

Welcome back to school after the half term break. We hope everyone has had a restful and refreshing holiday and is ready for the busy and exciting weeks ahead.

While we were away, the Church began the sacred season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a special time in the Church's year — a time to grow closer to God and to journey with Jesus Christ as He makes His way towards the cross. Today, we marked the beginning of this season with a whole-school Lent Retreat Day. After a special Celebration of the Word, all of the children took part in activities centred on the significance of the cross. They spent time reflecting on the key people who accompanied Jesus on His final journey, exploring the meaning of the Stations of the Cross. Through prayer, discussion and creative activities, each child made their own cross as a reminder of this important season. These crosses will be used during our weekly Lenten Celebrations of the Word, helping us to reflect together as we continue our journey through Lent.

As part of this journey, we will also be leading the Stations of the Cross devotion at St Vincent's Church every Friday at 3.30pm. Our Year 5 and Year 6 children will retell the story each week, offering us a beautiful opportunity to pause and reflect on this powerful story of God's deep love for us. We warmly invite you to join us each week. Just thirty minutes taken out of our busy days can be something truly special — a quiet moment to pray, reflect and walk together through this sacred season of Lent. We look forward to seeing you there!

School Mass this Sunday

This Sunday, 1st March, is our next School Mass at St Vincent's Church at 10.30am. As always, our children will lead the readings and the singing, helping to make the celebration prayerful, joyful and truly special. It is always wonderful to see so many families supporting our School Masses — thank you to all who regularly attend. Your presence means so much to the children and strengthens our sense of community. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to join us, why not come along this Sunday? After Mass, all families are warmly invited to join the PTFA at the Irish Club for some relaxed social time together. It's a lovely chance to connect as a school family.

Spring Term POWer Project

There us just one more week left to complete this term's optional POWer Project. Children can earn a gold, silver or bronze PIN badge for uploading high quality learning that reflects their ability to SEESAW or Tapestry (YR) no later than 2nd March. Thank you

PTFA Mothers' Day Shop

Once again, our PTFA are running their Mothers' Day Shop. Vouchers for children to spend selecting a gift for their mum or special woman in their life can be purchased on the usual platform. Please see attached flier for more details.

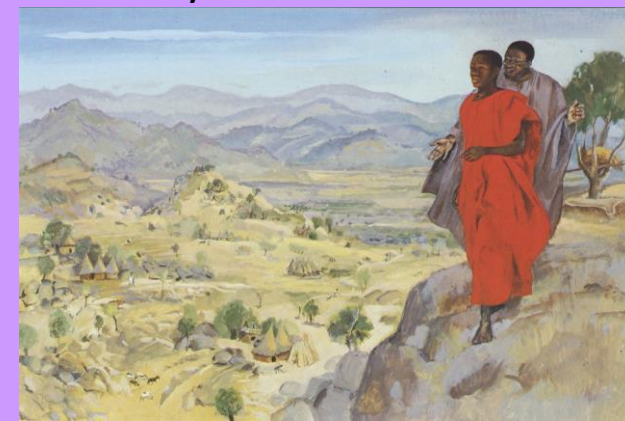
Our Preloved Uniform Shop – Please help

Run by our dedicated PTFA volunteers, our preloved uniform shop provides good-quality second-hand uniform to pupils who need it, making a real financial difference to many families. To keep this important service running, the PTFA is now looking for parents and carers who are willing to get involved and help manage the shop. This role includes sorting and organising stock, keeping track of what we have available, managing orders, and, from time to time, running the shop on the playground. If you are interested in helping or would like to find out more, please contact the PTFA directly or via the school office. Thank you.



