

Children's learning does not begin and end at the school gates. They learn at school, at home and through the many experiences they have every day. When home and school work together, we give our children the strongest foundations for success. Last week, Miss Senington wrote to all parents outlining changes to our Homework Policy, with a clear focus on the essential skills of number (NumBots and Times Tables Rock Stars), spelling and reading. Please make sure you are familiar with the expectations for your child's year group and support them in developing these important skills at home. We warmly invite parents to our Meet the Teacher session at 2.00pm on Wednesday 30 September. This is an opportunity to hear directly from your child's teacher about expectations for the year and how you can support learning at home. This will be followed by Stay and Play until the end of the school day, when children whose parents are attending can enjoy some of our OPAL play resources with them. Further details will be emailed this week. Throughout the year, there will be many more opportunities for parents to engage with school through meetings, workshops and other events, all designed to strengthen the partnership between home and school and secure the very best outcomes for our children. Please come along, get involved and work with us – together we can make a real difference.

Keeping Children Safe: Our New Allergy Management Policy

Following the information shared last week regarding Benedict's Law and allergy safety, we ask all parents to ensure that their child's water bottle and lunch box are clearly labelled with their name. This simple step helps us to prevent children accidentally using or sharing another child's items and is particularly important for pupils with allergies. Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe.

St Vincent's Feast Day – Sunday 27th September

We look forward to joining our parish community to celebrate the Feast Day of St Vincent, the patron saint of our parish, with a special Mass at 11.00am, followed by a Bring and Share celebration in the parish hall. All families are warmly invited to come along and join this special parish celebration. Parents of children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will already have received an email inviting their child to be part of a school choir representing St Anselm's at the Mass. Our children will help to lead the singing and will also sign during the Offertory Procession. It would be wonderful to see as many of our school families as possible there as we come together with our parish to celebrate St Vincent's Feast Day.

Free School Meals – Please Apply This Month

Parents will already have received an email about changes to Free School Meals from September 2026. If you receive Universal Credit, please apply by the end of September, even if you are unsure whether you qualify or your child does not usually have a school meal. Registration can mean your child qualifies for a free school meal and may also bring valuable Pupil Premium funding, supporting interventions, reduced-cost trips, uniform and other opportunities. It costs nothing to check and could benefit both your child and our school. Thank you.

Food Bank

Each Friday, children are invited to bring one food item for the trolley on the playground. Donations are taken to the local food bank at St Edmund's Church. Thank you for continuing to support this important act of kindness.

Active Travel Survey – Please Have Your Say

Our school is taking part in a national project looking at **walking, wheeling and cycling to school** and what could make active travel easier for families. Parents of children in **Reception, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6** are invited to complete a short **10-minute online survey** by **14 October 2026**. You can take part even if your child does not currently walk, wheel or cycle to school. [Please click here to complete the survey.](#) Your views will help inform future improvements to active travel for children. Thank you.



In this week's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus how many times he should forgive someone who has hurt him. Jesus replies, "seventy times seven" – not because we should keep count, but because forgiveness should have no limit. Jesus reminds us that, just as God shows us mercy and gives us another chance when we get things wrong, we are called to do the same for others. In fact, we pray for this every time we say the Lord's Prayer: **"Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."** These familiar words remind us that receiving God's forgiveness also calls us to forgive others.

We will all make mistakes. What matters is being ready to say sorry, to forgive and to begin again. Each time we choose kindness and mercy over anger, we follow the example of Jesus and allow His light to shine through us.



**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.**

Congratulations to these children who received awards last week.

St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

Grace

You have made a great start to Year II! You have shown respect and friendship by listening carefully and always including everyone in activities. You have also shown determination and courage by being positive and not giving up when learning our new routines.

Teacher Mrs Fellows Mrs Higgins 11.09.26

St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

George

You listen carefully to others and help guide people in the right direction, not by telling others what to do, but by being an exceptional role model. You are always willing to offer help and demonstrate personal excellence throughout the day. You do this not for praise or recognition, but because you genuinely want to make our classroom a happier, kinder and better place for everyone. Thank you.

Teacher Mrs Graham 11.09.26

St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

Gabriel D

We are so pleased with the mature attitude you have started Year 3 with! You are listening well and trying your best to meet all the new expectations. You have shown particular initiative in your role of iPad monitor. Your organisation has really helped with this. This week we have particularly noticed that you are a shining light of Equality. You take time to ensure everyone is included and has a partner. This not only helps them but helps your learning too. Thank you, keep it up!

Teacher Mr Kelly 11.9.26

St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

Kimya

We have been really impressed with how you have approached this new school year Kimya! You have been incredibly polite, always using your manners beautifully. Every activity you have been given has been completed with a positive attitude and hard work showing a fantastic passion for learning already. We can see your Personal Excellence shining in everything that you do! You have been supportive of others around the classroom and wonderfully responsible with helping whenever you can. Keep up the fantastic work well done.

Teacher Miss Wall 11.09.26

St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

Doneshia

Doneshia, you have started Year 5 with a great sense of maturity and vigour. You have shown that you are a good listener and have followed instructions carefully. You have also shown great interest in all of our learning this week by being ambitious and giving your best effort in every learning task. You have definitely been an 'Inspiration' to everyone, so keep up the fantastic work! You are setting a wonderful example for others to follow.

Teacher Miss Aizen 11.9.26

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Tiernan

Tiernan, this week you have truly impressed me with your positive attitude towards your learning. You consistently demonstrate personal excellence being prepared for lessons and showing a willingness to give your very best. You show respect through your excellent listening skills and the way you engage positively with those around you. Your determination and courage are clear in your willingness to challenge. You should be incredibly proud of yourself. You are a fantastic role model for others, and I hope you continue to show these wonderful qualities throughout your journey in Year 6.

Teacher Mr Pustock 11.09.2026

Congratulations!

This certificate is awarded to

Elijah Fellows

for completing the DoodleEnglish Summer Challenge 2026

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William Burnham

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Rachael Ogunro

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for completing the DoodleMaths Summer Challenge 2026

KEY DATES

- Monday 14th September

YR in full time
- Wednesday 30th September

Meet with the teacher followed by stay and play – 2pm
- Thursday 8th October

Travelling Book Fair
- Monday 12th October

Parent Consultation Week – details to follow
- Monday 19th October

Flu Vaccinations
- Tuesday 20th October

Extra-Curricular Afternoon
- Wednesday 21st October

YR Welcome Assembly – 2.15pm
- Friday 23rd October

End of Term 1
- Monday 26th October

Half Term Week – School closed
- Monday 2nd November

Inset Day – School closed to pupils
- Tuesday 10th November

Individual & Sibling Photographs
- Monday 23rd November

New Admissions Meeting – 10.30am
- Monday 30th November

Y6 SATS & PGL Meeting – 5pm
- Friday 11th December

Infant Nativity – 2pm
- Wednesday 16th December

Junior Carol Service – St Vincent's Church 7pm TBC
- Friday 18th December

End of Term 2 – school closes 1pm

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

St Vincent's Family Mass

New Time

Following consultation with the parish community, please note that the Sunday Family Mass at St Vincent's is now celebrated at

11.00am

rather than the previous time of 10.30am.

All are welcome



St Anselm's School Term Dates 2026-27

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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

