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## *Our Mission Statement*

*'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.'*

*St. Catherine of Siena*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring term has got off to a great start and the children are enjoying their new topics in all year groups.



In Nursery the children have begun learning about “Transport, Vehicles and Journeys” and have been singing songs and hearing stories related to this topic. They have also been making fantastic models of different types of transport and next week will focus on junk modelling.



Reception children have been enjoying their “Adventure and Fantasy” topic through stories such as ‘Bedtime for Monster’. The children have carefully sequenced the story events and created their own wonderful monster pictures linked to the story.

In Year 1 the children have enjoyed finding out about the properties of materials in Science lessons. They have used the story of ‘Stanley Stick’ in English lessons as inspiration to create their own stick character and stories, using sticks they have found outside.



Year 2 are writing their own exciting versions of the fairy tale ‘Rapunzel’ and have been planting seeds as part of their Science work. They are looking after the seeds and checking them each day to see the changes that take place.

Year 3 are focusing on different fables, exploring the morals in the stories and the use of contrasting characters, similes and metaphors to make their writing interesting and engaging. The children will be working towards writing a their fable with a message to share.



Year 4 will be learning about the myths of Ancient Greece and the message or moral in each story, alongside the work they have done on Ancient Greek history. They will write their own Greek myth. They have also been learning about vertebrates in the Science work.

Year 5 are studying the modern, popular story 'The London Eye Mystery' which solves a mystery about a boy who goes missing whilst visiting the London Eye. The children will be exploring how to build tension and excitement in their mystery genre writing and create their

For Year 6, the start of Spring term marks the beginning of the lead up to their SAT's tests in May. The children have returned very focused and determined to achieve their best in these important tests. Work is ongoing to help them be as fully prepared and ready as possible and we wish them the lots of luck in the months ahead.

Other exciting learning has also begun taking place this week and in-school workshops and outside trips will take place this term to support learning in all year groups. For example, we will be promoting reading through **Story Telling Week** later this month and sharing the message of **Holocaust Memorial Day**. Next month, events will take place to promote **Children's Mental Health Week** and **Safer Internet Day**, including visits by the NSPCC.

The **Perform Drama Company** visited the Infant school this week and Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes took part in drama workshops on the theme of **"Midnight in the Toyshop"** The children had the opportunity to use drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills and really enjoyed taking part in their own year group workshops.



A **Phonics workshop for Reception parents** is taking place next week, along with a **SAT's meeting for Year 6 parents**. Parent Consultation meetings for Years 1 to 6 classes will take place before half-term, please see the **Key Dates** overleaf or class Dojo for information about forthcoming events.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss J. O'Prey  
Headteacher

**KS1 'Star Writer' and KS2 'Writer of The Week' Awards**

Year 1    Tala & Saanvi	Year 4    Semilore & Maru
Year 2    Mary & Sara	Year 5    Anastasia & Harper
Year 3    Atharv & Erika	Year 6    Maya & Emalie

**STAR OF THE WEEK**

**Infants**

<b>N</b>	Victoria	<b>1A</b>	Lukas
<b>RA</b>	Mason	<b>1B</b>	Sienna A
<b>RB</b>	Saoirse	<b>2A</b>	Samuel
		<b>2B</b>	David

**STAR OF THE WEEK**

**Juniors**

<b>3A</b>	Bezalal	<b>5A</b>	Aliyah
<b>3B</b>	Paula	<b>5B</b>	Daniel
<b>4A</b>	Livia	<b>6A</b>	Megan
<b>4B</b>	Kayden	<b>6B</b>	Tamara

# ATTENDANCE

**Congratulations**  
to **4B**  
for having the  
highest



attendance!

Class	%
R1	95
R2	93
1A	98
1B	94
2A	94
2B	98
3A	90
3B	91
4A	96
4B	99
5A	98
5B	97
6A	95
6B	97

## AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	3a	Olivia N
Respect	3b	Aliyana
Commitment	6b	Charles
Truth	4a	Shaddai
Excellence	5b	Matias
Safety	6a	Eliana C
Truth	4b	Alex
Justice	5a	Zara O.
Commitment	N	Lazaro
	RA	Yusuf
	RB	Soso
	1A	Anna
	1B	Benjamin
	2A	Lorenzo
	2B	Ashara

## Maths Superstars

Year 3	Maya & Ariana
Year 4	Jayden C & Bamise
Year 5	Alana & Ella
Year 6	Divine & Kobie

## KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/When
21/01/26	Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents	Infant School 9.00am
22/01/26	Class 2B Assembly	Infant School 9.00am
23/01/26	Year 6 Parents SAT's Information Meeting	Junior School 9.00am
06/02/26	NSPCC Number Day	Infant School
Monday 9th & Wednesday 11th February - Years 1 & 2 Parent Consultation Meetings		Infant School 3.15pm onwards
11/02/26	Class 2A Assembly	Infant School 9.00am
Tuesday 10th & Thursday 12th February - Years 3 to 6 Parent Consultation Meetings		Junior School 3.30pm onwards
Half Term break - Monday 16th to Friday 20th February— Schools also closed to pupils Monday 23rd February for Staff Training		

## Celebration of The Word

### The Gospel for Sunday 18th January 2026

In this Sunday's Gospel, we return to the beginning of Jesus' mission. John the Baptist gave witness to what Jesus did and who Jesus really was, he gave people a sense that something exciting was about to happen. John encouraged his own followers to leave him and become followers of Jesus. **The Word** we are celebrating this week is **Witness**.

*Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, "Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me.' I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water." John also declared, "I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit.' Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God."*

Adapted from The Gospel of John 1:29-34

The 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

## The Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Odoi

Miss Martin

Mrs Stanley Ms Bourke

Miss O'Prey

Mr McCreadie

Miss Brennan

Mrs Griffin

