

In the Catholic Church, the month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary is honoured as our mother, a gift given to us by Jesus while He was on the cross. In the Gospel, Jesus entrusted Mary to His disciple with the words, *“Behold your mother”*—and in doing so, He entrusted her to all of us. This reminds us that Mary cares for us, prays for us, and walks with us in our journey of faith. In recognition of how important Mary is in our lives, we will be holding a special Celebration of the Word next week. As part of our preparations, each child will be given a green stick to act as the stem for a flower that they will create and present to Mary during the celebration. This is something we have done before, and it is always a very special and meaningful assembly. We would greatly appreciate your support by encouraging your child to make their flower at home and bring it into school ready for the Celebration of the Word next week. Thank you for helping us make this a prayerful and memorable occasion.

### **Healthy Eating - Thank You for Supporting Healthier Choices**

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all parents and carers for your support in promoting healthier, more balanced packed lunches and breaktime snacks. It has been wonderful to see the positive changes that have already taken place in such a short space of time. Lunchboxes are increasingly filled with a wider variety of nutritious options and fewer high-sugar items. Even more encouraging has been the children’s response—they are taking pride in their lunch choices and showing a real willingness to try new foods. Your support is making a meaningful difference to the children’s wellbeing and helping to build positive, lifelong habits. Thank you once again.

### **Dartford Bear Hunt in support of Ellenor**

Thank you so much for your generous support of the Dartford Bear Hunt in aid of Ellenor. We were absolutely delighted to see so many children take part in the competition to have their design featured on our school bear. Your contributions have helped us raise just over half of the money pledged so far—an incredible achievement! The standard of artwork submitted across all classes was truly outstanding; every entry reflected great creativity and effort, and we are very proud of all the children who took part. The winners were announced in last week’s PRIDE Assembly, and their designs are attached for you to see. A special thank you goes to Mrs Kelly and Mrs Beckley, who carefully transferred the winning designs onto our bear. We were thrilled to unveil “Anselm” during last Friday’s PRIDE Assembly, and the children were so excited to see the finished result—it really does look spectacular! Anselm has now been returned to Ellenor to be varnished and prepared for display. While the children have enjoyed an exclusive first look, we are not yet able to share images more widely—you will have to wait until Anselm appears on the Bear Hunt trail! Please keep an eye on future editions of *Compass* for more information about our upcoming Teddy Bears’ Picnic which hopefully will raise even more money for the charity.

### **Mobile Phone Use on the Playground**

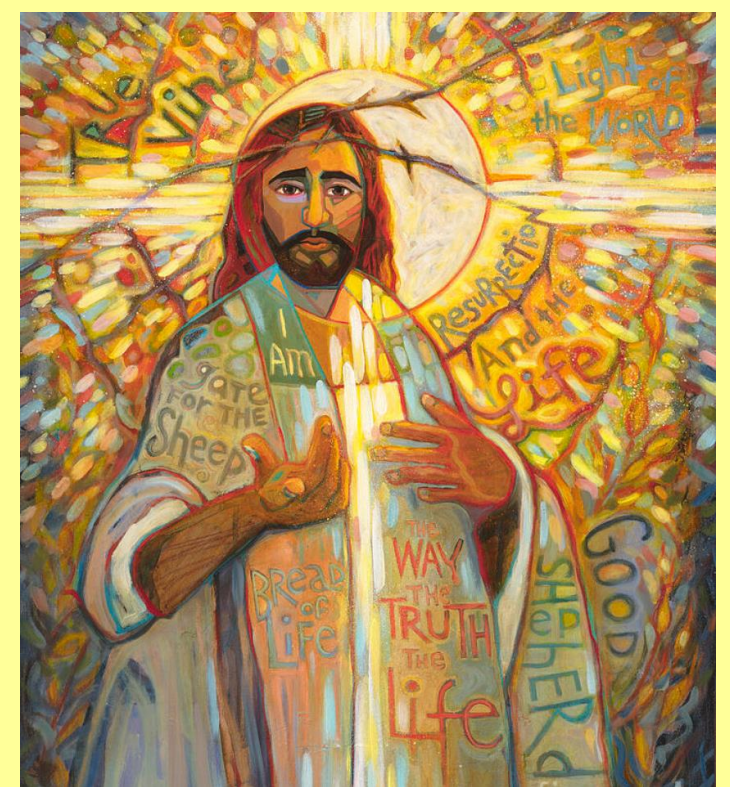
Earlier today, parents and carers will have received a letter outlining an important update regarding mobile phone use on the playground at the end of the school day. This follows growing concerns about the increasing use of phones during collection time, as well as a recent incident which highlighted potential safeguarding risks. As safeguarding is our highest priority, we are asking all parents and carers to refrain from using mobile phones while on the playground. We also ask that any issues regarding collection arrangements are communicated directly with the school office, rather than between parents. We appreciate your continued support in helping us maintain a safe, calm, and positive environment for all members of our school community. If you have any questions, please refer to the full letter or contact the school office.

