



Date: 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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## 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Weekly Reflection

Matthew 13: 31-32



Jesus is reminding us that ideas might start very small at the beginning but they can become something much bigger and end up making a



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

Dominik – Alder  
Aspen – Nayla  
Dilario – Cedar  
Angelique, Kyron & Asmi – Elm  
Chloe – Larch  
Keira – Oak  
Joshua – Pine  
Natalie – Poplar  
Elizabeth & Lillie-Mae – Rowan  
Jake & James – Willow  
Florencia – Yew

Dear Parents, Carers and Children, it has been another busy week and we are well into the swing of things at St. Anselm's. The work that children are producing is a real testament to their hard work and enthusiasm for learning. It is great to see. I would like to thank 6 Willow class for their wonderful liturgy yesterday on our Catholic Social Teaching strand, 'caring for creation'. They reflected on the parable of the mustard seed; how Jesus' message started as a tiny seed and then grew in to the world community we have today. We can make a huge difference in caring for our world, starting with just a small idea that grows and grows. Thank you to 6 Willow and Miss Barton for reminding us that our small gestures can make a big difference in the world.

**Reception Parent Information Session:** Thank you to our Reception teachers and all the parents who attended the information session this week. Our reception children have settled into the school routines so well, so thanks to the staff for all their hard work.

**October – Month of the Rosary:** In October, we are guided by Mary in reflecting on the life of Jesus. St. Don Bosco had a dream at the age of nine where he was confronted by a number of misbehaving children. He reacted by wading in and shouting at them. A stranger then appeared and said to him: 'You will have to win these friends of yours not by anger but by gentleness and love'. He was promised a teacher in Jesus' mother, Mary, under whose guidance he could act with love. In this special month of the rosary, children and parents are invited to join us each Tuesday at 8.45am in the computer room (entrance by the bike shed), to say a decade of the rosary and reflect on how Our Lady can help us in our own lives. Please feel free to bring your own rosaries to the session.

**Cycle to School Week:** Thanks to all our children who participated in cycling to school this week. It is great to see them supporting a healthy life-style but also thinking about how their small actions can make a difference.

**International Week:** Take a look at our calendar dates for all the exciting events that are taking place during International Week next week, rounding up with our dress-up day next Friday. This is a great opportunity to celebrate other cultures from around the world.

**Harrow Catholic Schools' Mass:** On Monday, our teachers and support staff joined staff from other local Catholic schools in celebrating Mass at St. George's Church, Sudbury. These occasions remind us of the important task we have been given in shaping our children's spiritual life which underpins all that we do at St. Anselm's.

**Harvest Festival Collection Week:** Details will be sent out next week indicating what food items we would like to collect for our local food bank.

**Lunchtime Running Club:** A free lunch-time Running Club for children from Year 5 and 6 has started this week. The children who were already signed up for it had a super session out in the sunshine. A few children who are new to running learnt new skills and made great progress. Some parents have asked for the link to the online sign up form to be sent out again so if your child would like to join please see the letter attached and fill out the online form. The online form can be accessed through the URL <https://forms.office.com/e/6ktPz7SFFD>

**Parent Class Representatives:** Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to be a rep for their class. These roles really help in further strengthening our school-parent relationship, so if you have not yet organised someone for your child's class, please let your teacher know as soon as possible. Your efforts are hugely appreciated by the school.

**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 understand it is taking time but we are in the process of looking at pre-ordering options which will hopefully provide flexibility for families across the week, and reduce wastage. Details of this will follow shortly.

With kind regards, *Ms Hunt*

## Notices and Calendar Dates

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

| Date  | Event  |
|---|--|
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September | Cycle to School Week   |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September                          | Flu Vaccinations for Reception – Year 6                            |
| Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September                        | Reception Parent Information Session 9:15am                        |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September                         | 6 Willow Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 6 Willow parents welcome |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October     | International Week   |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October                             | Salvatorian College Open Evening from 5.30pm                       |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October                           | International Week workshops                                       |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> October                              | International Costume dress-up day and Children's Quiz afternoon   |
|   | St Joan of Arc Open Morning 9.00am-11.30am                         |
| 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                        |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October                            | Parent Consultation Evening  |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October                           | 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 *added                   | 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       |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November                           | 3 Maple Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 3 Maple parents welcome   |
| 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                             | SPA Christmas Fair 3.30-6pm (inc. 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                                      |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December                         | Christmas Pantomimes KS1 & KS2                                     |
|   | Santa's Grotto – KS2 9.00am, KS1 10.00am                           |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December                          | KS1 Nativity at Church 2.00pm                                      |
| 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 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023

