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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,

We have been celebrating books and the importance of reading throughout this week, leading up to 'World Book Day' yesterday. The reading-themed events taking place have been a fantastic opportunity to really celebrate and promote reading as a vital life-skill. Reading is also something that brings so much pleasure and enjoyment and opens up new worlds to us—when children learn to read, they also read to learn and this transforms lives!

The week began with visits from the Key Stage 2 classes to Early Years and Key Stage 1. On Monday Reception and Year 2 children spent time with Years 3 and 4 to share stories and be "Book Buddies". Nursery and Year 1 children met with their Years 5 and 6 Book Buddies on Tuesday and the children really enjoyed sharing this reading time together. Classes also took part in virtual author workshops, Junior School 'Book Tasting' and 'Booknics' where Infant parents and children shared books together.



Yesterday, the children had great fun dressing up as their favourite book character and taking part in fun reading activities, including 'The Masked Reader', a 'Booky Quiz' and a BBC live lesson. Parades to celebrate the wonderful costumes took place and we were so impressed with the creativity and effort that had gone into making costumes. Well done to all the children for taking part in these events and making this week such a wonderful celebration of reading. Thank you to parents for your support with this and encouraging the children to develop good reading habits.

Thank you to all the staff also for all their to work promote the importance of reading and joy it brings to our lives. I would like to say a very special thank you to our English Reading Leads across the schools, Miss Toale and Miss Brennan, for all their hard work to make this week happen. They have been working together to plan and organise these events and ensure the children had time to read together across the schools and key stages. Thank you for all your work to make this week so successful and encourage our children to keep developing their love of reading!



Lenterprise and Lent Preparation

All classes are now choosing the charity they want to support during this season of Lent and they will be arranging Lenterprise events before the end of this term. Thank you in advance for your support of these events.

Key Stage 1 classes are beginning their **visits to the Church** to learn more about the Stations of The Cross and Fr. Ako will offer the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** to Years 4,5 and 6 pupils in the coming weeks. Key Stage 2 parents are also invited to join their child's class for a Lent-themed **Celebration of The Word prayer time**, please see Dojo for your class date.



School Discos



A reminder that a Spring term Disco is taking place at each school on **Thursday 12th March, 3.15pm to 4.30pm For Reception, Years 1 and 2 pupils and 3.30pm to 4.45pm for Years 3 to 6 pupils.**

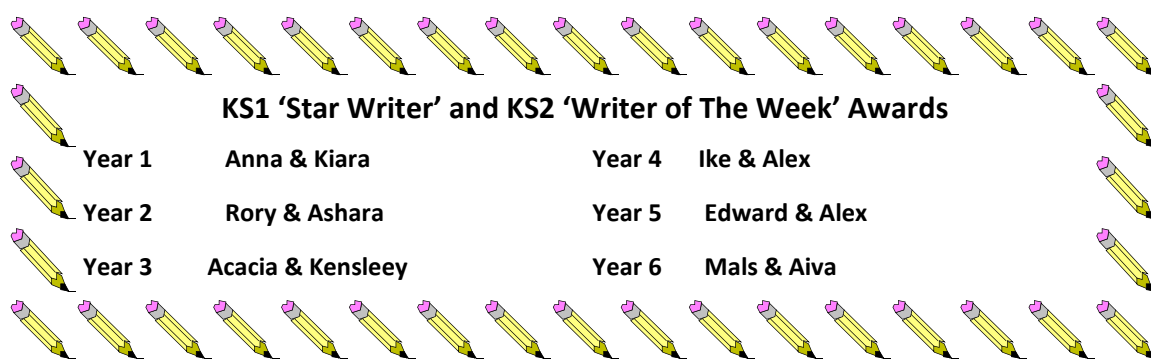
Children attending the disco can wear their own clothes and will have a soft drink and snacks during the disco. Please pay the £3 contribution on ParentPay by **Monday 9th March** if you want your child to attend. This is so that we know how many children are attending, the supervision needed and can buy enough snacks for everyone. Children who are not attending the disco should wear uniform as usual on that day and be collected at usual times.

