



St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

Learning and growing together through prayer, belief and love



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15th September 2023 Weekly Reflection

Genesis 2:15



'Treat the earth as if your life depends on it'

God has tasked us with stewardship of the earth He has created. What are you doing to care for creation at home, at school and in the community?



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

Hermione – Alder
Diana – Ash
Giovanna – Aspen
Bernard – Cedar
Sebastian – Elm
Evelyn – Maple
Jahmani & Viktor – Oak
Atharv – Poplar
Niamh – Rowan
Akainya & Maya – Willow

Dear Parents, Carers and Children, as we reach the middle of September, it is wonderful walking around the school and seeing the children settled into their routines, enjoying their learning. Our children in Ash and Alder are also settling in well.

New Parents' Coffee Morning: Thank you to our wonderful volunteers and all those who came to our coffee morning today – new and current parents. It was lovely to see so many of you there and I hope that any parents who may be thinking of joining our SPA committee, even if it is just to help out with certain activities and projects, will sign up and work with the school community to give our pupils the rich wealth of fun learning opportunities and resources at St. Anselm's. All are welcome to join us for our SPA AGM and first committee meeting of the year – details below.

Parent Information Sessions: Thank you to our staff for their informative presentations and to all the parents who came to our information sessions. We hope you found them useful and for any parents who were not able to attend, the presentations will be shared by your child's class teacher via SharePoint.

International Week: We have designated the week of **2nd-6th October** as International Week and details will be sent next week with further information about this annual celebration.

Birthdays: We love to celebrate our children's birthdays, and encourage children to wear their own clothes that day so that everyone can wish them a 'Happy Birthday'. Please refrain from sending in sweets, treats or invites. Your child is very welcome to bring in a reading book for their class reading area.

Healthy School: Just a reminder that, as a Healthy School, we would like to promote healthy eating habits in our school. All those taking free school meals are receiving a nutritious hot meal each day, so we would like to remind those taking packed lunches to support us by ensuring children do not bring in unhealthy food choices. Children can also bring in a healthy snack ie. piece of fruit or vegetable for their break time - no cereal bars or dried fruit as these contain lots of sugar.

Reception & Secondary School applications- September 2024: Please take a look at the deadlines attached to this week's newsletter as the High School date in particular is coming up very soon.

Free School Meals Menu: Some parents across the school were asking at the information sessions where they can find details of the current lunch menu. Just a reminder that it is on our school website under Parent Information/School Meals – see link below. This menu will be updated after the October half term with a new Autumn/Winter choice of meals.

<https://tinyurl.com/mpb7376f>

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) Update: You will no doubt have seen recent media covering pertaining to RAAC being present in schools across the country. Following the survey completed by Harrow Council earlier in the summer, it has established that there is no presence of RAAC at our school site, so we will continue to function as normal.

In our prayers at the moment, we think about all those affected by the floods in the Libyan city of Derna. I wish you all a lovely weekend.

With kind regards, *Ms Hunt*

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

AGM The SPA AGM takes place on **Monday 18th September** in the school hall at 7pm followed immediately by the first Committee meeting of the school year.

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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 *added	SPA AGM at 7pm & Committee Meeting
Thursday 21 st September *added	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 *added	Cycle to School Week
Tuesday 26 th September *added	Flu Vaccinations for Reception – Year 6
Thursday 28 th September *added	6 Willow Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 6 Willow parents welcome
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th October *added	International Week
Thursday 5 th October *added	5 Rowan Class Liturgy - 9am in the hall. 5 Rowan parents welcome
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th October *added	Harvest Festival Collection Week
Thursday 12 th October *added	5 Poplar Class Liturgy - 9am in the hall. 5 Poplar parents welcome
Tuesday 17 th October	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 19 th October *added	4 Pine Class Liturgy - 9am in the hall. 4 Pine parents welcome
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Friday 20 th October	INSET – pupils not in
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October	Half Term Holiday

Attendance Week Beginning 11th September 2023

School Target: 97 % Whole School attendance this week: 97.55% Whole School attendance for year so far: 96.91%

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

Well done to classes Alder, Ash, Aspen, Cedar, Elm, Larch, Maple, Oak, Pine 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.

