



Date: 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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## 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Weekly Reflection

Matthew 5: 3-12



Through the Beatitudes, we learn how to live a good life expressing gratitude, practicing patience, and being a peacemaker.



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

Sophia – Alder  
Maven – Aspen  
Ava – Beech  
Eliza – Elm  
Mary-Adaline – Maple  
Isabelle – Oak  
Nathaniel – Rowan  
Maria – Willow  
Jasmine – Yew

Dear Parents, Carers and Children, today's Mass attended by 6 Yew was on the theme of the Beatitudes which show us how to live a good life. This theme was beautifully reflected in 5 Poplar's liturgy message yesterday during their Harvest liturgy. They reminded us that as a Catholic community, we do not give our donations during this time because we have been told to, but because we choose to by following in Jesus' footsteps. Thank you so much to all our families for your contributions for our Harvest collection. The food bank volunteers were amazed and so thankful for the generous donations we have made this Harvest week and that is only half the collection. There are so many families in need at this time, so every small contribution we give as individuals makes one big difference. Thanks to our wonderful Gift Team who helped to sort and box up all of the donations and load them into the car, ready to be delivered to our local foodbank.

**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. Next Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October is our final Rosary together and it would be wonderful to see some more parents and children praying with us.

**Little Ways Week:** During this week, our classes have been reflecting on the life of St. Therese. Our children reflected on a special person in their lives who they would like to do a little deed for. These acts of kindness make a huge difference to those we are thinking of.

**Hello Yellow Day – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October:** On World Mental Health Day, the children participated in the 'Hello Yellow' campaign. The day was a vibrant success, with students and staff wearing yellow to show their support and raise funds for the Molly Rose Foundation. We raised a total of £174 so thank you all for your contributions towards this worthwhile cause. Our children recognise how important mental health is to their learning and wellbeing. Our pupil voice illustrated this:

"Mental health is important because we can understand how we feel and be ok with emotions."

"We need to know who we can talk to about our feelings."

"It is like physical health but for our minds."

**Quad Kids:** On Tuesday, 20 Year 5 children had the opportunity to take part in a series of athletic events at Bannister Sports Ground. The events included long jump and a 600m race. One pupil said "We got to complete against other schools. I came first in the sprint and I never thought I would be able to do it."

**SPA Donation Station Design Competition:** On Monday, we are launching an exciting design competition with the children for our Donation Station, so please take a look at the details in the attached flyer. The SPA would also love to hear from parents about what events they could be putting on or spending funds on so please find the details on the flyer.

**Harrow School Commemoration Concert:** Some of the children from our choir had an exciting evening last Saturday when they were invited to sing at Harrow School's annual Commemoration Concert. The children represented St Anselm's wonderfully and added a bit of 'magic' to the proceedings. When the children weren't singing, they were treated to some wonderful performances from Harrow School's orchestra and big band. Our thanks to Mr Moy from Harrow School for this amazing opportunity.

**Parents' Ukulele Group:** Mrs Ponnaganti would like to start a parents' ukulele group. The group would be open to all abilities, from total beginners to those who may have some experience already. It would be a great opportunity for year 4 parents to learn as your child learns but is open to parents from all year groups. The group will be on Tuesday mornings from 8.30 - 9am and will start on the first week back after the half-term break. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Ponnaganti: [music@st-anselms.org](mailto:music@st-anselms.org). With kind regards, *Ms Hunt*

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

*Design sheets for the Donation Station design competition will be going out on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October.*

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## Notices and Calendar Dates

