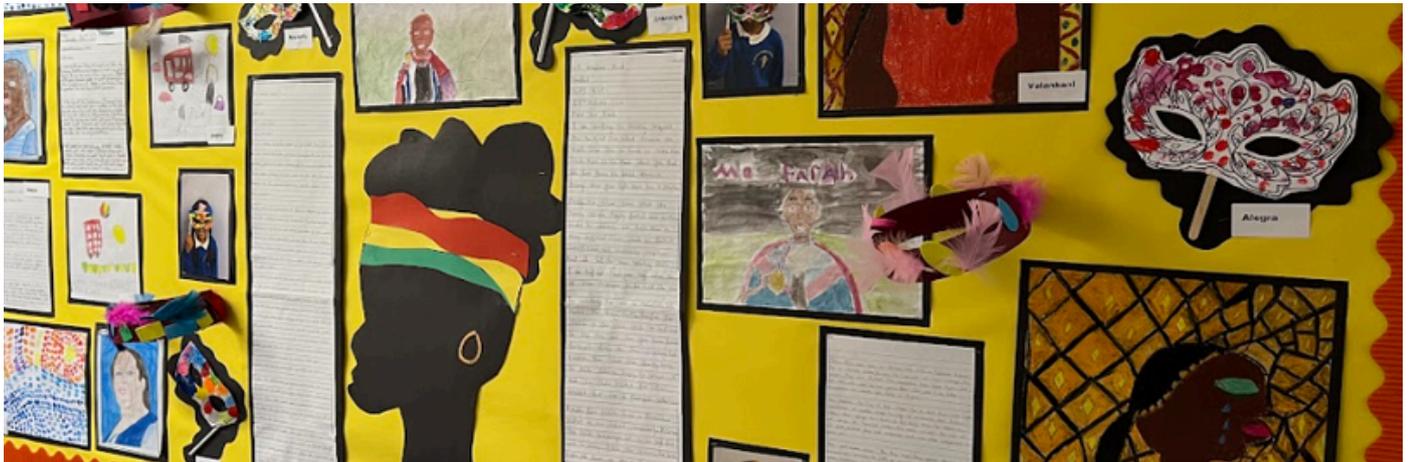
As autumn arrives, we prepare to celebrate two beautiful festivals of light: Diwali and Bandi Chhor Divas. Though they share a common spirit of enlightenment, each festival carries a unique and profound story. This year, year 6 had an amazing opportunity to share in the celebrations by visiting the Gurdwara and learning more about another faith in our community



MOVIE NIGHT



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



As part of our Black History Month celebrations, Reception have been learning all about Notting Hill Carnival – a vibrant celebration of Caribbean culture and community. We discovered that the carnival began as a way to celebrate Caribbean heritage, promote unity, and stand up against racism, bringing people together through music, dance, and joy.



The children had a wonderful time creating their own colourful masks and headdresses, inspired by the bright costumes seen at the carnival. We also explored Caribbean food by making sweetcorn fritters and tasting a selection of tropical fruits.



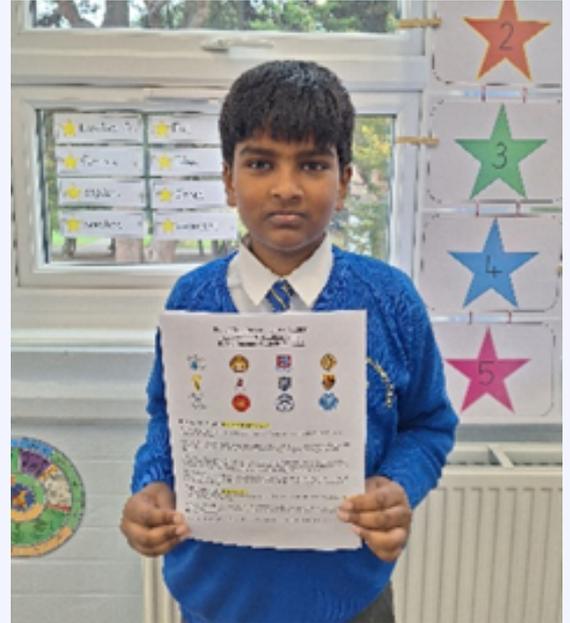
Everyone had a fantastic time learning about the importance of Notting Hill Carnival and how it celebrates culture, freedom, and togetherness!



