



December 2025

# St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

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## LITURGICAL CELEBRATION



6 January-Feast of Epiphany, Mass at 11am St Anselm's Church 27 March

KS 2 11am Holy Week Liturgies Monday 23rd

March- Year 6 Palm Sunday Tuesday 24th

March- Year 3- Last Supper Wednesday 25th

March- Agony in the Garden Thursday 26th

March- Year 5- Crucifixion.



## COFFEEMORNINGS:

8.45 am

Monday 12 January

Monday 2 February

Monday 2 March

Monday 20 April

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents & Carers

As we approach the Christmas season, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the joy, hope, and sense of community that this special time of year brings.

The children have been incredibly busy preparing for Christmas, and it has been a delight to share in their excitement and hard work. Over the past few weeks, we have enjoyed a wonderful range of performances. Highlights include the Year 3 and 4 African drumming performance, which was lively and energetic, much to the delight of parents.

Our youngest children in Nursery and Reception performed their very first Nativity, singing beautifully and making us all very proud. Key Stage 1 pupils also impressed us with their confident voices, remembering all their words and singing with great enthusiasm. Meanwhile, Years 5 and 6 entertained us with a selection of Christmas carols, spreading festive cheer throughout the school.

Christmas is also a time of giving and supporting one another. Our Year 6 pupils visited Martin House Elderly Care Home, where they sang carols and brought joy to the residents. We were also pleased to welcome Father Peter for our Advent liturgy.

A heartfelt thank you goes to all parents and staff who generously supported the Christmas Fayre. Your time, effort, and kindness made the event a wonderful success. We raised £1,500, which will go towards curriculum enrichment activities for the children. Your contribution to our school community is truly appreciated.

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Bilkhu. We thank her for her dedication and years of service—she will be greatly missed, and we wish her all the very best for the future.

As we come to the end of term, I would like to thank you once again for your continued support. It has been a busy and joyful season, and your encouragement means so much to us all.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Please remember that school reopens on 5 January for the children. Stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Warm regards,  
Mrs S Martis

# LITURGICAL CELEBRATION

## POPE LEO'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS



*For Christians in areas of conflict  
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.*

## A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



*What can I give him,  
poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd I  
would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man I  
would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give  
him – Give my heart.*

## IMPORTANT DATES OR EVENTS



***Please remember school reopens on 5  
January 2026***



# 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	9 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 5	16 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 4	23 <sup>rd</sup> January
Year 3	30 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 2	6 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 1	13 <sup>th</sup> February
Reception	27 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 6	6 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 5	13 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 4	20 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 3	27 <sup>th</sup> March

## Class Stay and Pray

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

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

Year Group	Date
Year 6	14 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 5	21 <sup>st</sup> January
Year 4	28 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 3	5 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 2	12 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 1	4 <sup>th</sup> March
Reception	11 <sup>th</sup> March

Thank you for your support and participation!

# ADVENT SERVICE



*In school, we have been lighting our Advent wreath and talking about how we prepare for the coming of Christ. The candles of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace remind us of all that is special about this time of year.*

*The retelling of the nativity story, that is at the heart of our faith, is an obvious part of our preparations. We have been speaking to the children about how this message is relevant in our daily lives now.*

*The kindness of the innkeeper, the gathering of family and friends and the gifts that are given, are all small parts of a wider message of love and hope that we share.*

*Christmas is a time to welcome the light that Jesus brings and to wonder in the everlasting love that God has for us. Thank you, Father Peter who led the whole school, in our Advent Liturgy.*

# 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.

# 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.

# Y3 AND Y4 AFRICAN DRUMMING



*Congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 drumming groups! The students gave an absolutely fantastic performance for the parents, demonstrating not only their growing musical skills but also their confidence, teamwork, and dedication. It was wonderful to see them bring so much energy and enthusiasm to the stage, and their hard work truly paid off! A heartfelt thank you goes to all the parents and carers who came along to support the children. Your encouragement means so much and helps make these performances even more special. We're incredibly proud of all our young drummers and can't wait to see them continue to develop their talents in future performances. Keep up the amazing work!*

