



St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

Learning and growing together through prayer, belief and love



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22nd September 2023 Weekly Reflection

1 Peter 4:10-11



We are all called to use whatever gifts we have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace.



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

Heavenly – Alder
Sienna – Ash
Alfie John – Aspen
Mia – Larch
Arabella – Maple
Darci Mae – Oak
Kirat, Jasmine,
Jude & Cathal – Pine

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We are now settled into our first term and the children are really working hard. 6 Yew led our first class liturgy of the year with a wonderful reflection, demonstrating through their RE lessons how they are living out the Gospel values in their own lives. In particular, I called to mind 'servitude' and the story in Vatican News today of a young Pope Francis, who was on his way to a party and stopped by his parish church as he felt the need to go to confession. 'This was an experience of encounter for me: I found someone was waiting for me...after confession, I felt that something had changed. I was not the same. I had heard just like a voice, a call'. At St. Anselm's, we encourage the children to be open to Jesus' call in their journey of finding their true purpose, and 6 Yew beautifully portrayed how we can follow His teachings to guide us and enrich our own lives.

Staff & Parent Association: Thank you to all the parents, current and new, who came along to our AGM this week. It is great to see new faces showing interest in supporting the school community. A big thank you also to the committee members, who met following the AGM to devise the new school year's exciting timetable of events for the children and families. We have some wonderful events coming up so take a look at our calendar dates to see what there is in store over this first term. Thank you to the committee co-secretaries for their input in chairing the meeting on this occasion. If any parents are interested in lending a hand, please do let the SPA know on the email address below – even if it is just to help with one or two events, every little helps.

Parent Representatives: Our relationship with parents is vital in keeping the school and wider community working together towards the same vision for our children. As communication is key, we would like to ask for a parent representative from each class to be a central point of contact in relaying key messages across our school, SPA and wider community. Once class parents have agreed on a representative, please let your class teacher know.

Cycle to School Week: Next week is 'Cycle to School' week and is an opportunity for us to kick-start a new school year with active travel for our children, celebrating a healthy lifestyle and looking after our environment. So, dust off those bikes and cycling helmets and let's all get involved.

International Week: Take a look at our calendar dates for all the exciting events that are taking place during International Week, rounding up with our dress-up day on the Friday.

School Lunch Update: Thank you all for your feedback on lunches as we are feeding lots more children due to the Mayor's universal school meals initiative. We are monitoring school lunches very carefully, including portion sizes, and a queueing system is in place to ensure all children have a hot and healthy lunch. We are also working on an improved pre-ordering process which will hopefully provide flexibility for families across the week, and reduce wastage. Details of this will follow.

With kind regards,

Ms Hunt

St Anselm's Staff & Parent Association (SPA) News & Update

If you are interested in helping out with any SPA events, please contact stanselmsspa@outlook.com.

