



November 2025

St Anselm's Catholic Primary School



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LITURGICAL CELEBRATION



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:

Optician talk - Come and
meet our local optician for
free eye check for the
children.

Monday 1 December 2025

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we enter the sacred season of Advent, we prepare our hearts with hope, peace, joy and love for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Advent reminds us to pause, reflect, and be a light for others—something I see lived out every day in our school community.

Looking back over the month of November, there have been many moments that filled me with pride and gratitude. One of the most significant was our beautiful All Saints' Day Mass, where we gathered in faith to honour the holy men and women who guide us with their example of courage and compassion. We also came together as a school for Remembrance Day, standing in silence to remember all who have sacrificed their lives for peace. Our students showed deep reverence and respect, and their participation was truly moving.

Another highlight was the incredible work of our Pope Francis Action Team, who continue to live out Catholic Social Teaching in such a meaningful way. Recently, they met with our local MP, Diedre Costigan, to discuss how we can help keep our local area safer and stronger. I was so proud of the maturity, confidence and passion they demonstrated while tackling real issues affecting our community. They spoke with clarity, compassion and true leadership—an inspiration to us all.

May I also remind parents that we have a range of events planned for Christmas. Please have a look and join us for our festive celebrations and performances—your presence makes these moments even more special for our students.

As we journey through Advent, may we continue to support one another, share kindness, and prepare our hearts for the joy of Christmas.

Warm regards,
Mrs S Martis

LITURGICAL CELEBRATION

POPE LEO'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS



*For Christians in areas of conflict
Let us pray that Christians living in areas of
war or conflict, especially in the Middle East,
might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and
hope.*

IMPORTANT DATES OR EVENTS



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

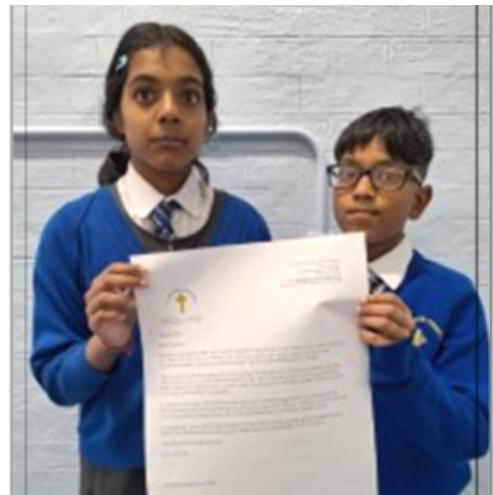
REMEMBRANCE DAY



Children in need



POPE FRANCIS ACTION TEAM



Our Pope Francis Action Team recently wrote to our local MP, Diedre Costigan, to raise concerns about road safety in our area. We are very grateful to Ms. Costigan for listening to our views and taking action to help make our streets safer for everyone. Thank you for supporting our community and taking our voices seriously!

POPE FRANCIS ACTION TEAM



Supporting Our Local Food Bank

Our children have been busy donating food to our local food bank. We would like to sincerely thank all parents and carers who generously contributed—your support is helping families in our community in a meaningful way!

ALL SAINTS MASS



Discovering our Local World!

This half term, we have been exploring the big question “Where am I from?” We started our adventure by learning all about London. We explained to the children that Southall is a special part of London, and together we discovered what makes our capital city so exciting! The children loved spotting famous London landmarks in the story *The Queen’s Hat*, and they had great fun using junk modelling to build their very own landmark creations.

We then turned our attention to our local area. During our local area walk, the children became landmark detectives, using our star word landmarks to help them search for important places around Southall.

A big thank you to all the parents who joined us and supported the walk – we really appreciated your help!

Next up, the children will be creating Southall landmarks of their own and working together to make a big map of our local area. We can’t wait to see what they create!



Stay & Play



A big thank you to all the parents who attended Stay and Play in Reception this week. The children absolutely loved having their grown-ups in the classroom and were so excited to share their learning with you!

Stay and Play sessions are really important because they give parents a chance to see how their children learn through play, explore the activities they enjoy, and understand the skills they are developing each day. It also helps strengthen the partnership between home and school, making sure we all work together to support each child's learning journey.

Thank you once again for joining us – we look forward to seeing you at the next session!

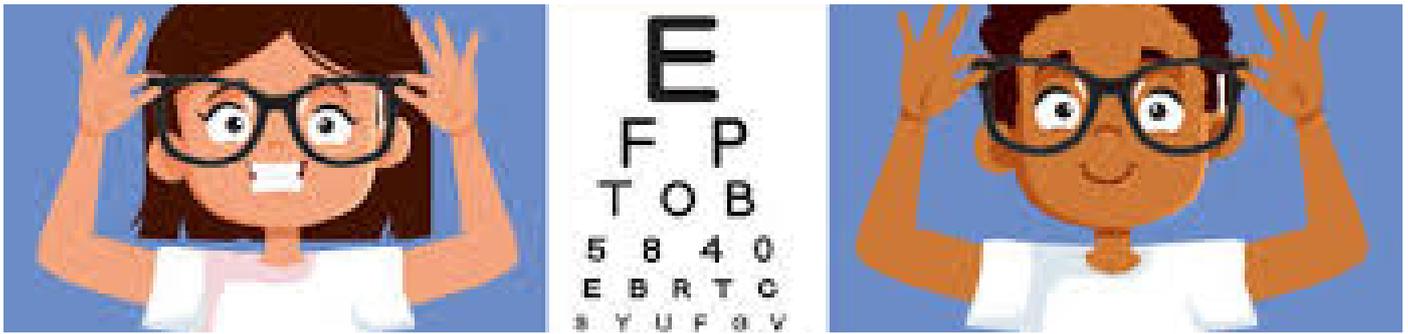
PRELOVED UNIFORM



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.

Local Optician Talk



This week, the children received a letter for parents encouraging all families to visit an optician to have their eyes checked. Regular eye checks are really important for children's learning, reading, and overall development, helping to ensure they can see the world clearly both in school and at home.

For families in our local area, the nearest optician is Southall Eye Clinic located in Gill's Pharmacy. We encourage all parents to make an appointment and help keep their children's vision healthy!

Reading books



We've noticed that some of our school reading books have recently gone missing. These include Little Wandle phonics books and Big Cat reading books that children take home each week.

Each child should be bringing home two books:

- 1 independent reading book (Little Wandle or Big Cat), unless they are a free reader*
- 1 school library book*

These books are an important part of your child's reading progress, and we need to make sure all books are returned so that other children can enjoy them too.

If a book is lost or damaged, a £5 replacement charge will apply. Please check at home for any school books and return them as soon as possible. Your support helps us keep our reading scheme running for all children!

Thank you for helping us keep our books safe and available for everyone.



PINES AND NEEDLES

We're excited to share that St Anselm's has kindly been donated a beautiful Christmas tree by Pines and Needles. As part of their gift, they are also offering parents 10% off Christmas trees from their London pop-up stores and online shop.

 **Discount Code: SCHOOL10**

Follow @pinesandneedles for festive activities at local stores, and visit www.pinesandneedles.com for full details and all store locations across London.

Join Us For



Christmas Fayre at St Anselm's

Spread holiday cheer
and make a difference
in our community!

09/12/2025

3.15-5 PM

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- DONATE FOOD ITEMS
- DONATE UNWANTED GIFTS
- VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

Spread the Joy!

St Anselm's School Hall and
Playground



Please contact the school
office if you wish to
donate or help.



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