School Target: 97 %    Whole School attendance this week: 95.43%    Whole School attendance for year so far: 96.38%

|              |       |             |     |
|--------------|-------|-------------|-----|
| Class Alder  | 96%   | Class Ash   | 96% |
| Class Aspen  | 97%*  | Class Beech | 93% |
| Class Cedar  | 98%*  | Class Elm   | 92% |
| Class Larch  | 100%* | Class Maple | 95% |
| Class Oak    | 94%   | Class Pine  | 95% |
| Class Poplar | 92%   | Class Rowan | 95% |
| Class Willow | 95%   | Class Yew   | 96% |

**Well done to classes Aspen, Cedar and Larch 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](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.

## Our Learning and Achievement Gallery

### Special Achievement Awards:

(R Ash) Ciara & Tanishi  
(R Alder) Alexander & Amelia  
(1 Aspen) Ruby and Ananiya  
(1 Beech) Timothy and Hailey  
(2 Cedar) Luca AV  
(2 Elm) Eleena & Max  
(3 Larch) Heath & Kacper  
(3 Maple) Lili & Eoin  
(4 Oak) Keira & Amanda  
(4 Pine) Jasmine & Joshua  
(5 Poplar) Oliver and Neha  
(5 Rowan) Bea & Ophelia-Rose  
(6 Willow) Maria & Eli  
(6 Yew) Lydia, Sara & Aaron

### Environmental Award:

(2 Elm) Lucy & Gab  
(4 Pine) Ranay, Ria, Jude

### Kindness Award:

(Alder) Eleanor  
(Ash) Freddie  
(1 Aspen) Kasima  
(1 Beech) Gaja  
(2 Cedar) Aileen  
(2 Elm) John  
(3 Larch) Chloe  
(3 Maple) Harris  
(4 Oak) Davi  
(4 Pine) Doreen  
(5 Poplar) Eva  
(5 Rowan) Nathan  
(6 Willow) Amara  
(6 Yew) Olivia S

### Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars Award:

(3 Larch) Emma  
(3 Maple) James  
(4 Oak) Olivia  
(4 Pine) Charles  
(6 Willow) Sienna

### Reader of the Week:

(1 Aspen) Ryan  
(1 Beech) Gabriela  
(2 Cedar) Illia  
(2 Elm) Francesca  
(3 Larch) George M  
(3 Maple) Thomas  
(4 Oak) Darci  
(4 Pine) Eva  
(5 Poplar) Ruby F  
(5 Rowan) Conor  
(6 Willow) Benedict  
(6 Yew) Carlos

### Writer of the week:

(R Ash)  
(R Alder) Rose  
(1 Aspen)  
(1 Beech) Rory  
(2 Cedar) Eloise  
(2 Elm) Isla  
(3 Larch) Mia  
(3 Maple) Abigail  
(4 Oak) Isabelle  
(4 Pine) Dia  
(5 Poplar) Eryk  
(5 Rowan) Leon  
(6 Willow) Julia  
(6 Yew) Lydia

**Reception:** This week the children are continuing to explore their classrooms and enjoying getting to know each other. Our outside area is proving to be popular and we are trying to make the best of the Autumn weather! As it's **Cycle to School Week** the children have been talking about how they have been cycling or riding their scooter to school.

Amelia: *"I normally ride my bike in Harrow. I put the bike in the car and then when I get there then I ride it."*

Eva: *"I use my scooter to school. It's blue and orange and medium. I like riding in the playground. Mummy takes it home."*

Reyaan: *"I have a blue scooter. I got to school then I come inside. I have to be careful of falling down."*

Sofiia: *"I like going on my scooter. It is new and shiny."*

Arthur: *"I have got a red scooter and it goes fast."*

Charlie: *"My mummy takes my scooter home. She puts it into the car."*

Finally, thank you to everyone who attended our Curriculum Information Meeting on Wednesday, we hope you found it useful.

