

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school, ready for what promises to be a busy and exciting Summer Term. There is so much to look forward to in the weeks ahead, including First Holy Communion Masses, Sports Day, the PTFA Family Festival and the KS2 production of *Aladdin*—just a few of the many highlights. With so much planned, we are hopeful that the sunshine will be with us as we enjoy these special moments together.

This is also a particularly important term for our Year 6 pupils, as it marks their final term with us after almost seven years at St Anselm's. They have their SATs assessments coming up in the next few weeks, followed by many opportunities to create lasting memories before they move on to the next stage of their education. Alongside this, pupils in other year groups will also be taking part in national assessments.

This week is especially significant for us as we celebrate our school patron, St Anselm. His feast day is tomorrow, and we will mark the occasion with a special assembly in school. Families are warmly invited to join us for a celebratory Mass this Sunday at 10:30am, followed by food, fun and festivities at the Irish Club. We hope you will join us in making this a truly memorable celebration—please see the attached flyer for further details. Later in the term, our Year 6 pupils who run the school tuck shop will also be organising a special afternoon in school as part of our continued celebrations.

For now, we very much look forward to seeing you all at Mass this Sunday.

Staffing Update

I am sad to announce that Mrs Snowden will be retiring at the end of the summer term. Mrs Snowden has been a valued member of staff at St Anselm's for 12 years, and her dedication to teaching and her wonderful musical contributions have enriched our school community enormously. She will be greatly missed by both pupils and colleagues alike.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Charlie Fellowes has been appointed as a class teacher at St Anselm's. She will be joining us in September, and we look forward to welcoming her to our school community.

Healthy Eating

Parents will shortly receive an email from Mrs Beckley, our Wellbeing Leader, containing a letter outlining our new Healthy Eating Policy, which will come into effect from next week. The policy aims to support children's wellbeing, concentration and positive learning behaviours by encouraging balanced, nutritious choices at school, while remaining inclusive of different cultural food preferences. As part of this approach, we will be gently monitoring food brought in for break and lunch and offering guidance where needed. In addition, while we encourage fruit or vegetables for snacks, the school tuck shop will continue to offer a small range of alternative items that meet school food standards; this will also help us keep track of what snacks children are choosing beyond fresh fruit and vegetables.

Summer term uniform

I would like to remind parents that children may wear either full winter uniform or full summer uniform where appropriate, but not a mixture of the two. Our uniform is an important part of our school identity, helping to create a sense of belonging and pride within our community, and we expect all pupils to wear it correctly at all times. Can I please ask that parents of children choosing to wear skirts or dresses, that they ensure that the lengths of these items are at least to the knee, anything shorter is neither comfortable for the children or appropriate for school. Full details of our uniform expectations can be found on the school website on the [Uniform page](#) where you will also find a copy of the school uniform policy. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain these high standards.



We are now in the joy of the Easter Season. In this week's Gospel, we hear the story of the Road to Emmaus. Two disciples are walking away feeling sad and confused after Jesus' death, when Jesus joins them—though they do not recognise Him at first. As they walk, He listens to them and explains the Scriptures. It is only later, when He breaks bread with them, that they finally realise who He is. This Gospel reminds us that Jesus is always walking beside us, even when we don't realise it—especially in times when we feel worried, sad, or unsure. It also teaches us to listen, to share our thoughts with others, and to recognise Jesus in simple, everyday moments, particularly in the Eucharist.



Dear Jesus,
Thank You for walking beside us each day, even when we do not always recognise You. Help us to see You in our friends, our families, and in the small moments of our lives. When we feel worried or unsure, remind us that You are always near. Open our hearts, just like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, so that we may know You more and share Your love with others.
Amen.


Congratulations to these children who won an award last week

St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

Geoffrey

In phonics, you are a very good learning partner. You try your best to speak loudly so your partner can hear your wonderful reading. You are also trying hard to form your letters correctly, making them the right size and sitting them on the line. Well done, Geoffrey.

Teacher Mrs. Hoadley Mrs. Dillalo 2.4.2026




St Anselm's Catholic Primary School

Julia

Julia, the adults in Year 1 are so pleased by the way that you now settle sensibly to your work. You are listening carefully on the carpet to any instructions that are given, and then trying your best with any activities. We are particularly impressed with the progress that you have made with your reading. Keep working hard! You are a superstar!!!

Teacher Mrs. Snowden Mrs. Higgins 02.04.26




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Rosie

I just wanted to say a big thank you for all your care and effort in lessons this week. You've created some fantastic poems, really taking on board the feedback and making sure you followed the patterns and rules brilliantly. It's been great to see your confidence grow when performing your poem, and your creativity has really shone through. I can't wait to see what else you create this year.

Teacher Mrs. Gaudin 02.04.26




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Zeph-Isaac

You are someone who always shows great kindness and compassion, being a super example of 'Respect and Friendship'. You go out of your way to make sure everyone is included and no one is left out, putting others before yourself. This week, we have seen you working particularly hard at 'Personal Excellence', making sure your writing is clear, readable and makes sense. This perseverance and determination will help you make great progress. Well done, keep it up!