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) The whole class!
(R Alder) The whole class!
(1 Aspen) Jordan and Emma
(1 Beech) Cian and Arlo
(2 Cedar) Olivia
(2 Elm) Angelique & Asriel
(3 Larch) Jaiden & Milan
(3 Maple) Arabella & Arnold
(4 Oak) Arinze and Annie
(4 Pine) Ria and Miksa
(5 Poplar) Emylia and Isacco
(5 Rowan) Lillie-Mae & Prince
(6 Willow) Kobe & Adam
(6 Yew) Olivia G & Oliver R

Environmental Award:

(2 Elm) Kaima & Sebastian

Kindness Award:

(Alder) Yuna
(Ash) Sofiia
(1 Aspen) Aela
(1 Beech) Felicity
(2 Cedar) Jacob
(2 Elm) Sebastian
(3 Larch) Taiyo
(3 Maple) Amber
(4 Oak) Aiden
(4 Pine) Patrick
(5 Poplar) Natalie
(5 Rowan) Aoife
(6 Willow) Immaculate
(6 Yew) Olivia B

Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars Award:

(3 Larch) Isaac
(3 Maple) Harris
(4 Oak) Sophia
(4 Pine) Leo
(5 Poplar) Sophia
(6 Willow) Immaculate, Ruxi & Enzo

Reader of the Week:

(1 Aspen) Maven
(1 Beech) Ava
(2 Cedar) Gavin
(2 Elm) Isla
(3 Larch) Gabriela
(3 Maple) Mary-Adaline
(4 Oak) Eleesha
(4 Pine) Korede
(5 Poplar) Max
(5 Rowan) Iman
(6 Willow) Zofia
(6 Yew) Samuel

Writer of the week:

(1 Aspen) Alfie and Noelle
(1 Beech) Risa
(2 Cedar) Jewel
(2 Elm) Patrick
(3 Larch) Bernadette
(3 Maple) James
(4 Oak) Felicity
(4 Pine) Shiloh
(5 Poplar) Theodore
(5 Rowan) Lucie
(6 Willow) Amara
(6 Yew) Florence

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 come into the classrooms all by themselves.

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



Year 1: We have had another busy week in Year One! We started our first English book of the year called 'Old Bear' by Jane Hissey. On Monday morning a toy box arrived in Year One full of toys, the children enjoyed exploring its contents. The children made a variety of predictions before reading the story which they all seemed to really enjoy. We have seen the children produce some lovely sentences and we cannot wait to see their writing progress over the course of the year.

We have been impressed by the extent of the children's mathematical knowledge, they are understanding place value to 10 confidently; answering questions in whole class input and during independent work!!

On Monday the children enjoyed a wonderful yoga lesson as part of their PE, the children were all thoroughly engaged and seemed to enjoy the time for relaxation to finish a very busy day.

It was a pleasure to meet so many of you at 'Meet the Teacher' on Wednesday and we look forward to working with you throughout the course of this academic year. We hope you have a wonderful weekend, full of rest!



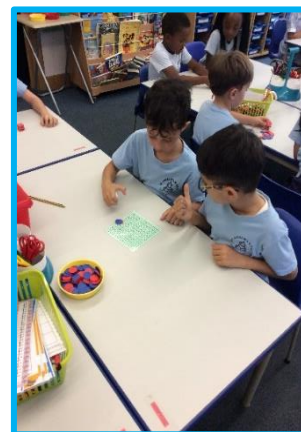
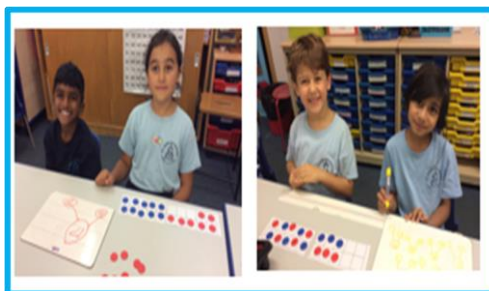
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Year 2: We have had another really busy week in Year 2.