**‘Trust in the Lord... and He will direct your path.’** Adapted from Proverbs 3:5-6



In this week’s Gospel, Jesus comforts His worried disciples, urging them to trust in God and in Him. He promises they are not alone and that He is preparing a place for them. When Jesus says, “I am the way and the truth and the life,” He shows that following Him leads us to God and teaches us how to live well. He also reminds His followers that their faith can make a difference, continuing His work in the world.

For us today, this passage is an invitation to trust in uncertain times and to live with hope, love, and confidence in the path Jesus shows.



**Loving God,  
when our hearts feel worried or  
unsure, help us to trust in You.  
Thank You for Jesus, who shows us the  
way, teaches us the truth, and fills our  
lives with hope.  
Guide us to follow His example each  
day—loving others, choosing what is  
right, and living with courage.  
Stay close to us and lead us in Your  
peace.  
Amen.**

# Congratulations to these children who won an award last week

**St Anselm's Catholic Primary School**

Zuzanna

In Phonics this week you have been a very good partner by making sure that you are listening well and taking turns. You are also trying hard to use your loud voice when you speak out in class. Well done, Zuzanna.

Teacher: *Ms. Kelly* 01.05.26

**St Anselm's Catholic Primary School**

Ugum

Ugum, what a hard working member of the Year 1 class you have become. You settle quickly and sensibly to any given tasks and you always try your best. You are a super artist and your work is always beautifully illustrated. You are kind and considerate to other children and this shows that you are following our Pride Values, particularly Respect and Friendship. Keep up the good work!

Teacher: *Ms. Kelly* 01.05.26

**St Anselm's Catholic Primary School**

Success

Since starting the summer term, you have made a conscious effort to make better choices. You are noticing your emotions and recognising the signs that you need to take a step back helping you stay on track while working towards your personal goals. You contribute great ideas in class and show enthusiasm for learning and sharing with others. If you continue to use this energy to build on what you have started, you are sure to make even more progress!

Teacher: *Ms. Kelly* 01.05.26

**St Anselm's Catholic Primary School**

Anu

You are someone who is always kind and considerate to others, a really great example of Respect and Friendship. Over the last few weeks, we have been really impressed by how your confidence has grown. You now share your thoughts and ideas loudly and clearly and will read aloud beautifully so that everyone can hear your voice. Well done, keep being heard!

Teacher: *Ms. Kelly* 15.26

**St Anselm's Catholic Primary School**

Jonathan

We have been really impressed with your Determination and Courage over the last few weeks Jonathan. You have been pushing yourself to do your best in and out of the classroom. We especially enjoyed your creativity when creating our nightlights, using the resources you had well and adapting your design for the best outcome. Your Respect and Friendship shines through everyday, always using your manners including others and caring for them. Well done and keep up the brilliant work!

Teacher: *Ms. Kelly* 01.05.26

**St Anselm's Catholic Primary School**

Hayley

This week I was particularly impressed by your Leadership and Confidence. Whether it's a job or helping others you showed responsibility and a helpful attitude that contributed positively to our classroom environment. I was also pleased to see your enthusiasm in writing your non-chronological report about workhouses. The effort and focus you've put in that writing piece reflect your Determination and Courage, showing how seriously you take your learning. Keep shining! Well done!

Teacher: *Ms. Kelly* 15.26

**St Anselm's Catholic Primary School**

Daisy

You consistently show exceptional pride in everything you do, especially the presentation and layout of your work. Your care, precision and attention to detail set a brilliant example for others and I often highlight your work as something we should all strive towards. This week it has also been wonderful to see your theatrical side shine during performance practice. Your confidence and the effort you are putting in are clear to see. You should feel proud of yourself. Keep challenging yourself and inspiring those around you.