## Y3 VISIT TO GUNNERSBURY HOUSE



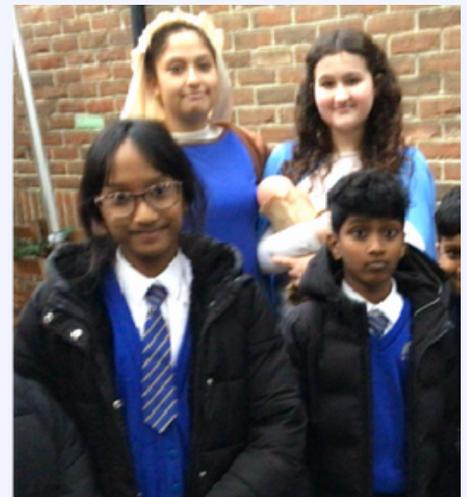
Year 3 had a wonderful time exploring Stone Age Survival at Gunnersbury Park! In the morning, we got to explore the grounds and museums at Gunnersbury House. We saw lots of primary sources and interesting artefacts from throughout history, including actual Stone Age weapons and crafting materials found on the grounds of the park! Later, we had a fantastic workshop where we got to see more artefacts (including a woolly mammoth tooth!), build shelters and even “hunt” a wild boar using spears!

# YEAR 4 SOUND WORKSHOP



*Year 4 took part in an engaging Sound Workshop linked to their Science learning this half term. They explored a range of practical activities, including creating their own Foley sound effects using everyday materials. It was a hands-on and creative experience that brought their learning to life!*

# YEAR 5 GUMLEY HOUSE SCHOOL VISIT



*'The children took part in a nativity organized by Gumley secondary school. The children travelled around the different areas of the school to experience different parts of the nativity. The children were able to meet characters from the Bible such as Mary, the 3 wisemen, the angels and King Herod. They were also able to meet some of the stable animals that would have been present during Jesus' birth.'*

# Y6 VISIT TO WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL



*This week, Mrs Dhak and a group of our Year 6 children proudly represented the school at the end of term Mass at Westminster Cathedral, joining other Ealing Deanery Schools to celebrate the closing of the Jubilee of Hope. It was a beautiful and uplifting experience for the pupils, who felt privileged to be part of such an important moment of unity and faith.*

## YEAR 6 VISIT TO MARTIN HOUSE ELDERLY CARE HOME



Martin House Elderly Care Home welcomed Year 6 children for a special festive performance, bringing joy and holiday cheer to residents. The children delighted everyone with a selection of Christmas classics, including *It Was on a Starry Night*, *The First Nowell*, and *O Come All Ye Faithful*. Residents were full of smiles and applause throughout the performance. One commented, "Seeing the children was wonderful; they are amazing singers. They remind me of when I was a child and would perform at school." Staff at Martin House said the visit was a highlight of the festive season, giving residents a chance to connect with the younger generation and share in the magic of Christmas. The performance not only lifted spirits but also sparked conversations and happy memories among the residents, creating a truly memorable holiday experience for all.

# CHRISTMAS CAROLS



The children sang a range of Christmas carols in both French and English, delivering a beautiful performance that concluded with an important reminder of the true meaning of Christmas – the celebration of Jesus. We extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Dhak and Ms Abourgess for their dedication in preparing the children.

# CHRISTMAS FAYRE



A huge thank you to all the wonderful parents and staff who helped make our Christmas Fair on Tuesday, 9 December such a magical day. With your generosity and support, we raised an amazing £1,500! All funds will go towards curriculum enrichment events, bringing fun, engaging, and memorable learning experiences to our students in the year ahead. Thank you for helping us make the season brighter for everyone!

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH



## FUND RAISING FOR CHARITY



*Our inspirational Deputy Head Girl has shown extraordinary dedication in her mission to support Macmillan Cancer Research. Through her hard work, compassion, and determination, she has helped raise vital funds and awareness for a cause close to so many hearts. We are incredibly proud of her commitment to making a positive difference in our community.*

# THANK YOU FOR OUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS - ST AUGUSTINE'S PRIORY SCHOOL



*This week, Year 12 students from St Augustine's Priory visited St Anselm's to deliver Christmas presents to the whole class. The children were absolutely thrilled, especially after meeting Santa and his elves. A huge thank-you to St Augustine's for bringing so much joy to our pupils!*



## PINES AND NEEDLES

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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**

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