23rd February
Spring 2026

In this week's Gospel, the first Sunday of Lent, the Church leads us into the desert with Jesus. At the beginning of His public ministry, Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights and was tempted by the devil. Though this took place at the start of His mission, it is proclaimed now to guide us as we begin our Lenten journey. In the desert, Jesus teaches us how to face temptation — not with power or pride, but with prayer, fasting, and trust in the Father. He answers each temptation with the Word of God, showing us that true freedom comes through obedience and faithfulness. The main message of this Gospel is that temptation is real, but God's grace is greater. Lent is our forty days in the desert — a sacred time to deepen our prayer, embrace fasting, give generously, and turn away from sin.



**Lord Jesus Christ,
You fasted for forty days in the desert
and overcame every temptation
through trust in the Father.
Walk with us in our Lenten journey.
Strengthen us when we are tempted,
help us to pray with deeper faith,
to fast with generous hearts,
and to give with true love.
May these forty days draw us closer to
You and prepare us to rejoice in the
glory of Easter.
Amen.**

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

Congratulations to these children who won an award last week

St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

Nicholas

You do your best to listen well to instructions and share your ideas showing good proof of listening. In Phonics you have been concentrating and working well with your reading partner.

Well done Nicholas!

Teacher: Mrs. D'Alto 13.02.2026

St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

Matipa

Matipa, it has been lovely to see how you've grown in confidence since the start of the year. You now get involved in our class discussions and often put up your hand to share your thoughts. We were also impressed by the way that you spoke clearly in our class assembly. All this shows that you are following our Pride Values, particularly Determination and Courage. Keep working hard and believing in your ability. You are a superstar!

Teacher: Mrs. Scudamore 13.02.26

St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

Rita

You are always respectful and treat others with such kindness. You consistently make an effort to ensure everyone feels included, and your caring nature helps create a beautiful environment in our class. This week, I've also been especially impressed with your leadership and confidence—guiding the whole class into our practices and delivering your lines so confidently. Well done! Keep shining.

Teacher: Mrs. Scudamore 13.02.26

St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

Kenzou

Your growing maturity as a junior is really showing now. We are seeing your 'Determination and Courage' regularly. We can see you being more independent and organised which is really helping you as a learner. It's great to hear you become more confident to share your amazing ideas more frequently in class discussions. Everyone can benefit from your super knowledge, especially in maths. Well done. Keep it up!

Teacher: Ms Kelly 13.2.26

St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

Kai

We have been impressed with your improved maturity this week. You have shown 'Personal Excellence' and been an Inspiration by trying your best to focus on all tasks and follow instructions. During English and RE you have participated beautifully, sharing your thoughtful ideas with the class. You are respectful to others, always using your manners and offering to help whenever you can. We look forward to seeing you continue this progress until done!

Teacher: Mrs. Scudamore 13.02.26

St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

Jayden

Jayden, I've seen how your 'Resilience and Adaptability' helped you in your learning tasks this week. From becoming more prompt in completing each task to finishing your playscript in Writing, you have clearly shown what it means to be resilient. You have also been more consistent in using feedback to improve your work which is a great example of 'Determination and Courage'. Keep this positive attitude towards learning because it will definitely help you grow and succeed. Well done!

Teacher: Mrs. Scudamore 13.2.26

St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

Mason

Mason, this week you have shown real determination and personal excellence in always striving to do the right thing. You have approached every lesson with a positive attitude, listening carefully, following instructions and supporting others around you. Your focus and resilience have been impressive, even when work has been challenging. In maths, your confidence continues to shine; your secure understanding of area and perimeter shows how far you have come. You take pride in your learning and in yourself! Keep working hard and always aim to set a strong example for others to follow.

Teacher: Mr. Patrick 13.02.2026

Congratulations!

This certificate is awarded to

Year 4

for

being the top Doodling class this week!

Signed: Mrs. Scudamore Date: 13.2.26

Congratulations!

This certificate is awarded to

Year 6

for

being the top Doodling class this week!

Signed: Mrs. Scudamore Date: 13.2.26

Congratulations!

This certificate is awarded to

Year 5

for

being the top Doodling class this week!

Signed: Mrs. Scudamore Date: 13.2.26

Congratulations!