Teacher: *Ms. Kelly* 01.05.26

**Congratulations!**

This certificate is awarded to

Year 4

for

being the top Doodling class this week!

Signed: *Ms. Kelly* Date: 15.26

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This certificate is awarded to

Anahe (Y5)

for

getting the highest number of stars over the last week (33)

Signed: *Ms. Kelly* Date: 15.26

**Congratulations!**

This certificate is awarded to

Nenah (Y4)

for

getting the highest number of stars over the last week (64.2)

Signed: *Ms. Kelly* Date: 15.26

**Congratulations!**

This certificate is awarded to

Nenah (Y4)

for

getting the highest number of stars over the last week (36)

Signed: *Ms. Kelly* Date: 15.26

**TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS**

ON: 15.26

FOR: playing more than any other class this week!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Year 2

SIGNED: *Miss Scampton*

**TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS**

ON: 15.26

FOR: playing more than any other class over the last week (2.3 minutes)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Elizabeth (Y6)

SIGNED: *Miss Scampton*

**NUMBOTS**

Ezrah

for playing more than any other class over the last week (88 min 40s)

15.26

SIGNED: *Miss Scampton*

**Lean and Green Award** is awarded to

Y6

The most active class active on the way to school this week

01.05.26

**Punctuality Pup** is awarded to

YR & Y3

100% punctuality 01.05.26

**Attendance Ted** is awarded to

Y4

99.6% attendance 01.05.26

**TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS**

**GONE GREEN**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Marcus de Leon

SUCCESSFULLY TURNED THEIR HEATMAP GREEN BY RECALLING ALL FACTS IN UNDER 4 SECONDS

ON: 31 Mar 2026

**TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS**

**GONE GREEN**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Adele Daffon

SUCCESSFULLY TURNED THEIR HEATMAP GREEN BY RECALLING ALL FACTS IN UNDER 4 SECONDS

ON: 23 Apr 2026

**TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS**

**GONE GREEN**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Faith Chukuma

SUCCESSFULLY TURNED THEIR HEATMAP GREEN BY RECALLING ALL FACTS IN UNDER 4 SECONDS

ON: 21 Apr 2026

**TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS**

**GONE GREEN**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

David Ajala

SUCCESSFULLY TURNED THEIR HEATMAP GREEN BY RECALLING ALL FACTS IN UNDER 4 SECONDS

ON: 15 Apr 2026

## KEY DATES

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – 14<sup>th</sup> May**

KS2 SATS

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

YR & Y3 Kent Life Trip

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

Feast of the Ascension

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

Y4 & Y5 Leeds Castle Trip

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

Y6 PGL Trip

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

Half Term Week – School Closed

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Term 6 begins

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

First Holy Communion

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

Class Photos

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Sports Day

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

America Team Celebration Day

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

PTFA Family Festival

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

KS2 Aladdin Production

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

KS2 Aladdin Production

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

Leavers' Disco

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Leavers' Mass

Last day of Term. School closes







1pm







## Snack Shack







### PRICE LIST

- Piece of fruit 10p
- Welch's Fruit-based snack 30p
- Popcorn 15p
- Smoothies 50p
- Rosary Beads £1
- Team wristbands £1
- Water bottles £2
- Spare water bottle lids 50p
- Fruit Ice Pops coming soon
- Open Mondays and Wednesdays

**Congratulations to these children whose designs will feature on the Ellenor bear.**

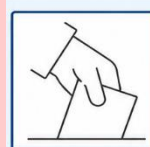
St Anselm		St Thérèse of Lisieux		St Francis of Assisi	
					
Elizabeth	Angelina	Elena	Raie A	Amelia	Matipa

St Vincent de Paul	St Martin de Porres	St Gregory the Great	St Moses the Strong	St Maximilian Kolbe	
					
Marcus	Edis	Logan	Isaac	Joshua	Jayden

St Josephine Bakhita		St Rose of Lima	St Francis Xavier	St Peter Chanel	St Catherine of Siena
					
Nancy	Hannah	Tara	Kiki	Maria	David

Our School Logo

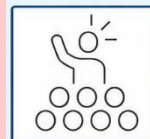
Hannah



**DEMOCRACY**  
We all have the right to be heard and to take part in decisions that affect us all.



**RULE OF LAW**  
We are all subject to the law which is applied fairly and equally to everyone.



**INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY**  
We have the freedom to make our own choices and express our own views.