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

Date	Event
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival Collection Week
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	5 Poplar Class Liturgy - 9am in the hall. 5 Poplar parents welcome
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	SPA uniform sale after school in playground
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October <i>*added</i>	Donation Station Design Competition launch
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October <i>*added</i>	Reception & Year 6 Height and Weight Check
	4 Pine Class Liturgy - 9am in the hall. 4 Pine parents welcome
	Parent Consultation Evening
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Staff Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term Holiday
W/c Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Christmas Jumper Donation Station Week
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Local Authority Deadline for Secondary School Applications
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November <i>*added</i>	All Saints' Mass & GIFT Team Commissioning – children only
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	4 Oak Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 4 Oak parents welcome
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November <i>*added</i>	Donation Station Design Competition Deadline
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November <i>*added</i>	Y2 Reptiles Roadshow
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	3 Maple Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 3 Maple parents welcome
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November <i>*added</i>	Donation Station Winner Announced
W/c Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying Week
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	3 Larch Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 3 Larch parents welcome
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Coffee Morning, Uniform & Toy Sale – 9.00am
	Class Enterprise Mufti-Day
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	2 Cedar Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 2 Cedar parents welcome
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Tombola Mufti-Day
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	2 Elm Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 2 Elm parents welcome
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December <i>*added</i>	SPA Christmas Fair ( <i>inc. Pre-loved uniform sale</i> ) 3.30-6pm, Raffle 5.30pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Staff Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Nativity at Church 2.00pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity – 9.30am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Pantomimes KS1 & KS2
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity at Church 2.00pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December <i>*changed from 13<sup>th</sup></i>	KS1 & 2 Santa's Grotto
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term Mass – children only
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term, school closes at 1.30pm

### Attendance Week Beginning 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

School Target: 97 %    Whole School attendance this week: 96.75%    Whole School attendance for year so far: 96.64%

Class Alder	92%	Class Ash	95%
Class Aspen	95%	Class Beech	95%
Class Cedar	99%*	Class Elm	96%
Class Larch	99%*	Class Maple	97%*
Class Oak	100%*	Class Pine	99%*
Class Poplar	98%*	Class Rowan	97%*
Class Willow	95%	Class Yew	99%*

**Well done to classes Cedar, Larch, Maple, Oak, Pine, Poplar, Rowan 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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**HARROW SCHOOL STORYTELLING WORKSHOP:** Harrow School invite families from St Anselm's to the storytelling session on Saturday in the Ryan Theatre. It will start at 11am and last for approximately 45 minutes. We ask that people arrive by 10.50am at the latest. There is limited parking outside the theatre and would advise people to park on West Street. Please see the attached flyer if you are interested. There are 25 spaces available in total, which includes adults attending with the children. Spaces can be booked by using this link: <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CTVZ>

**SCHOOL LUNCHES:** We welcome Parents to a 'School Lunch tasting session' after school on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 3.30pm onwards. Please drop into the ICT Room after 3.30pm to try the School Lunch for yourselves.

**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://uniforably.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 Uniforably 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](mailto: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) Zoe & Sienna  
(R Alder) Julian & Evie  
(1 Aspen) Nayla and Rares  
(1 Beech) Robin and Chrislyn  
(2 Cedar) Kajetan  
(2 Elm) All the class!  
(3 Larch) Liam R & Sean  
(3 Maple) Mikhail & Elaine  
(4 Oak) Hannah & Aarohi  
(4 Pine) Doreen and Vivian  
(5 Poplar) Naila and Aniela  
(5 Rowan) Frankie & Nathaniel  
(6 Willow) Aoife and Victoria  
(6 Yew) Flori & Ava

### Semper Fidelis Award:

4 Pine – Shiloh, Ria and Ranay  
6 Yew – Vivan, Florence, Florencia, Abigail

### Environmental Award:

(2 Elm) Yuxi & Shayden  
(4 Pine) Cathal and Jasmine

### Kindness Award:

(Alder) Isla  
(Ash) Santiago  
1 Aspen) Jordan  
(1 Beech) Hailey  
(2 Cedar) Patryk  
(2 Elm) Max  
(3 Larch) Mia  
(3 Maple) Arnold  
(4 Oak) Isabelle  
(4 Pine) Kolade  
(5 Poplar) Ellen  
(5 Rowan) Bea  
(6 Willow) Jake  
(6 Yew) Eli

### Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars Award:

(3 Larch) Liam P  
(3 Maple) Noah  
(4 Oak) Tom  
(4 Pine) Jude  
(5 Poplar) Eryk  
(5 Rowan) Iman  
(6 Willow) Immaculate