Teacher Mr. Kelly 2.4.26




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Charlotte

We have been impressed this week with the improvement in your attitude towards learning. You have shown 'Determination and Courage' in every lesson, pushing yourself and asking questions to ensure you achieve the best you possibly can. It has been clear that you are taking more pride in your work, especially in English where you have created a lovely metaphor poem. You have been keeping yourself focused and been resilient when you were met with challenges. Well done!

Teacher Mrs. Stull 02.04.26




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Alphonse

You consistently show respect to everyone around you and this kind attitude and thoughtful behaviour make you a great role model of 'Respect and Friendship'. This week in particular, you have demonstrated excellent 'Determination and Courage' in maths, showing a real desire to go the extra mile in your learning. It has been fantastic to see how eager you are to solve reasoning questions, even algebraic equations! Well done for always doing your best. Keep up the fantastic work!

Teacher Miss Aitken 2.4.26




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Tomasz

Tomasz, this week you have shown how your inquisitive nature leads to real inspiration to others through your determination. In our science lessons, you fully embraced exploring how the heart functions and showed fantastic enthusiasm during our dissection, demonstrating courage and curiosity. Your willingness to be hands on and discover how a real heart feels was impressive. You asked thoughtful questions and pushed your learning further. Keep nurturing this brilliant attitude as it will continue to help you grow, succeed, and achieve great things in all areas of your learning every day.

Teacher Mr. Peacock 02.04.2026



Lean and Green Award
is awarded to

Y3

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


02.04.26



Punctuality Pup
is awarded to

Y3


100% punctuality 02.04.26



Attendance Ted
is awarded to

Y4

99.5% attendance 02.04.26



KEY DATES

Thursday 23rd April
YR Hearing & Vision Screening

Friday 24th April
Y1-Y3 Scootability Day

Monday 11th May – 14th May
KS2 SATS

Wednesday 13th May
YR & Y3 Kent Life Trip

Thursday 14th May
Feast of the Ascension

Friday 15th May
Y4 & Y5 Leeds Castle Trip

Monday 18th May – 22nd May
Y6 PGL Trip

Monday 25th May
Half Term Week – School Closed

Monday 1st June
Term 6 begins

Tuesday 9th June
Class Photos

Saturday 6th June
First Holy Communion

Friday 12th June
Sports Day

Thursday 18th June
America Team Celebration Day

Saturday 27th June
PTFA Family Festival

Wednesday 8th July
KS2 Aladdin Production

Thursday 9th July
KS2 Aladdin Production

Friday 17th July
Leavers' Disco

Tuesday 21st July
Leavers' Mass
Last day of Term. School closes 1pm

Congratulations to these children who received the Stations of the Cross PIN



Year 5	Year 6
Sarah	Daisy
Diana	Gabi
Michelle	Elizabeth
Hayley	Maria
Jason	Hannah
Aleesha	MJ
Chimbuikem	
Melissa	
Nissi	
Jessica	
Matilda	
Jayden	
David	
Adriano	
Dionne	

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

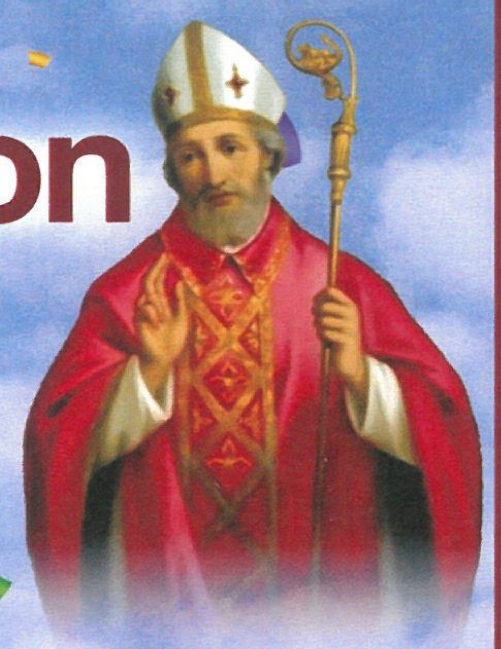


ST ANSELM'S PTFA PRESENTS

St Anselm's Feast Day Celebration

Sunday 26th April

Celebrating our school community



School Mass at
St Vincent's Church
10:30am

Followed by celebrations at

The Irish Club,
Overy St, Dartford, DA1 1UP



Join us for an afternoon of
community, food and fun.



Food • Bar • Fun



#TOGETHERWEAREBETTER



All families and friends warmly invited

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

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

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

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

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

WEEK TWO

20 April
11 May

8 June
29 June
20 July

7 September
28 September
19 October

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

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

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

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

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

WEEK THREE

27 April
18 May

15 June
6 July

14 September
5 October

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

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

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

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

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

AVAILABLE
DAILY

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.



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

