



St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

Learning and growing together through prayer, belief and love



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6th October 2023 Weekly Reflection

James 1:12



When we show perseverance,
the world of possibilities is
open to us, with Jesus there by
our sides.



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

Diletta – Ash
Izabela – Beech
Alannah – Elm
Arnold – Maple
Oliver – Poplar
Theodore – Poplar
Summer – Willow
Thomas – Willow

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

What a week it has been! Firstly, thank you to 5 Poplar for their wonderful liturgy on the Catholic value of 'perseverance'. They reflected on how Jesus persevered under trial ahead of his crucifixion and how they took strength from that in overcoming difficult times in their own lives. It calls to mind the story of little Nora, an 8 year old child, living in a children's home run by Mother Theresa's Sisters in war-torn Baghdad. Born without arms or legs, Nora fed the younger children with a spoon in her mouth. Eight year old Nora, with so little, reminding us that by persevering, we can do anything and love shows us the way.

International Week: A huge thank you to Mrs Howell for organizing all the wonderful activities the children have participated in this week, including the fantastic French 'Sing-Off' yesterday. Well done to 5 Rowan and 4 Oak who won the public vote for best performances.

October – Month of the Rosary: Thank you to the families that joined us this Tuesday for a decade of the rosary. Just a reminder that children and parents are invited to join us each Tuesday in October, at 8.45am. Please come through the office to the front meeting room and feel free to bring your own rosaries to the session.

Harvest Festival Collection Week: We are delighted to begin our Harvest collection next week. We are collecting donations for our local Food banks in Harrow and Watford, so please see attached flyer for a list of foods to contribute. If you are able to donate, there will be collection boxes in the playground each morning. The GIFT team are helping to sort and pack the donations, ready for them to be delivered to the food bank. Thank you for your support.
Mrs Kelly-Keegan

School Council Representatives: Well done to all our children who have been voted in by their peers as this year's representatives. This is such an important role in ensuring our children's voices are heard and acted upon.

Black History Month: This year's theme is 'Saluting our Sisters' which highlights the crucial role that black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities. The children will be learning about pioneering black women who have made remarkable contributions to literature, music, fashion, sport, business, politics, academia, social and health care, and more. We will continue reflecting on the Windrush generation and the influence they have had on life in the UK over the past 75 years.

Hello Yellow Day – Tuesday 10th October: As part of our ongoing commitment to promoting mental health and well-being in our school community, we will be participating in the annual 'Hello Yellow' initiative next Tuesday so take a look at the details attached.

Jewellery in School: We have noticed that quite a few children are coming in wearing jewellery other than what is indicated in our school policy – see <https://tinyurl.com/3j7e6sbp>. Please also note that on PE days, stud earrings must either be taped up or removed. Children will be asked to take other jewellery off and take it home. Thank you for supporting us in keeping your children safe.

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 25 th – Friday 29 th September	Cycle to School Week
Tuesday 26 th September	Flu Vaccinations for Reception – Year 6
Wednesday 27 th September	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	Salvatorian College Open Evening from 5.30pm
Wednesday 4 th October	International Week workshops
Thursday 5 th October	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
	St Joan of Arc Open Evening from 5.00pm-8.00pm
Friday 6 th October	International Costume dress-up day and Children's Quiz afternoon
	St Joan of Arc Open Morning 9.00am-11.30am
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	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	Christmas Jumper Donation Station Week
Tuesday 31 st October	Local Authority Deadline for Secondary School Applications
Wednesday 1 st November *added	All Saints' Mass & GIFT Team Commissioning – children only
Thursday 2 nd November	4 Oak Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 4 Oak parents welcome
Thursday 9 th November	3 Maple Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 3 Maple parents welcome
W/c Monday 13 th November	Anti-bullying Week
Monday 13 th November	Odd Socks Day
Thursday 16 th November	3 Larch Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 3 Larch parents welcome
Friday 17 th November	Parent Coffee Morning, Uniform & Toy Sale – 9.00am
	Class Enterprise Mufti-Day
Thursday 23 rd November	2 Cedar Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 2 Cedar parents welcome
Wednesday 29 th November	Christmas Tombola Mufti-Day
Thursday 30 th November	2 Elm Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 2 Elm parents welcome
Friday 1 st December	SPA Christmas Fair 3.30-6pm (inc. Raffle 5.30pm)
Friday 8 th December	Staff Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 11 th December	KS2 Nativity at Church 2.00pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Pantomimes KS1 & KS2
	Santa's Grotto – KS2 9.00am, KS1 10.00am
Thursday 14 th December	KS1 Nativity at Church 2.00pm
Tuesday 19 th December	End of term Mass – children only
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term, school closes at 1.30pm

Attendance Week Beginning 2nd October 2023

School Target: 97 % Whole School attendance this week: 98.13% Whole School attendance for year so far: 96.85%

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

Well done to classes Alder, Ash, Aspen, Beech, Cedar, Elm, Maple, Oak, Pine, Poplar, 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

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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) Ella-Rose & Leonardo
(R Alder) Ari & Dominik
(1 Aspen) Oliver and Reign
(1 Beech) Mylo and Riona
(2 Cedar) Luca Andrei
(2 Elm) Max & Lucy
(3 Larch) Arjun & Ameya
(4 Oak) Jahmani & Laurelle
(4 Pine) Jessica and Miriam
(5 Poplar) Alexander and Nuala
(5 Rowan) Joseph & Gheorge
(6 Willow) Thomas & Arianna
(6 Yew) Jasmine & Annie

Environmental Award:

(2 Elm) Manuel & Alannah
(4 Pine) Josh and Shiloh

Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars Award:

