

# 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,

## Advent and 'Go Purple' Day

This Sunday 30th November marks the beginning of Advent and the first Sunday in the new Church year. During Advent we will be thinking about how we can prepare for the birth of Jesus in a few weeks time. We are asking all the children to **'Go Purple for Advent' on Monday 1st December**, as purple is the liturgical colour used in Church during this important Advent season. The children can wear something purple to school on that day; this can be as simple as a **purple hairband/baubles or purple socks/tights**. They may also wish to wear a **purple top or jumper/cardigan**, along with their usual school trousers or skirt/dress. Fr. Ako will visit each school next week to lead the children in a special Advent assembly and help us begin our journey from Advent to Christmas together as a school community.

We will also be thinking about how we can follow Jesus' example of caring for others during Advent and the Catholic Social Teaching principle of 'The Option for the Poor'. This year we have chosen to support the **Cardinal Hume Charity** which supports vulnerable families and also young people or adults who are homeless in Westminster Diocese. More information will be shared on this next week.

## Year 2 Music Festival

Year 2 pupils enjoyed a visit to Barnfield School this week when they took part in a local schools Music Festival. As well as Barnfield, Year 2 pupils from Menorah School also attended the festival and the children enjoyed singing songs they had all been learning. Well done Year 2 for being such fantastic representatives for our school and a very big thank you to Mrs Stanley, our amazing Music Teacher, for arranging this and accompanying the children.



## Year 3 Trip to Gunnersbury Museum



Year 3 enjoyed an exciting Stone Age trip to Gunnersbury Park, where we took part in an engaging workshop that brought prehistoric life to their fingertips. The children also explored the park's ground and examined a variety of Stone Age tools and artefacts, deepening their understanding of this fascinating period of history.

## The Annunciation Parish Bazaar—Sunday 30th November

The Parish Christmas Bazaar is taking place this Sunday **30th November from 10.00am in the Parish Hall**. Please come along and support the Bazaar if possible, this is a very important fundraising event for the parish. We are so fortunate to have wonderful support for our schools from Fr. Ako and Fr. Chinedu and we hope as many people as possible can join the Bazaar and support the work of the parish.

### PTA Christmas Fayre

It's only one week until the PTA Christmas Fayre and thank you for supporting this with donations, including Jolly Jars, and tickets bought. Raffle and Santa's Grotto tickets are on sale and we hope you will be able to join us at the Fayre from **3.30pm on Friday 5th December at the Junior School**. There will be lots of fun activities taking place for everyone in the family to enjoy and your support and funds raised will benefit our children in both schools.

Please continue to send in any other Jolly Jars up until next Wednesday if you are working on these at home, thank you.



### School Governors Needed

We are urgently seeking parents or other volunteers in our community to support Annunciation School family by becoming School Governors. This is a voluntary role that has a really valuable and important impact on our children and we hope some parents may consider putting themselves forward or know someone who could be interested in being a governor.

School Governors play a vital role in schools; the role does require you to commit your time, but there are no other formal qualifications and all other training is provided. Anyone over the age of 18 is able to apply and the different experiences governors bring are all valuable to a Governing Board. Please contact either school office if you would like to find out more about becoming a School Governor. You can also find information about what you can expect as a governor on the Diocese of Westminster Education Service website or on the Governors area of the school website.

Enjoy the weekend!  
Miss J. O'Prey  
Headteacher

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

Year 1	Sienna A & Oliver	Year 4	Isabella & Jessie
Year 2	Idil & Ebube	Year 5	Tianna & Cuba
Year 3	Esther & Sarah	Year 6	Amalia & Hebe

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# ATTENDANCE

**Congratulations**  
to **2B & 3A**  
for having the  
highest



**attendance!**

Class	Attendance
R1	90
R2	90
1A	92
1B	85
2A	96
2B	98
3A	98
3B	97
4A	94
4B	94
5A	95
5B	96
6A	95
6B	97

## AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	4b	Vlad
Respect	5a	Anastasia
Commitment	4a	Dinadi
Truth	6a	Angelo
Excellence	3a	Ronan
Safety	3b	Suhas
Courage	5b	Reagan
Justice	6b	Raoul
Respect	N	James
	RA	Dorothea
	RB	Kacper
	1A	Lovell
	1B	Eva
	2A	Hennessy
	2B	Leona

## Maths Superstars

Year 3	Jesse & Erika
Year 4	Jaden O & Maru
Year 5	Alana & Maguette
Year 6	Ruby & Deanu

## KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/When
2/12/25	Reception Classes Nativity	Infant School 9.30am
5/12/25	<b>Christmas Fayre - Junior School 3.30pm to 6.00pm</b>	
9/12/25	Junior School Carol Service	The Church 6.00pm
10/12/25	Key Stage 1 Infants Nativity for <b>Year 1 Parents</b>	9.15am
11/12/25	Key Stage 1 Infants Nativity for <b>Year 2 Parents</b>	9.15am
11/12/25	<b>Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day for all children</b>	
12/12/25	Class 4A Assembly	Junior School 9.00am
17/12/25	Nursery Nativity	Morning Parents 9.15am
18/09/25	Rocksteady Concerts	Junior School 9.30am
19/12/25	<b>Schools close early for Christmas Holidays</b>	<b>Infant School 1.15pm</b> <b>Junior School 1.25pm</b>

## Celebration of The Word

### The Gospel for Sunday 30th November

The season of Advent begins this Sunday. Advent is the time to start making preparations to celebrate Christ's birth - God's arrival into our world in the person of Jesus. Advent is also the season of hope: a time to think deeply about Jesus' return at the end of time, which we read about in this Sunday's Gospel **The Word** we are celebrating this week is **Advent**

*Jesus said to his disciples, "As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking and having a good time, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood. So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this: that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because you do not know when the Son of Man is coming."*

Adapted from The Gospel of Matthew 24: 37-44

The 1st Sunday of Advent, Year A

## The Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Odoi

Miss Martin

Mrs Stanley Ms Bourke

Miss O'Prey

Mr McCreadie

Miss Brennan

Mrs Griffin

