



April 2026

St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATION



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has been a truly enriching and memorable one for our children, filled with a wide range of valuable learning experiences that have supported both their academic progress and personal development.

The children thoroughly enjoyed participating in the engaging History workshops led by the Rainbow Theatre. These sessions brought learning to life in an interactive and meaningful way, allowing the children to deepen their understanding through drama and storytelling.

One of the highlights of the term was our much-anticipated visit by the Basil & Crew mobile farm. It was wonderful to observe the children immersing themselves in this hands-on experience—brushing ponies' hair, gently stroking donkeys and goats, and feeding the ducks, chickens, and rabbits. It offered a unique opportunity to see the children in a different light, as they demonstrated care, responsibility, and a genuine sense of wonder. It was, without doubt, a memorable and enriching experience for everyone involved.

In addition, we have been delighted to work alongside Arty Party to create our "Way of the Cross" display for the school stairs. The children approached this project with creativity and thoughtfulness, and it has been inspiring to see their ideas come to life..

We would like to extend our sincere thanks for your continued support and generosity, which have played a vital role in making these experiences possible for the children. Your involvement truly enhances the opportunities we are able to provide.

We are also very grateful for the overwhelmingly positive responses to last month's parent surveys. The staff greatly appreciate your kind words and constructive feedback. Please be assured that we are carefully considering your suggestions and will continue to build on them as we strive to provide the very best for all our children.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and partnership. It is deeply valued and makes a meaningful difference to our school community.

Best wishes
Mrs Martis

Year Group	Date
Year 3	20th April
Year 2	27th April
Year 1	4th May
Reception	1st June
Year 6	8th June
Year 5	4 th March
Year 4	15th June
Year 3	22nd June
Year 2	29th June
Year 1	6th July



COFFEE MORNINGS:

8.45 am

18 May 2026

8 June 2026

6 July 2026

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Pope Leo's Monthly Intention



For Disarmament And Peace

Let us pray that nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

St Anselm's Prayer



O my God, teach my heart where
and how to
seek You, where and how to find
You.

You are the one who made me.

You have given me all the good
things I own.

I have not yet done that for which I
was made.

Let me find You by loving You and
loving others.

Amen.

St. Anselm... Pray for us.

St Anselm's Feast Celebrations



Pupils from St Anselm's visited the church to take part in the community's celebration of the Feast of St Anselm. Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, including altar servers, joined in the wonderful singing, listened to Father Peter's homily, and celebrated the Eucharist together. The pupils' R.E. homework projects were also amazing and showed thoughtful exploration of the life of St Anselm.

Lenten Appeal Boxes 2026



Thank you for your generous donations. We have raised £1603.

Mobile Farm - Basil & Crew



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Basil Crew Mobile Farm paid a visit to St Anselm, and the children had an amazing time! They loved getting up close with the farm animals and learning all about them—such a fun and memorable experience for everyone involved.

Rainbow Theatre - History workshops



Year 6 took part in an engaging WW2 theatre workshop, where a visiting drama group brought key events of the war to life. Through interactive scenes, the children explored evacuation, rationing, air raids, blackouts, and the role of the army, helping to deepen their understanding of their current history topic. They thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the workshop and especially loved joining in with a sing-along of one of the most famous wartime songs, *We'll Meet Again*.

Rainbow Theatre - History workshops



Year 4 enjoyed an exciting Vikings workshop, where they explored Viking life through fun and interactive activities.

Rainbow Theatre - History workshops



Year 5 really enjoyed their workshop on Ancient Greece. They learned about Greek gods, myths, and daily life through fun, interactive activities.

Rainbow Theatre - History workshops



Year 2 enjoyed a Great Fire of London workshop, taking part in fun activities while learning about this important event in history.

Way of the Cross - Art workshops



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Children thoroughly enjoyed working alongside artists to create the Stations of the Cross for our staircases. They explored different materials and techniques, carefully designing each piece, and helping to transform the space into a calm and meaningful place for reflection.

Outdoor Playground Revamp



If any families are able to donate high-quality outdoor equipment in good, safe condition, we would be very grateful. Suggested items include:

- Scooters, balance bikes, and ride-on toys
- Climbing frames or small slides
- Outdoor playhouses or dens
- Sand and water play tables or equipment
- Mud kitchen items (pots, pans, utensils)
- Large construction/building blocks
- Balls, hoops, and skipping ropes
- Gardening tools and child-friendly planters
- Outdoor musical instruments (drums, chimes)

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a fun, active, and inspiring space for the children



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 3	17th April
Year 2	24th April
Year 1	1st May
Reception	8th May
Year 6	15th May
Year 5	22nd May
Year 4	5th June
Year 3	12th June
Year 2	19th June
Year 1	26th June
Reception	3rd July
Year 6	10th July

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!

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IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS- Year 6

Please see the table below for SATs information for parents regarding the KS2 SATs tests that will take place from Monday 11th May 2026 to Thursday 14th May 2026.

KS2 SATs 2026 Dates

Monday 11th May 2026

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Spelling - 20 mins

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Punctuation and Grammar - 45 mins

Tuesday 12th May 2026

Reading - 60 mins

Wednesday 13th May 2026

Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic - 30 mins

Maths Paper 2: Reasoning - 40 mins

Thursday 14th May 2025

Maths Paper 3: Reasoning - 40 mins

*Year 6 Residential- 22 June -24 June 2026.
Please see Mrs Dhak for any queries. Please ensure all payments are cleared.*



Term dates 2026-27



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School Term Dates for the Academic Year 2026 / 2027

Autumn Term 2026	
Tuesday 1 September	Staff Training days
Wednesday 2 September	School closed to pupils
Thursday 3 September	First day of Autumn 1 term
Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October	Half Term Break
Monday 2 November	First day of Autumn 2 term
Friday 18 December	Last day of Autumn term 2 School closes at 1.00 pm
Monday 21 December to Friday 1 January	 Christmas holiday
Spring Term 2027	
Monday 4 January	Staff Training Day School closed to pupils
Tuesday 5 January	First day of Spring term 1
Friday 12 February	Last day of Spring term 1
Monday 15 February- Friday 19 February	Half term
Monday 22 February	First day of Spring term 2
Thursday 25 March	Last day of Spring term 2 School closes at 1.00 pm
Friday 26 March – Friday 9 April	Easter holiday 
Summer Term 2027	
Monday 12 April	First day of <u>Summer</u> term 1
Monday 3 May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 28 May	Last day of <u>Summer</u> term 1
Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June	Half term break
Monday 7 June	Staff Training Day School closed to pupils
Tuesday 8 June	First day of Summer 2
Tuesday 20 July	Last day of <u>Summer</u> term 2 School closes at 1.00 pm
Wednesday 21 July & Thursday 22 July	Training days to be done as twilight

Occasional Days – Friday 23rd July & Monday 26th July – Tuesday 27th July