

# THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS

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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,

Thank you to all the Reception and Year 6 parents/carers who joined us for the **Reception Phonics and Year 6 SAT's Meetings** this week and both meetings were very well attended. This was the second Phonics workshop where parents had the opportunity to join their child during a phonics lesson to help practise early reading skills at home. Thank you to Miss Driscoll for helping to organise this event and leading the follow-up information session with parents. It was lovely to hear parents feedback on how helpful they found this session and how it will help to support reading at home.

Thanks also to Miss Brennan and Miss Barry for leading the Year 6 SAT's meeting and sharing with parents how we can all work together to best support the children as they lead up to the Year 6 SAT's in May. The children also joined this meeting and we are so impressed with their mature attitude and how hard they are working at school and at home to be as well-prepared as possible.

### **Class 2B Assembly**

Class 2B led the first Infant Assembly on Thursday and shared the recent Sunday Gospel story of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus. John was a peacemaker and the children thought about how they live out this Catholic Social Teaching Principle and are a peacemaker to others. This was a wonderful message to share as we think about how we can all be peacemakers at school, in our families, our local community and the wider world. The children acted, spoke and sang their beautiful hymn very confidently and we were very proud of how they began our class assemblies. Well done Class 2B and thank you to Miss Toal and Mrs Brett for their work to prepare the children so well. Thank you also to the parents and families who joined us, there was a great turnout and the children really enjoyed sharing their assembly with you.

### **Year 5 'Vikings' Experience**

Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Fulham Palace today as part of their Spring term History topic, "The Vikings". The children studied "The Anglo Saxons" last term and the Vikings topic builds on the sequence of British history and how people lived during this time. The visit today helped the children to learn more about both these important periods of British history and they really enjoyed role-playing daily life as a Viking during the workshop activity. The children had a wonderful day and we know they will bring this learning back into their work in the classroom. Thank you to Year 5 staff for organising this visit and to all the parents who kindly came along to help.

The funeral took place this week of Mrs Loretta Tinch, who worked for many years as the Parish Secretary at The Annunciation Church. Mrs Tinch had very long-established and close links with the Infant School and worked with many previous school staff, leaders and Governors to support the close partnership between the school and Parish. She was very well known to many children and families in our schools and the wider Parish community.

Mrs Tinch continued to help in the Parish until very recently and we offer our deepest sympathy to her family and friends on their loss. We also offer our thanks for the valuable work Mrs Tinch carried out to support our school community.

***Eternal rest grant onto her, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.***

### National Handwriting Day

National Handwriting Day took place today and the children in all year groups took part in special activities and lessons to promote and celebrate this important life skill.

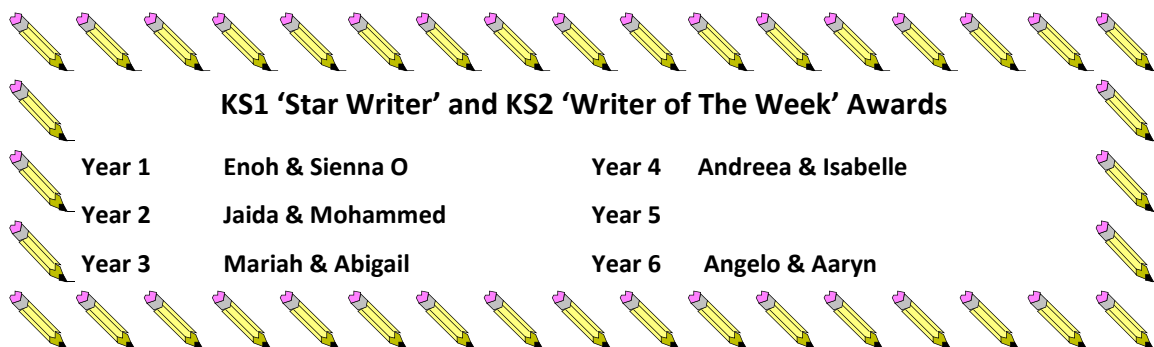
### Parent Governors

Last term we asked that any parents who were interested in being a School Governor contact us for more information about this voluntary role. Thank you to those parents who have expressed an interest in what the role involves and how to apply. Before we complete this application process, we would like to ask that anyone else who is interested let us know by next Friday 30th January. Please email or phone the school office/s if you would like to find out more or express interest or speak to the Office Manager in either school.

Have a great weekend.

Miss J. O'Prey

Headteacher



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

Year 1	Enoh & Sienna O	Year 4	Andrea & Isabelle
Year 2	Jaida & Mohammed	Year 5	
Year 3	Mariah & Abigail	Year 6	Angelo & Aaryn

### STAR OF THE WEEK

#### Infants

N	Adebowale	1A	Doron
RA	Piruthvik	1B	Lottie
RB	Ebron	2A	Millicent
		2B	Daniella

### STAR OF THE WEEK

#### Juniors

3A	Mandy	5A	
3B	Erika	5B	
4A	Justin	6A	Ruby
4B	Blessing	6B	Caragh

# ATTENDANCE

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



attendance!

Class	%
R1	87
R2	95
1A	91
1B	81
2A	90
2B	91
3A	91
3B	92
4A	94
4B	100
5A	98
5B	93
6A	95
6B	93

## Celebration of The Word

### The Gospel for Sunday 25th January 2026

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about Jesus starting to gather together the first Christian community. Christian communities are never perfect, however everyone works better with others in community. Our schools and parish communities are loving communities that welcome and support us and our children. **The Word** we are celebrating this week is **Community**.

*Hearing that John the Baptist had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town. From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." As he was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of people." And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there, he saw another pair of brothers, James, son of Zebedee, and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving their boat and their father, they followed him. Jesus went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.*

Adapted from The Gospel of Matthew 4:12-23

The 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

## AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	3b	Thomas
Respect	4a	Cinar
Commitment	3a	Rayan
Truth		
Excellence	6a	Jasmine
Safety	6b	Jakub
Courage	4b	Cedric
Justice		
Excellence	N RA RB 1A 1B 2A 2B	Emilia Arzoo Ryan Isacc Dominic Idil Ornela

## Maths Superstars

Year 3	Poppy & Michael
Year 4	Mitansh & Sofia
Year 5	
Year 6	Jason O & Aiva

## KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/When
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		

## The Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Odoi

Miss Martin

Mrs Stanley Ms Bourke

Miss O'Prey

Mr McCreadie

Miss Brennan

Mrs Griffin

