



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/Carers

2024 has been named as **"The Year of Prayer"** by Pope Francis, in preparation for The Jubilee Year in 2025 and praying together as faith community is an important part of our daily life in school. Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to join us for the Years 3 to 6 "Celebration of The Word" sessions this week and see how the children help to lead this prayer and worship. As a school community, we will also be celebrating the beginning of our new school year with Masses taking place next week. The Infant School Mass will be celebrated in **the Church on Wednesday 25th September at 9.00am** and parents from all year groups are invited to join us. The Junior children will also celebrate Mass with Fr. Chinedu later that day in school. Last year we were delighted to celebrate our Feast Day Mass by gathering the Infant and Junior children together in the Church and we will be arranging celebrations again this year where the whole school family can join together.



We are sending a questionnaire home on Monday to seek your views on Religious Education in school, prayer and worship and our Catholic Life and Mission. Please complete the questionnaire for your child and one for each school if you have children at both the Infants and Juniors. We really value your feedback and this will help us to think about how we can improve in these areas more in each school. Thank you for your time and support in advance.

As part of our Pupil Leadership offer, we believe that children need to experience duties and responsibilities that come with being a member of a community, in order to help them prepare to play an active role as citizens in the wider world. We are currently completing the election of House Captains and Vice Captains and School Parliament leaders in both schools and will share these with you very shortly. In addition, we have another group of pupil leaders in the Junior School called **'Diddy Doms'**. We are a Dominican school founded by the Dominican Sisters and our Diddy Doms are inspired by the work of St. Dominic. They help to nurture the prayer life of our schools, as well as promote our pupil's understanding of Catholic Social Teaching principles, including the 'Common Good'. We look forward to working with all our pupil leaders this year.



The PTA are inviting all parents/carers to join them at their Annual General Meeting at the **Junior School on Friday 27th September at 2.30pm**. We are extremely grateful for the incredible work the PTA do to support our schools and how our families support this so generously. Please come along to learn more about the work that has taken place over the last year, the income raised and how the PTA are using this to improve children's experiences at both the Infant and Junior Schools. It is also a great opportunity to learn more about the PTA and how to be involved. The PTA are beginning to plan the Christmas Fair taking place on **Friday 6th December** and will be looking for volunteers to help be involved in this.

Have a lovely weekend together.

Miss J. O'Prey

Headteacher

★ STAR OF THE WEEK ★

Infants

N	Tiffany
Ra	Liam
Rb	Roman

1a	Dawid
1b	Hennessy
2a	Liliana
2b	Eriola

★ STAR OF THE WEEK ★

Juniors

3A	Jayden
3B	Mikayla
4A	Sadie
4B	Aiden

5A	Desbrowne
5B	Zofia
Year 6	Fionna

Writing Laurette: Cataleya (6A)

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations
to
for having the
highest
attendance!



Class	%
R1	89
R2	92
1A	98
1B	97
2A	99
2B	94
3A	98
3B	95
4A	98
4B	95
5A	98
5B	98
Year 6	93

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 22nd September 2024

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds the disciples that he came to serve others and asks us to do the same. His message is that a life of service is the best life to live. The Church also teaches that we grow in the love of God through serving each other.

After leaving the mountain, Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was teaching his disciples about what was going to happen to him; he said, "The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again." But the disciples did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. Later, Jesus said to them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" They said nothing because they had been arguing about which one of them was the greatest. So Jesus sat down, called the twelve disciples to him and said, "If anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all."

Adapted from The Gospel of Mark 9:30-37

The 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	3b	Gemima
Respect	4a/4b	Anastasia & Owen
Commitment	3a	Josiah
Safety	6a	Sefora
Excellence	6a	Emmanuel
Truth	5a	Muhammad
Courage	5b	Joshua
Excellence	N	Ada O'Reilly
	Ra	Tala
	Rb	Esther
	1a	Jessica
	1b	Scarlett
	2a	Acacia
	2b	Suhas

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Eimear & Eva
Year 4	Drake & David
Year 5	Thomas & Amalia
Year 6	Piotr

KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/Time
25/09/25	Health Promotion Parent Workshop	Infant School 8.50am
25/09/24	Start of Year Mass for Infant Classes—All parents welcome	Mass in the Church at 9.00am
27/09/24	Class 5A Assembly	Junior School 9.00am
27/09/24	PTA Annual General Meeting	Junior School 2.30pm
1st to 4th Oct	Junior School Book Fair	Junior School 3.30-4.00pm
04/10/24	Year 6 Class Assembly	Junior School 9.00am
7th to 11th Oct	Infant School Book Fair	Infant School 3.20-4.00pm
11/10/24	Class 4B Assembly	Junior School 9.00am
15/10/24	Reception Parents Phonics Meeting	Infant School 8.50am

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Ms. Bourke



Miss O'Prey



Mr Mc Creadie



Mrs. Stanley