In History, we were introduced to a significant historic event from the past- the Great Fire of London. We began the week exploring 17th century London with today and learnt lots of interesting facts.

In English, we have been reading our new text 'A River' by Martin Marc. We have been looking in depth at pictures and objects and using our inference skills to predict what the characters are like and what the story may be about.

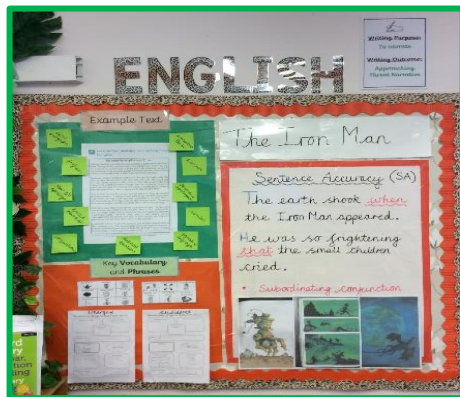
In RHE we discussed diversity and how our school and classroom are inclusive for all.



Year 3:

We started our week with an exciting continuation of The Iron Man and a thrilling introduction to our example text that is an 'Approaching Threat Narrative'. We have also been discussing the Zones of Regulation and creating our own Toolboxes to help us regulate our emotions and feelings.

In maths we have been using Base 10 and place value counters to represent 3-digit numbers.



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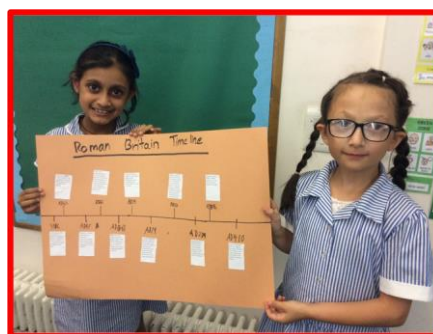
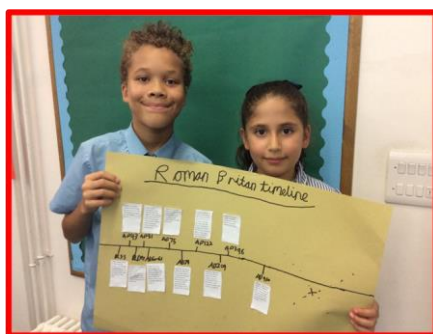
Year 4: This week 4 Pine have been so excited about their swimming lessons! The children will learn techniques to improve their front crawl, breast stroke and back crawl as well as floating.



"I enjoyed learning how to do handstands in the water today." – Jess

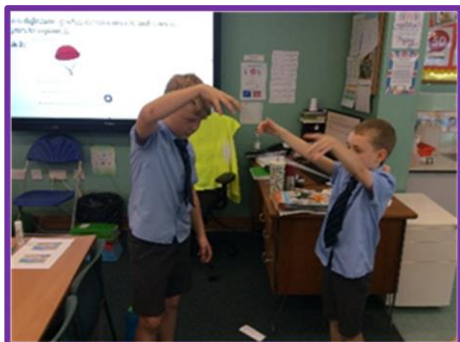
"I loved jumping in the water and swimming straight back to the wall." - Doreen

4 Oak enjoyed starting our new topic in History... The Romans! In partners, they worked hard to create Roman Britain Timelines.



Year 5:

We have had a fantastic week in year carrying on with our topics we started last week. In English, we have been doing roleplay as an astronaut to find out how we would be feeling if we were the first man on the moon. We have been learning about air resistance in science and we did an experiment to see which piece of paper would drop to the floor first, a paper ball or a piece of paper.



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Year 6: This week, we joined together in our Collective Worship sessions to reflect on the theme of new beginnings. The children led the Collective Worship sessions independently and provided reverent worship spaces as well as creatively leading small tasks in response to the Word.



We have also continued to be immersed into our new English text which is called 'Rose Blanche'. This week we have been exploring the meaning of words within a context as well as exploring Rose's thoughts and feelings in relation to the events of WW2.