(3 Larch) Amelia
(4 Oak) Ruby
(4 Pine) Anjali
(5 Rowan) Maksymilian
(6 Willow) Camilla

Reader of the Week:

(1 Aspen) Giovanna
(1 Beech) Patrick
(2 Cedar) Mia
(2 Elm) Hinaya
(3 Larch) George H
(4 Oak) Lara
(4 Pine) Jack
(5 Poplar) Rebecca
(5 Rowan) Lucas
(6 Willow) Liyana
(6 Yew) Alicja

Writer of the week:

(1 Aspen) Kris
(1 Beech) Sofia
(2 Cedar) Lucy
(2 Elm) Loretta
(3 Larch) Nahmarnie
(4 Oak) Joseph H
(4 Pine) Gabriela
(5 Poplar) Ella
(5 Rowan) Mark
(6 Willow) Summer
(6 Yew) Ethan

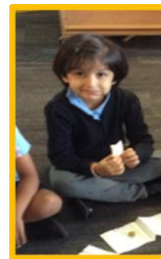
Handwriting Heroes and Pen Licences:

(4 Pine) Jude

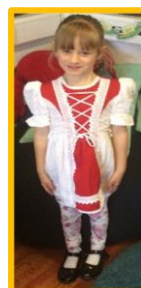
Kindness Award:

(Alder) Anais
(Ash) Caoimhe-Rose
(1 Aspen) Caira
(1 Beech) Johan
(2 Cedar) Ania
(2 Elm) Kaima
(3 Larch) Oskar
(4 Oak) Aubrey
(4 Pine) Morgan
(5 Poplar) Ruby Y
(5 Rowan) Elizabeth
(6 Willow) Scott
(6 Yew) Kene E

Reception: This week the children have thoroughly enjoyed their first International Week at St Anselm's. We were lucky enough to have a Balkan dance workshop and try some Greek food.



The children also enjoyed wearing their national dresses to school. They could talk about which country the outfit was from and what their link to that country was.



Year 1: We have had another busy week in Year One. We had a fun science lesson investigating our sense 'touch'. The children were given the opportunity to feel different materials to discuss texture and durability. The children are becoming more knowledgeable about their five senses - we are very impressed. Maybe over the weekend ask your children what materials they felt and what they thought of the different textures!

In English the children have started planning for their first extended write. They are continuing to impress us with their wide vocabulary particularly when thinking of interesting adjectives as the word 'sad' is officially banned!

In RHE the children have been continuing to discuss their own emotional wellbeing so that they have a bank of resources to self-regulate and ensuring we always have kind hearts and kind hands.

As this week has been International Week we took part in Balkan dancing which was great fun. The children had excellent rhythm and were able to pick up choreography with pace which was very impressive. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the children in their cultural outfits. It is wonderful that we are able to celebrate such a wealth of different cultures.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week!



Year 2: We have had another really busy week in Year 2. To celebrate International Week, we had a dance workshop where we learnt a very exciting Turkish routine.

We also learnt lots about a very famous tennis player called Novak Djokovic and the children were amazed to find out that he is fluent in lots of different languages.

In Art we painted pictures in the style of Serbian artist Nadezda Petrovic.

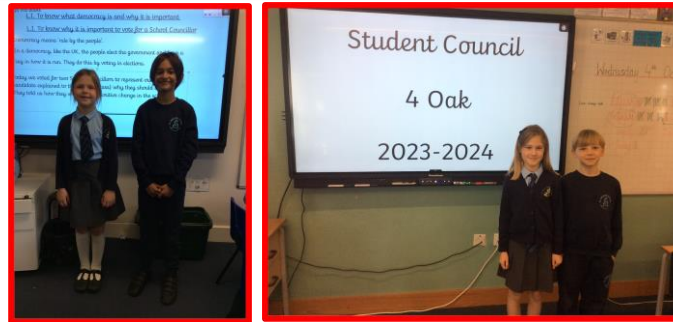


Year 3: What a wonderful week it has been! We celebrated "International Week" at St Anselms with a range of exciting and vibrant activities including drawing the beautiful island of Santorini and having an energetic dance workshop including dances from Serbia, Greece and Turkey. We finished our fantastic week with everybody wearing a costume or clothing related to their cultural heritage.



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Year 4: This week the children learnt about the meaning of Democracy and why its important in our school. The children listened to candidates' pledges and told them how they would create positive change in our School. In 4 Pine, Gabriela and Miksa received the most votes; in 4 Oak, Felicity and Tony received the most votes. They are our new School Councillors! Well done!



This week was International Week. The children took part in a workshop where they learnt a Greek dance called the *Zorba*. They also competed in the French sing-off competition: 4 Oak sang *Je fais du Sport* and 4 Pine, *Voici ma famille*. What outstanding performances Year 4!



Year 5: This week, we have loved celebrating International Week! We have taken part in the French sing-off competition, leant a Balkan folk dance and took part in an International quiz, and lots of other activities! In Science, we have been learning about water resistance and planned an experiment for next week to see if the shape of an object has an effect on how quickly it falls to the bottom of a tall measuring cylinder! 5 Rowan also lead their Class Liturgy, which was all about perseverance. We know to never give up even when times get difficult!



Year 6: This week in Science we learnt about microorganism: fungi, bacteria and viruses. We studied different types of mushrooms and inspected them with a magnifying glass. We identified the similarities and differences between them. It was fun to dissect and look at them.



This week was International Week! 6 Yew picked the song 'Thriller' and 6 Willow picked the song YMCA. We chose scary outfits for our Thriller song and for the dance moves we did lots of zombie moves and monster moves!

