



St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

Learning and growing together through prayer, belief and love



Date: 4th - 8th September 2023

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Luke 5: 1-11



"Do not be afraid." This is Jesus' mission, and we trust that he will keep working with us and through us, "catching" others as he has caught us — in the deep, wide net of God's mercy and love.

Staff Commissioning Service



Dear Parents, Carers and Children, it is with great pleasure, as your new Headteacher, that I welcome you all back at the end of our first week of the Autumn term. The sun has been shining, the children are excited to be back and everyone has settled in really well this week. My thanks to all the staff for doing such a sterling job welcoming the children back and getting them quickly into their new class routines. We have a wonderful year ahead of us and I look forward to getting to know all the children and their families over the coming days and weeks.

Staff Commissioning Service: Thank you to Fr. Derek who led our commissioning service on our staff training day last Friday. It was a beautiful service with all staff in attendance receiving a candle with the mission to 'Be light for the world'. It was an extremely moving moment for our St. Anselm's family and a lovely opportunity to welcome our new staff.

A Special Welcome: I extend a particular welcome to the many new families who have joined St Anselm's this term. I hope that your children will be very happy at St Anselm's, especially those children who are at the start of their school career in our Reception classes. I also welcome the new staff – class teachers and learning support staff - who joined us this year and I am grateful to those of you who have made us all feel so welcome.

Whole School Mass: Thank you to Mrs Taylor and 6 Yew for leading our first whole school Mass of the year yesterday. It was a beautiful occasion and a wonderful opportunity for us to gather for the first time, as a school community, and reflect on the exciting opportunities we have ahead of us this year.

In Our Prayers: We remember The Kastner family on the passing of Mr Kastner, Mrs Tomlinson and her family on the passing of her son and Mr Paschalis who taught here and is fondly remembered by our children and staff. They will remain in our prayers.

Secondary School Applications: Parents of pupils in Year 6 – as you are beginning to apply for Secondary schools, Fr. Derek would like to remind the parishioners of Our Lady and St. Thomas of Canterbury parish, that for a Catholic school application, there is normally the need for a Certificate of Catholic Practice which has been endorsed by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. If you are in need of this Certificate, you will need to email Fr. Derek to make an appointment during the first week of October as HE WILL BE ON HOLIDAY UNTIL THE END OF THIS MONTH. You will need to provide the FULL NAME of your child, your FULL ADDRESS and the child's DATE OF BIRTH. In the Parish, the sticker system for children has been in place and YOU WILL NEED TO PRODUCE YOUR card of stickers to obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice. Many have already been to see Fr. Derek during the summer to exchange the card for a Certificate of Attendance. If you have done this, Fr. Derek will have a note of this and you will NOT NEED to produce this sticker card again but you will need to see Fr. Derek for the Certificate of Catholic Practice if you have not received this already. Fr. Derek's email is: derekmcguire@rcdow.org.uk

Parent Information Sessions: Details of these informative sessions were sent out earlier in the week for Years 1 - 6 and the class teachers look forward to seeing you at the allocated meeting time on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday next week.

Uniform and presentation: The children returned to school looking proud and smart in their school uniform. May I remind you to check that all cardigans, jumpers, jackets and coats are labelled clearly with their name please. As we step into autumn, if you are purchasing a school coat for your child, please ensure that it is navy or black in line with our uniform expectation. Please also visit <https://uniformerly.co.uk> for a selection of preloved items of uniform, see below for details. Hair also needs to be tied back and not dyed. A reminder as well that Reception-Year 3 only need to bring in their St. Anselm's book bag, with Years 4-6 bringing in a navy or blue rucksack in accordance with the uniform policy – <https://tinyurl.com/3j7e6sbp>

I wish you all a lovely weekend and enjoy our belated summer!

With kind regards, *Ms Hunt*

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Wishing a very happy birthday to those celebrating their birthday this week!