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Notices and Calendar Dates

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

Date	Event
Monday 18 th September	SPA AGM at 7pm & Committee Meeting
Thursday 21 st September	6 Yew Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 6 Yew parents welcome
	Sacred Heart Language College Open Evening 4.00 – 6.00pm
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th September	Cycle to School Week
Tuesday 26 th September	Flu Vaccinations for Reception – Year 6
Wednesday 27 th September *added	Reception Parent Information Session 9:15am
Thursday 28 th September	6 Willow Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 6 Willow parents welcome
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th October	International Week
Tuesday 3 rd October *added	Salvatorian College Open Evening from 5.30pm
Wednesday 4 th October *added	International Week workshops
Thursday 5 th October *added	French 'Sing-Off' competition for KS2
	5 Rowan Class Liturgy - 9am in the hall. 5 Rowan parents welcome
	St Gregory's Open Evening from 3.00pm – 7.30pm
Friday 6 th October *added	International Costume dress-up day and Children's Quiz afternoon
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th October	Harvest Festival Collection Week
Thursday 12 th October	5 Poplar Class Liturgy - 9am in the hall. 5 Poplar parents welcome
Friday 13 th October *added	SPA uniform sale after school in playground
Tuesday 17 th October	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 19 th October	4 Pine Class Liturgy - 9am in the hall. 4 Pine parents welcome
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Friday 20 th October	Staff Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October	Half Term Holiday
W/c Monday 30 th October *added	Christmas Jumper Donation Station Week
Tuesday 31 st October *added	Local Authority Deadline for Secondary School Applications
Wednesday 1 st November *added	All Saints' Mass & GIFT Team Commissioning – children only
Thursday 2 nd November *added	4 Oak Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 4 Oak parents welcome
Thursday 9 th November *added	3 Maple Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 3 Maple parents welcome
W/c Monday 13 th November *added	Anti-bullying Week
Monday 13 th November *added	Odd Socks Day
Thursday 16 th November *added	3 Larch Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 3 Larch parents welcome
Friday 17 th November *added	Parent Coffee Morning, Uniform & Toy Sale – 9.00am
	Class Enterprise Mufti-Day
Thursday 23 rd November *added	2 Cedar Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 2 Cedar parents welcome
Wednesday 29 th November *added	Christmas Tombola Mufti-Day
Thursday 30 th November *added	2 Elm Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 2 Elm parents welcome
Friday 1 st December *added	SPA Christmas Fair 3.30-6pm (inc. Raffle 5.30pm)
Friday 8 th December *added	Staff Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 11 th December *added	KS2 Nativity at Church 2.00pm
Wednesday 13 th December *added	Christmas Pantomimes KS1 & KS2
	Santa's Grotto – KS2 9.00am, KS1 10.00am
Thursday 14 th December *added	KS1 Nativity at Church 2.00pm
Tuesday 19 th December *added	End of term Mass – children only
Wednesday 20 th December *added	Last day of term, school closes at 1.30pm

Attendance Week Beginning 18th September 2023

School Target: 97 % Whole School attendance this week: 96.15% Whole School attendance for year so far: 96.66%

Class Alder	90%	Class Ash	95%
Class Aspen	95%	Class Beech	95%
Class Cedar	97%*	Class Elm	97%*
Class Larch	98%*	Class Maple	100%*
Class Oak	97%*	Class Pine	97%*
Class Poplar	95%	Class Rowan	97%*
Class Willow	97%*	Class Yew	95%

Well done to classes Cedar, Elm, Larch, Maple, Oak, Pine, Rowan and Willow 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.

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.

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Our Learning and Achievement Gallery

Special Achievement Awards:

(R Ash) Ayan & Faustina
(R Alder) Ashel & Heavenly
(1 Aspen) Jairus and Aren
(1 Beech) Charlotte and
(2 Cedar) Bernard
(2 Elm) Lucy & Shayden
(3 Larch) Noah & Giuditta
(3 Maple) Juvana & Emma
(4 Oak) Calum & Harrison
(4 Pine) Cathal & Tricia
(5 Poplar) Lara & Jose
(5 Rowan) Sharon & Eleonore
(6 Willow) Camilla & Oliver
(6 Yew) Kevin & Rita

Environmental Award:

(2 Elm) Adriel
(4 Oak) Annie, Amanda, Tom, Calum
(4 Pine) Jude, Josh, Kornel, Jessica

Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars Award:

(3 Larch) Desiree
(3 Maple) Jace
(4 Oak) Hanna
(4 Pine) Vivian

Reader of the Week:

(1 Aspen) Dylan
(1 Beech) Eva
(2 Cedar) Margot
(2 Elm) John
(3 Larch) Skye
(3 Maple) Eoin
(4 Oak) Jasmine
(4 Pine) Charles
(5 Poplar) Salon
(5 Rowan) Finn
(6 Willow) Keila
(6 Yew) Kene O

Writer of the week:

(1 Aspen) Noah
(1 Beech) Dennis
(2 Cedar) Jay
(2 Elm) Eleena
(3 Larch) Ocean
(3 Maple) Arabella
(4 Oak) Stefan
(4 Pine) Aadhya
(5 Poplar) Sienna
(5 Rowan) Niamh
(6 Willow) James
(6 Yew) Miyuki

Kindness Award:

(Alder) Aiden
(Ash) Annviya
(1 Aspen) Aden
(1 Beech) Eduard
(2 Cedar) Megan
(3 Larch) Crystal
(3 Maple) Daisy
(4 Oak) Reiko
(4 Pine) Ranay
(5 Poplar) Alexandra
(5 Rowan) Maksymilian
(6 Willow) Emily
(6 Yew) Nina

Reception: It has been wonderful to observe the children building new friendships and working collaboratively in small groups. This week the children have been very busy creating a self-portrait and sharing their special talents with the class. They have also enjoyed mark-making, exploring the outdoors and being active in PE and 10 at 10 on Wednesday when we did 10 minutes of exercise at 10am! Well done Reception!