**Year 1:** We have had another busy week in Year One. We have been particularly impressed with the standard of English produced. The children have been able to confidently identify the difference between a prefix and a suffix which is very impressive for this stage in the year! Towards the end of the week the children produced wonderful pieces of written work describing Old Bear and the environment in the attic. We were so impressed by the writing that we saw, it was full of fantastic adjectives, the use of the prefix 'un' alongside the use of conjunctions. Keep up the hard work children in English as it is really paying off and you are all wonderful writers. We are also very proud of how the standard of handwriting is progressing!

In RHE this week ahead of international week we designed some African Masks. The children were ever so creative with their designs, they are very colorful and well thought out.

In Maths we have been focusing on comparing numbers with particular focus on the more than, less than and equal to symbols. We found this rather challenging at first but the children persevere and were a lot more confident towards the end of the week!

In RE this week we discussed different ways that we could look after God's World. The children were very thoughtful in their responses which highlighted that they are wonderful stewards of our World. The children suggested that we should:

- Put our rubbish in the bin and Recycle.
- Always be kind to others.
- Turn lights off when we are not in the room.
- Walk instead of drive.
- Pray everyday to God.

Well done Year 1! Keep the hard work up and continue to persevere even when we find things challenging.



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

In History, we have been learning why the Great Fire spread so quickly and why it stayed alight for so long.

In English, we are reading 'A River' which tells the story of a young boy who sets off on an adventurous journey. We have used this inspiration to write our own Circular Narrative describing our experiences and emotions along the way.

In D&T, we have been very busy as we have finally started to make our own fire engines!



**Year 3:** It was 'Cycle to School' week this week! In PSHE we wrote letters to Rishi Sunak PM explaining why we should cycle to school. In DT, we have continued to construct our castles using the 3D shapes we constructed ourselves. In PE we have been playing Netball and learning how to cartwheel in gymnastics.

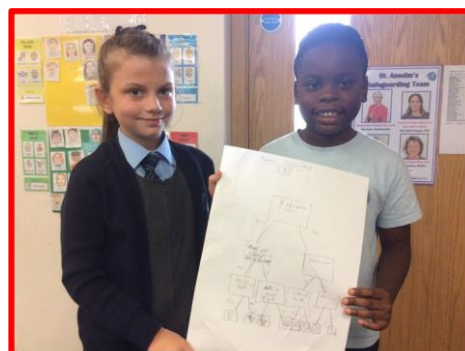
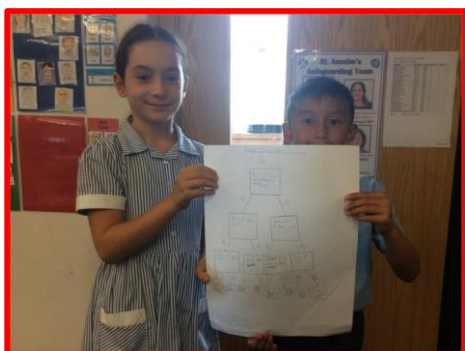


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**Year 4:** This week 4 Pine created a beautiful Collective Worship which took place in our stunning prayer garden. The theme of our liturgy was 'Creation', where a reading from the Book of Genesis was read. The children then reflected on why it is so important to protect our world and ways in which we can help to preserve its wonder.



This week, 4 Oak really enjoyed learning about animal classification keys in our Science lesson. We even created our own classification keys in partners.



**Year 5:** This week has been very busy with a lot of fun learning going on! This week in Science, we got to make parachutes. We found that the parachute with the smallest surface area drops first.

In D&T we have been finishing off our spaghetti truss bridges which has been a bit difficult. It has been difficult because we have had to snap the spaghetti and make it into triangles using masking tape.

We have been busy learning about mental strategies in Maths to answer questions in a quicker way!



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**Year 6:** "On Fridays we have been doing netball in our PE lessons. So far, we have learnt how to do a chest pass, bounce pass and overhead pass. Last week, our class focused on pivoting after we land with the ball. I think that our netball lessons are really fun!" Camilla (6 Willow)



"This week in D&T, we cut up pieces of wood for our window display. We made 6 100mm pieces and 2 200mm pieces. I had lots of fun this week and can't wait until next week's lesson! Arianna (6 Willow)