### Reader of the Week:

(1 Aspen) Jonah  
(1 Beech) Vincent  
(2 Cedar) Batuhan  
(2 Elm) Asmi  
(3 Larch) Aurora  
(3 Maple) Adam  
(4 Oak) Dominik  
(4 Pine) Natalie  
(5 Poplar) Atharv  
(5 Rowan) Myles  
(6 Willow) Scott  
(6 Yew) Oliver

### Writer of the week:

(1 Aspen) Alice  
(1 Beech) Ellamay  
(2 Cedar) Gavin  
(2 Elm) Gab  
(3 Larch) Nikolas  
(3 Maple) Zuzanna  
(4 Oak) Joseph George  
(4 Pine) Kornel  
(5 Poplar) Hanife  
(5 Rowan) Alexander  
(6 Willow) Akainya  
(6 Yew) Sara Amy



**Reception:** This week the children have been hearing and responding to the things God created for us. They have put actions to a poem about creation, painted pictures of some of God's creations and retold the story to their friends using small world.



The children also enjoyed dressing up as their calendar page theme. We are so happy to be learning in Reception!

**Year 1:** We are so so proud of the excellent extended writing pieces completed this week. The children wrote a narrative based on the story 'Old Bear' by Jane Hissey. They children used a wide range of adjectives, applied the different grammar skills taught well alongside an excellent use of punctuation. We are so impressed by the standard of work produced so early on in the year. We are excited to see how their writing will improve further throughout the course of the year, we have many budding writers! Their hard work and persereranve is definitely paying off! We were also very impressed in RE this week when the children discussed promises that they would make to God in order to be stewards of His World to protect his wonderful creation. The responses were so thoughtful and a true pleasure to read.

In honour of Black History Month and following our theme of 'Saluting our Sisters' we learnt about the inspirational work of Rosa Parks. We discussed her work and what she was fighting for alongside how this brought about change. The children discussed the unfair treatment and how it would make them feel if they were Rosa Parks.



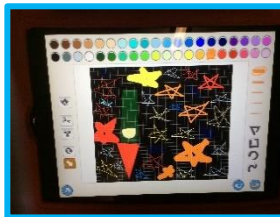
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**Year 2:** We have had another really busy week in Year 2.

In English, we focused on using our oracy skills to hot seat a character from our story and found out the dangers that they faced. We then helped them to come up with solutions to the dangers.

This week we celebrated Hello Yellow Day! In PSHE we discussed the importance of protecting our mental health and strategies that we can use to keep us in the 'green zone'.

In Computing the children started to create pictures using the software Scratch.



**Year 3:** This week we celebrated "World Mental Health Day". In PSHE, we reflected on the importance of maintaining a positive mental health and coming up with strategies that we can use when we are feeling low. In Maths, we explored subtracting two and three-digit numbers crossing 10.



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**Year 4:** The children loved celebrating Hello Yellow Day on Tuesday. They wore something yellow to show their support to stand out and show up for young people's mental health. We discussed how important mental health is and took part in a Hello Yellow challenge - for example smiling to a friend or making someone laugh.



**Year 5:** This week, we have had a busy and interesting week! We had Hello Yellow Day where some of us wore yellow accessories to celebrate the importance of Mental Health!

Some of the year group were lucky enough to attend Quad Kids on Tuesday where they did 4 different athletic events which included long jump, 75 metre sprint, 600m run and a vortex thrower. In Science, we did our water resistance experiment and found out that the cylinder shape object fell to the bottom first because it was more streamlined.

5 Poplar also lead their Liturgy, which was all about Harvest festival and we have learnt that our community will make a big difference to people who need our help.



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**Year 6:** This week we celebrated 'Hello Yellow' day where we wore yellow accessories. Our homework that evening was to think about anything that was on our minds and to talk about it with people at home as part of the 'Get Britain Talking' campaign.

"This week was also 'Little Ways Week' and we used this as our theme for Collective Worship. During our Collective Worship, I liked when we had to pass around the rosary beads and think of a special person who we could do a little deed for this week." Zofia (6 Willow) "I liked that the Collective Worship team allowed us time to reflect on the life of St Therese and think about her little ways." Jake (6 Willow)