Changes to ParentPay System

The schools have recently had to move to a new admin programme called **Arbor** and this will mean the current 'ParentPay' programme will finish and change over to Arbor. This is happening in the next several weeks and we will let parents know in advance so that any money still due on ParentPay can be cleared before the transfer to Arbor.

Enjoy the weekend.

Miss J. O'Prey
Headteacher



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

Year 1 Anna & Kiara

Year 4 Ike & Alex

Year 2 Rory & Ashara

Year 5 Edward & Alex

Year 3 Acacia & Kensleey

Year 6 Mals & Aiva

STAR OF THE WEEK

Infants

| | |
|----|------------|
| N | Kenechukwu |
| RA | Tiffany |
| RB | Amelie |

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|----|----------|
| 1A | Theo M |
| 1B | Daniel |
| 2A | Scarlett |
| 2B | Louie |

STAR OF THE WEEK

Juniors

| | |
|----|---------|
| 3A | Bezalel |
| 3B | Patryk |
| 4A | Jason |
| 4B | Maru |

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| 5A | Prince |
| 5B | Maguette |
| 6A | Lily Rose |
| 6B | Assia |

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations
to **4B & 6B**
for having the
highest



attendance!

| Class | % |
|-------|-----|
| R1 | 97 |
| R2 | 96 |
| 1A | 88 |
| 1B | 96 |
| 2A | 94 |
| 2B | 94 |
| 3A | 98 |
| 3B | 92 |
| 4A | 95 |
| 4B | 100 |
| 5A | 96 |
| 5B | 91 |
| 6A | 98 |
| 6B | 100 |

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 8th March 2026

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus speaks with a Samaritan woman drawing water at the well about how water is a sign of life. Jesus is the 'living water' who brings us to God's love. **The Words** we are celebrating this week are **God's love**.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar and, tired by the journey, sat straight down at Jacob's well. A Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." She was taken by surprise because Jews and Samaritans rarely spoke to each other. She replied, "What? You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink of water when Jews and Samaritans don't have anything to do with each other?" Jesus replied: "If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: 'Give me a drink,' you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water." "You have no bucket, sir," she answered, "and the well is deep: how could you get this living water?" Jesus replied: "Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside them, welling up to eternal life." "Sir," said the woman, "give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty again." Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful. Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

Adapted from The Gospel of John 4:5-15.19-26.39-42
The 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A

AIS and AJS VALUES

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|------------|----|---------|
| Tolerance | 6a | Ruby |
| Respect | 3b | Aliyana |
| Commitment | 5b | Alicja |
| Respect | 6b | Great |
| Excellence | 4b | Neve |
| Safety | 5a | Niamh |
| Courage | 3a | Mandy |
| Justice | 4a | Sarah |
| Courage | N | James |
| | RA | Nora |
| | RB | Soso |
| | 1A | Enoh |
| | 1B | Diana |
| | 2A | Lexi |
| | 2B | Edwin |

Maths Superstars

| | |
|--------|--------------------|
| Year 3 | Atharv & Baran |
| Year 4 | Joshua & Bernard |
| Year 5 | Daisy Lou & Albert |
| Year 6 | Amalia & Muhammad |

KEY DATES

| Date | What | Where/When |
|----------|---|---|
| 11/03/26 | Class 1A Assembly | Infant School 9.00am |
| 12/03/26 | School Disco Thursday 12th March - please pay in advance by Monday 9th March on ParentPay | Infant School (Reception, Years 1&2) 3.15pm-4.30pm Junior School (all year groups) 3.30pm-4.45pm |
| 18/03/26 | Class 1B Assembly | Infant School 9.00am |
| 19/03/26 | Year 6 PGL School Journey Zoom Meeting | -4.00pm |
| 20/03/26 | Chatty Children Workshop—Nursery Parents | Infant School 12.15pm |
| 25/03/26 | The Feast Of The Annunciation—Mass for Years 2 to 6 pupils in The Annunciation Church | at 11.00am |
| 19/03/26 | Rocksteady Concerts— | Junior School 9.00am |
| 26/03/26 | please see different dates at each school | Infant School 2.30pm |

The Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Odoi Miss Martin Mrs Stanley Ms Bourke Miss O'Prey Mr McCreadie Miss Brennan Mrs Griffin