Year 1: We have had yet another busy week in Year One. The children have become experts in understanding and applying the -s and -es suffix. We are so impressed with their understanding and how they are able to apply this to their writing with increased independence. The children also discussed the usefulness of lists and how they are used regularly in our everyday lives. We wrote lists about what can be seen in the attic and the children came up with some wonderful adjectives to describe the different objects. The children got very active during National Fitness Day as we danced along to some classic hits such as the Cha Cha slide. We all had a great time including the teachers as they took a trip down memory lane. We have lots of impressive dancers in Year One!

In RHE we discussed the Zones of Regulation and the best tools to use to self regulate. The children were able to articulate clearly which zone they would place themselves and why.

We wish you all a wonderful and restful weekend as the children have all been working so hard!



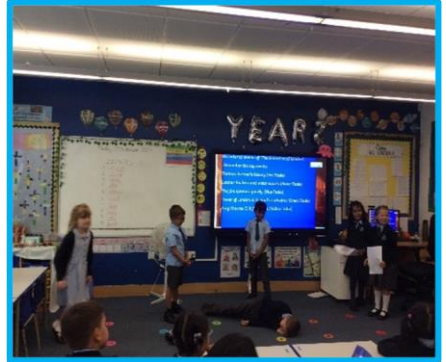
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Year 2: We have had another really busy week in Year 2.

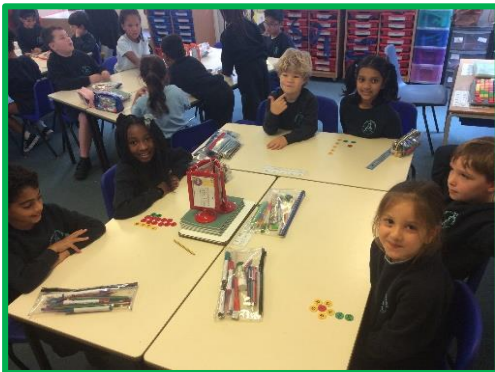
In RE, we are learning about God's chosen people. This we learnt that God chose Abraham and he trusted God to guide him.

In Science, we are learning about animals needs for survival and this week we focused on birds.

In PE, our focus is gymnastics and the children were excited to explore a variety of equipment in different ways.



Year 3: In PE, we had another amazing gymnastics session, we explored balance and control with handstands and forward rolls. In maths we have been using place value counters and part-whole models to flexibly partition to 1000. On Wednesday, we celebrated "National Fitness Day" with lots of fun and energetic exercises.



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Year 4: In DT this week the children went on a scavenger hunt! In preparation for designing their book cover, they learnt about different fastenings, for example, toggles, zips, velcro, stud buttons, zips and belts. They were amazed to discover how many of these fastenings are used on their own belongings. They also discussed advantages and disadvantages of each fastening.



In English this week, Year 4 planned and acted out role plays to prepare them for writing their setting narrative. The children imagined they were whale spotters, trying to find the elusive whale!



Year 5: This half-term in D&T, we are learning about bridge structures. This week we have been finishing off our spaghetti truss bridges. We will test how strong they are and think about how we can improve our structure when we build our wooden bridges. On Wednesday in PE we were learning about counter balance which was a lot of fun as we got to work in pairs and create different counter balances.



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Year 6: 'On Thursday, 6 Yew did a Liturgy about the Kingdom of God. Everybody had a role and delivered it beautifully. All the parents and children attending were given a pebble to make a commitment to the Kingdom of God'. *Olivia G (6 Yew)*



'This week in Science we have been exploring classification keys. In a classification key, you have to write down questions which are answered with 'yes' or 'no' and then this will lead you to a specific animal or plant. They help us to find out which animal or plant we are looking at'. *Leana (6 Willow)*