This certificate is awarded to

Anashe (Y5)

for

getting the highest number of stars over the last week! (62)

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Congratulations!

This certificate is awarded to

Anashe (Y5)

for

getting the highest number of stars over the last week! (72)

Signed: Mrs. Scudamore Date: 13.2.26

CONGRATULATIONS!

ON: 13.2.26

FOR: playing more than any other class this week!

SIGNED: Miss Scudamore

Year 3

CONGRATULATIONS!

ON: 13.2.26

FOR: playing more than anyone else over the last week! (259 minutes)

SIGNED: Miss Scudamore

Gabriel (Y6)

NUMBOTS

Elna

FOR playing more than anyone else over the last week! (259 minutes)

SIGNED: Miss Scudamore

Attendance Ted is awarded to

Y4

100% attendance 13.02.26

Punctuality Pup is awarded to

Y4 & Y6

100% punctuality 13.02.26

Lean and Green Award is awarded to

Y6

The most active class active on the way to school this week 13.02.26

CONGRATULATIONS!

GONE GREEN

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Nissi Agyen

SUCCESSFULLY

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

ON: 10 Feb 2026

Congratulations to these children who received a PIN for the Self Appreciation and Mutual Respect Rainbow Challenge



YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Benjamin	Abel	Elijah	Adele	Alice	Matilda	Maria
Daniel	Alexandria	Gabriel	Anu	Kai	Melissa	
Elena	Elna	Heidi	Avery	Maya		
Gabriela	Ezrah	Isabella	Chizaram	Neriah		
Geoffrey	Janella	Lillyana-Kerry	Edward			
Grace	Levi	Marcus	Emma			
Joshua	Moradesola	Maya	Giorgia			
Lucas	Seb	Michelle	Grace			
Mila	Tudor	Nayumi	Jane			
Nelson	William	Pk	Janoah			
Raei		Rachael	Kenzou			
Ralph		Rita	Kimya			
Rere		Santiago	Michelle			
Roman		Success	Naomi			
Ruby		Tommaso	Nathan			
Sienna		Wiktoria	Octavian			
Zuzanna			Oscar			
			Tanisha			

KEY DATES

- Monday 23rd February**
INSET Day – School closed to pupils
- Tuesday 24th February**
Term 4 begins
- Friday 27th February**
Stations of the Cross – St Vincent's Church 3.30pm
- Sunday 1st March**
10.30am School Mass in St Vincent's Church
- Friday 6th March**
Y3 Class Assembly 2.15pm
Stations of the cross – St Vincent's Church 3.30pm
- Thursday 12th March**
Travelling Book Fair arrives
- Thursday 12th March**
PTFA Mothers Day Shop
- Friday 13th March**
Y4 Class Assembly 2.15pm
Stations of the Cross – St Vincent's Church 3.30pm
- Friday 20th March**
Y5 Class Assembly 2.15pm
Stations of the Cross – St Vincent's Church 3.30pm
- Monday 23rd March**
Parent Consultation Week
- Friday 27th March**
YR Class Assembly 2.15pm
- Thursday 2nd April**
End of term 3 – school closes at 1pm
- Monday 20th April**
Term 5 begins

Snack Shack

PRICE LIST

- Piece of fruit 10p
- Welch's 30p
- Hot Chocolate 30p
- Smoothies 50p
- Rosary Beads £1
- Team wristbands £1
- Water bottles £2
- Spare water bottle lids 50p
- Meal Deal – Hot Chocolate and Welch's 50p

Open Mondays and Wednesdays

The Mother's Day Shop Returns!

Let your little ones choose a special, hand-finished gift for mum and any special ladies in their lives. It's a lovely surprise they can pick all by themselves!

Vouchers: £6 each
Order Online By: 10th March
Shop Opens In-School: 12th March



Scan the QR code or follow the link to buy your vouchers

www.pta-events.co.uk/stanselms

Ticket sales end at 5pm on 10th March



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