**MUTUAL RESPECT**  
We respect each other and treat everyone with kindness and consideration.



**TOLERANCE**  
We value differences and celebrate the diverse communities we live in.

## In the news this week

New AI-supported glasses to help people with dementia or memory problems have won a £1 million prize. The glasses, made by the company CrossSense, can recognise objects and show labels or give spoken instructions to help people remember what things are and what to do. They use an AI assistant that learns how each person lives and adapts to their needs over time. Early tests show these glasses could help wearers feel more confident and independent in their daily lives.



### Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you think these glasses are a good idea or not?
- Is it better for people to get help from technology or from other people? Why?
- How might these glasses make someone feel more confident or independent?
- What technology do you use at home to help you? How does it help?

## Which British Value?

This story shows individual liberty as the glasses help people with dementia to be more independent and make their own choices.

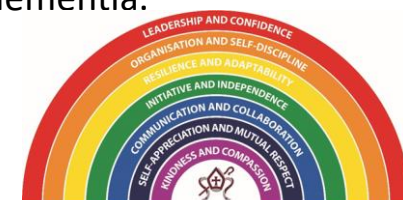
This story shows mutual respect and tolerance because it uses technology to treat people with kindness and help people with dementia feel included.

## Which protected characteristic?

This week's story supports the protected characteristic of disability, because the glasses help people with dementia to complete daily tasks more easily and live more independently.

## Rainbow Curriculum Link

This story helps teach children about **initiative and independence** by showing how people can be supported to do things for themselves and stay in control of their own lives. It reinforces the idea that independence looks different for everyone, and that using tools or technology can help people take initiative and build confidence. It also supports children's understanding of **self-appreciation and mutual respect** by encouraging them to value each person's needs and differences, respect others' dignity, appreciate that everyone may need help in different ways, and develop empathy towards people living with conditions such as dementia.



### This week's focus for Y5 & Y6:

#### Water safety

#### Key messages we learned:

1. Water can be dangerous in many environments including rivers, canals, lakes, the sea, paddling pools and ponds.
2. Being a strong swimmer in a pool does not always mean we are safe in open or cold water.
3. Cold water can affect breathing and movement, especially if we enter it unexpectedly.
4. It is important to recognise potential dangers around water and think carefully before going near it.
5. Staying with others helps keep us safer around water.
6. In an emergency, knowing what to do can save lives.

#### This week's task:

Teach someone at home the *Water Safety Code*:

1. Stop and think – spot the dangers
2. Stay together – never go near water alone
3. In an emergency, float – try to stay calm and starfish
4. Call 999 – get help as quickly as possible

#### How you can support at home:

Talk with your child about different water environments they may encounter and the risks associated with them. Reinforce the importance of staying together, recognising hazards and knowing what to do in an emergency. These conversations help children feel more confident and prepared to stay safe around water.



### In Culture Club this term, we are learning about famous paintings.



*The Starry Night* was painted in 1889 by Vincent van Gogh while he was staying at Saint-Paul-de-Mausole in the south of France. The painting is in the **Post-Impressionist** style, which means Van Gogh used bold colours, thick brushstrokes, and imaginative shapes to show feelings rather than paint things exactly as they look. It shows a quiet village at night with a tall dark cypress tree, while above it the sky is full of bright, swirling stars and a glowing moon. Van Gogh painted the scene from his window, but he made the sky much more dramatic to express his emotions—mixing calmness with movement—so the peaceful town below contrasts with the energetic, almost magical sky, reflecting how he sometimes felt both quiet and full of strong emotions at the same time.





# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

<b>Chickenpox</b>	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
<b>Diarrhoea and Vomiting</b>	48 hours after their last episode
<b>Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)</b>	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
<b>Impetigo</b>	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
<b>Measles</b>	4 days after the rash first appeared
<b>Mumps</b>	5 days after the swelling started
<b>Scabies</b>	they've had their first treatment
<b>Scarlet Fever</b>	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
<b>Whooping Cough</b>	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

<b>Hand, foot and mouth</b>	<b>Glandular fever</b>
<b>Head lice</b>	<b>Tonsillitis</b>
<b>Threadworms</b>	<b>Slapped cheek</b>



SCAN ME

### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

APRIL TO  
OCTOBER 2026

NOURISH



# SPRING INTO SUMMER MENU



## MONDAY

Beef Bolognese Pasta 1  
Cheese & Pesto Swirl 1,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Baked Wedges  
Seasonal Vegetables

Ice Cream 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Fruit Pots VG

Vegetable Str Fried Noodles 1 VG  
Vegetable Burger in a Bun 1,5,6 VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Baked Wedges,  
Carrots,  
Peas

Honey Cake 1 & Custard 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Fruit Pots VG

Mild Chilli Beef  
Tomato & Herb Penne Pasta 1 VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rice  
Peas  
Mixed Peppers

Ice Cream 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Fruit Pots VG

## TUESDAY

Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V  
Chick Pea & Spinach Biryani VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Carrots  
Mixed Peppers

Toffee Tart 1,7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Fruit Pots VG

Minced Beef Curry  
Pesto & Pea Pasta 1 VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rice  
Seasonal Vegetables

Summer Trifle 1,7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Fruit Pots VG

Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V  
Loaded Cajun Bean Wedges VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rainbow Rice  
Sweetcorn  
Coleslaw 9

Jam Roly Poly 1,6 VG & Custard 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Fruit Pots VG

## WEDNESDAY

Roast Gammon & Gravy  
Meatfree Meatballs & Gravy 6 VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rustic Roast Potatoes  
Cabbage  
Swede

Fruit Jelly VG  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Roast Chicken & Gravy  
Samosa Puff 1 VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rustic Roast Potatoes  
Cauliflower  
Carrots

Ice Cream 7  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

**BRUNCH**  
Pork Sausage & Bacon 1,3,6  
Or Vegetable Sausage 1 VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Brunch Hash Potatoes  
Baked Beans  
Tomatoes & Mushrooms

Fruit Jelly VG  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

## THURSDAY

Chicken Korma  
Vegetable Korma VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rice  
Green Beans  
Carrots

Chocolate Orange Cake 1 VG  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Chicken Fajita 1  
Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Rice  
Tomato Salisa  
Green Beans

Carrot & Orange Cake 1 VG  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

Chicken Pie 1  
Cheesy Pasta 1,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Crushed Potatoes  
Seasonal Vegetables

Sultana Cake 1 VG  
Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

## FRIDAY

Fish Fingers 1,8  
Wrap Stack 1,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Chips  
Sweetcorn & Peas  
Coleslaw 9

Lemon Drizzle Biscuit 1,6 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7  
Fruit Pots VG

Salmon Fish Cake 1,8  
Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Chips,  
Peas,  
Grated Carrot

Oaty Biscuit 1,15 VG  
Yoghurt 3,7  
Fruit Pots VG

Fish Fingers 1,8  
Cheese & Bean Parcel 1,7 V  
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9

Chips,  
Peas, Baked Beans  
Cucumber Sticks

Caramel Cookie 1,7 V  
Yoghurt 3,7,  
Fruit Pots VG

St Andrews

1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg  
10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian

Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.

AVAILABLE  
DAILY

# PARENT & FAMILY SUPPORT

## Mental Health, Wellbeing and Safeguarding Resources

### St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

#### Safeguarding Support at School

If you have concerns about your safety, your child's safety, or their wellbeing, please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

**Email:** [dsl@st-anselms.kent.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@st-anselms.kent.sch.uk)

If a child is in immediate danger call **999**.

#### Domestic Abuse Support

**National Domestic Abuse Helpline**

Call **0808 2000 247** (24 hours a day)

Chat: Mon–Fri 10am–10pm

[Domestic abuse support information](#)

#### Additional Support Services

Childline: 0800 1111 (24hrs)

Samaritans: 116 123 (24hrs)

[YoungMinds](#)

[Beat Eating Disorder Support](#)

[Kidscape](#)

#### Fast Track Counselling for Parents

North Kent Mind offers fast track counselling for parents.

£40–£45 per session with short waiting times.

[Visit service page](#)

#### Kooth – Free Online Mental Health Support

Free anonymous online counselling for young people aged 10–25. Available daily including evenings and weekends.

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

Parent support email: [parents@kooth.com](mailto:parents@kooth.com)