DIWALI CELEBRATIONS



POPE FRANCIS ACTION TEAM



The Pope Francis Action Team took part in a Novena for Carlo Acutis, which was led by Our Lady of the Visitation. The novena was held in the days leading up to Acutis's feast day on October 12, 2025.



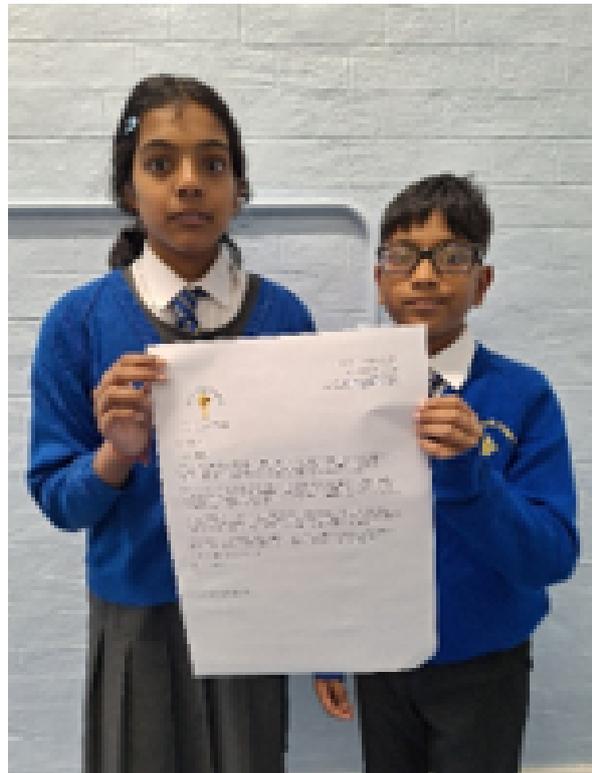
The Pope Francis Action Team regularly collect food for the community inspired by the Pope's teachings on poverty and hunger. The group have been tirelessly for collective action to combat food insecurity and personally participated in efforts to feed the poor.

POPE FRANCIS ACTION TEAM



The Pope Francis action team during the Month of October have been leading the Holy Rosary. are related to the Catholic tradition of dedicating October to the Holy Rosary, encouraging the children to pray for their own intentions and reflecting on the lives of Jesus and Mary.

The Pope Francis Action Team has been advocating for justice this week. They prepared a letter addressed to our local MP, Deirdre Costigan, expressing their concerns about the anti-social behaviour on Church Avenue. We hope their efforts receive a swift response on behalf of the entire community.



RECEPTION EXPLORE AUTUMN



Reception have been learning all about Autumn and the wonderful changes that happen during this season. We talked about how the leaves change colour, turning beautiful shades of red, orange, and yellow, before they fall to the ground.

To see these changes for ourselves, we went on a local area walk to Manor Park. The children enjoyed spotting signs of autumn all around us – crunchy leaves, bare branches, and squirrels getting ready for winter! A big thank you to the parents who volunteered and joined us on our walk.

Back in class, we used what we had seen to create some autumn-inspired art and made our very own autumn crowns using leaves and natural materials. We had a wonderful time learning about autumn and exploring nature together!

PRELOVED UNIFORM



If you have any uniform that your child has grown out of please donate it to the school so that we can pass it on to other parents. We are particularly looking for grey skirts and trousers, jumpers and cardigans. All items must be of good quality and clean.

All uniform will be available to purchase at a very small price during the coffee mornings.