

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make Saturday's PTFA Summer Festival such a wonderful success. It was a fantastic day, bringing together families, friends, staff, former pupils and our wider school community in a celebration of everything that makes St Anselm's so special. Events like this don't just happen. What we see on the day is only the tip of the iceberg, with many hours of planning and preparation taking place behind the scenes. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who gave their time to help set up, run stalls and activities, and pack everything away afterwards. A special thank you goes to the many parents, relatives, friends, staff, former pupils and children who volunteered to help throughout the day. Thank you also to every family who supported the festival by buying Grand Draw tickets, donating items for our stalls through the recent non-uniform days, attending the event and helping to create such a wonderful atmosphere. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, played a part in making the day such a success. A very special thank you must go to our dedicated PTFA Committee members – Mary Okani, Sherilyn McCarthy, Nicole D'Amato and Jamie Fellowes – whose commitment, organisation and countless hours of hard work ensured the festival was such an enjoyable and successful event for everyone. The PTFA team is now busy calculating the final profit raised. As soon as the total is confirmed, we look forward to sharing the fantastic news with you all. Thank you once again for your incredible support of our school.

Extreme hot weather

Staff worked tirelessly last week to ensure every child remained safe, well hydrated and as cool as possible. Water bottles were regularly refilled, activities were adapted to avoid the hottest parts of the day, and children were encouraged to rest, drink frequently and stay in the shade wherever possible. Thanks to the care, vigilance and dedication of the staff, children left school each day happy, comfortable and remarkably unaffected by the extreme temperatures. Although it was unfortunate that an early closure was necessary on Friday, it was the right decision. After already experiencing two days of exceptionally high temperatures, Friday was the hottest day of all. Taking this decision helped to ensure the wellbeing of both children and staff. As communicated to parents, the school remained open throughout the afternoon for the very small number of families who required this provision. Whilst temperatures this week are not expected to reach the extreme levels experienced last week, they are still forecast to be very warm, with the possibility of further hot weather to come. Please continue to ensure that children come to school with sun cream applied before they arrive, a named sun hat and a named water bottle so that everyone can stay safe and comfortable during the warmer weather. A sincere thank you for your support and understanding.

Parking Considerately – Keeping Everyone Safe

All parents will have received an email earlier today following a complaint from a local resident about dangerous parking at the beginning and end of the school day. The concerns include vehicles parking close to the pedestrian crossing island, blocking dropped kerbs and driveways, and creating blind spots that make it difficult for drivers and pedestrians to see one another. These actions put children, families, local residents and other road users at unnecessary risk. The vast majority of our families park responsibly and thoughtfully, and we are very grateful for this. However, even a small number of inconsiderately parked vehicles can create a significant safety hazard. Parents and carers are therefore asked to park only in safe and legal locations, even if this means walking a little further to school. Thank you for your support in helping to keep the roads around St Anselm's safe for everyone and in maintaining the positive relationships we value with our local neighbours.

More overleaf



This weekend, the Church celebrated the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, two of the greatest saints and leaders of the early Church. Although they were very different people, both answered God's call with courage and dedicated their lives to sharing the Good News of Jesus. Their faith, perseverance and willingness to serve continue to inspire Christians throughout the world today. In yesterday's Gospel, Jesus invites us to come to Him when we are weary, promising that He will give us rest. Like Peter and Paul, we are reminded that we do not have to face life's challenges alone. When we place our trust in Jesus and allow Him to guide us, He gives us the strength, peace and courage to live as His disciples each day.



**Loving God,
Help us, like Saints Peter and Paul, to
trust in You and follow Jesus with
courage. When we feel tired or
worried, remind us that You are always
with us, giving us strength and peace.
Amen.**

KS2 Production of Aladdin

Next week the Y6 children, supported by all children in KS2 will be performing Aladdin on 8th and 9th July, costing £4.50 each, are now on sale to KS2 parents. The performances begin at 7pm. Trust me, you are not going to want to miss this production so get your ticket orders in, marked for the attention of Mr Puttock before they sell out!

Last Day of Term – 22nd July

With just around three weeks until the end of term, I would like to share with you all the arrangements for the last day of term. Everyone is invited to the Leavers' Mass in St Vincent's Church at 9am. After this, Y6 parents are welcome to join us for the Leavers' Assembly at 10.30am. After lunch, school will close for all children at 1pm. However, Y6 children and families are welcome to stay until 1.45pm to take photos and say their final goodbyes.

KEY DATES

Wednesday 1st July

Y6 Safety in Action

Wednesday 8th July

KS2 Aladdin Production

Thursday 9th July

KS2 Aladdin Production

Thursday 16th July

Teddy Bear's Picnic Ellenor Fundraising Event

Friday 17th July

Leavers' Disco

Tuesday 21st July

Leavers' Mass 9am

Last day of Term. School closes 1pm

Tuesday 1st September

INSET Day – school closed

Wednesday 2nd September

INSET Day – school closed

Thursday 3rd September

Autumn term 1 begins

Summer Safety Community Day

Wednesday 29 July 2026, 10am until 2pm on Gravesend Promenade

Join us for a fun and informative community event!

- Meet your child centred policing team
- Learn how to stay safe online
- Discover how our officers work to keep you safe
- Get your bike security marked
- Understand the laws around e-scooter use

We're also pleased to welcome our community partners, including Kent Fire and Rescue Service, Southeastern Railway, The Grand and many more.

All ages are welcome, it's **free to attend**, and there's no need to book.



Kent Police

Child
CENTRED POLICING

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



St Anselm's School Term Dates 2026-27

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Bank holiday
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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	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.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

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

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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>.

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

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

Parent support email: parents@kooth.com