Alexander – Alder
Carmen – Aspen
Matthew – Beech
Rayon – Elm
Alexander – Maple
Arinze – Oak
Patrick – Pine
Melanie – Rowan
Arianna – Willow
Kevin – Yew

Attendance Week Beginning 4th September 2023

School Target: 97 % Whole School attendance this week: 95.85%

Class Alder	98%*	Class Ash	100%*
Class Aspen	94%	Class Beech	92%
Class Cedar	95%	Class Elm	93%
Class Larch	98%*	Class Maple	95%
Class Oak	97%*	Class Pine	99%*
Class Poplar	94%	Class Rowan	97%*
Class Willow	98%*	Class Yew	97%*

Well done to classes Alder, Ash, Larch, Oak, Pine, Rowan, Willow and Yew for meeting our attendance target this week

Please be advised that if your child is absent for any reason during the term, you must provide a written explanation to the class teacher or the office in accordance with our Attendance Policy

Term dates for 2023 - 2024 are available on the school website

Date	Event
Monday 11 th September	Parent Information Evening for Years 2 and 4
Wednesday 13 th September	Parent Information Evening for Years 1 and 3
Wednesday 13 th September	Sacred Heart Language College Open Evening 6.30 – 8.30pm
Thursday 14 th September	Parent Information Evening for Years 5 and 6
Friday 15 th September	New Parents' Coffee Morning 9am
Thursday 21 st September	Sacred Heart Language College Open Evening 4.00 – 6.00pm
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th October	International Week
Tuesday 17 th October	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 20 th October	INSET – pupils not in
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October	Half Term Holiday

Weather: We have experienced unseasonal high temperatures this week. The children may unbutton their top button and loosen ties while we are in the warm weather. Please ensure the children have a water bottle and sun cap with them in school, and ensure suncream is applied before arrival at school.

St Anselm's Pre-worn Uniform Sale: We have listed several pieces of pre-worn uniform for sale, with all proceeds going to our SPA fundraising. Parents can browse the uniform we have for sale on the sustainable selling website <https://uniformerly.co.uk> Simply search for 'Harrow' and then 'St Anselm's' to find uniform for sale. All uniform is pre-worn and in good wearable condition. If you would like to buy uniform, you can browse the listings and click on 'contact owner' leaving your child's name and class in the message box. You will then receive instructions to pay for the uniform via PayPal. Once payment has been received safely via PayPal, the uniform will be sent home. We hope this sustainable initiative is helpful and welcome any feedback once you have browsed and used the Uniformerly website.

Cost of Living Hub: The Mayor of London has launched a new Cost of Living Hub, which helps people access information, support and advice about claiming benefits, dealing with debt, financial management and mental health support. To explore the hub, please visit <https://www.london.gov.uk/cost-living-hub>

Grants to help pay off energy debts People who are in debt to their energy supplier might be able to get a grant from a charitable trust to help pay it off. More details on this link – plus links to several advice providers <https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/>

Support for Parents: For any parent in need of support with any aspect of parenting, there is help available including one to one parenting support. Hope Harrow can be contacted on 0208 863 7319 or by email info@hopeharrow.org.uk or visit their website <http://www.hopeharrow.org.uk> for further details of their work with families.

**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**

Safeguarding of Children is the responsibility of everyone. If you have a safeguarding concern about a child please contact **Ms Hunt** the Designated Safeguarding Lead or in her absence **Mrs Kelly-Keegan** or **Mrs Marotta** or **Mrs Jackson** who are Deputy DSL's.

Our Learning and Achievement Gallery

Special Achievement Awards:

(1 Aspen) Jonas and James
(1 Beech) Jordan and Gabriel
(2 Cedar) The whole class
(2 Elm) The whole class
(3 Larch) The whole class
(3 Maple) Jack & Noah
(4 Oak) Jahmani and Aubrey
(4 Pine) Kornel and Kolade
(5 Poplar) Avishi and Ellen
(5 Rowan) Diya & James
(6 Willow) James & Glen
(6 Yew) Vivan & Magda

Kindness Award:

(1 Aspen) Rares
(1 Beech) Matthew
(2 Cedar) Rocco
(2 Elm) Lucy
(3 Larch) Tiffany
(3 Maple) Elliott
(4 Oak) Tony
(4 Pine) Olivia
(5 Poplar) Matthew
(5 Rowan) Lily
(6 Yew) Kaspen

Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars Award:

(3 Maple) Hendrix
(6 Willow) Maya

Reader of the Week:

(1 Aspen) Noelle
(2 Cedar) Victoria
(2 Elm) Alanna
(6 Willow) Enzo
(6 Yew) Sam

Writer of the week:

(1 Aspen) Carmen and Jacob
(1 Beech) Joseph
(2 Cedar) Rocco
(4 Oak) Enzo and Viktor
(4 Pine) Anjali and Jude
(5 Poplar) Zacchaeus
(5 Rowan) Melanie
(6 Willow) Sienna
(6 Yew) Olaf

Reception: This week we have enjoyed welcoming all the children into their new Reception classes as well as having the pleasure of meeting all of our new parents and families. We are very proud of how well the children have managed to wave goodbye and walk into the classrooms all by themselves.

The children have been busy exploring their new classes, making new friends and meeting their new teachers.

We look forward to growing and learning together in Reception!



Year 1: Welcome back Year 1! We hope you had a wonderful summer holiday, it has been an absolute pleasure getting to know all sixty of you over the last week. We cannot wait to create lots of memories as a Year One cohort and to see you flourish.

The children have completed lots of wonderful work this week particularly when creating our Class Charter. They were able to confidently discuss class rules. We spoke at depth how we can make sure we have kind hearts and kind words to ensure that Aspen and Beech are positive environments to grow, learn and most importantly have fun!

In English the children have been busy writing descriptive pieces based on a summer picture alongside setting their own personal goals for the year.

In RE we saw some very thoughtful reflections on what our School Mission Statement means to them, ensuring God is at the centre of everything we do.

We hope you all have a restful weekend after a busy first week back and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday!



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Year 2: Welcome back to school!

We have had a really busy week in Year 2. We have been having a lovely time getting to know our new classrooms and getting to know each other.

The children have settled into Year 2 really well and we are so excited for the rest of the school year!



Year 3:

A busy first week as we welcome the children back to school! We started this week creating our Class Charter, setting out our class expectations to ensure we are safe, happy and ready to learn. This week we have consolidated our knowledge of numbers to 100. We have partitioned numbers and represented them using different concrete materials.

A really positive start! Well done Year 3.



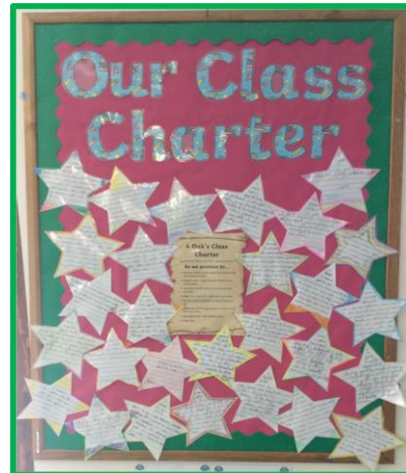
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Year 4: It has been an utter delight to have the children back in school and enchanting to see how well they have all settled into Year 4. It has been an enthralling week getting to know each other, exploring our curriculum and learning our class expectations. What a great week first week it has been!

We are looking forward to a stupendous year in 4 Oak and 4 Pine.

"I've had a fantastic week as we have done lots of exciting learning in Maths, English, RE and swimming!" – Jude 4 Pine.

"I enjoyed meeting my new teacher and seeing my friends again." – Darci 4 Oak.



Year 5: Year 5 have had a wonderful start to their new academic year! We have enjoyed settling into our new classes and started our Autumn term topics. These include Roman Numerals and place value in Mathematics, World War 1 in History, Forces in Science and our English Book called 'When We Walked on the Moon'.



We are looking forward to great year of growing and learning ahead!

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Year 6: We have a fantastic start to their final academic year at St Anselm's and have jumped into the new academic year with enthusiasm and positivity. They started the week with creating our class charter to set out the expectations for their classrooms in order to make them safe, happy and positive places to learn this year. In English, children became experts at predicting what our class text is all about and had to make connections between a red ribbon, a satchel, apples, jam, bread and a Star of David.

