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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,

Remembrance Day took place across the country on Tuesday 11th November, and we also stopped during our day in school to join the two minutes silence at 11.00am. This time of silence is to show respect and thanks for those who gave their lives or were injured as they have helped us to live in safety and freedom. We thought about the sacrifices made by so many people during the two World Wars and in more recent wars and thank them for allowing us to live in peace. We also continue to pray for those living in conflict around the world at this time.



Anti-Bullying Week and 'The Power of good'

This week was national **Anti-Bullying Week** and the children have been thinking about what is meant by bullying and the impact of this on a person. This is always an important subject to talk about in school and how children can get help if they are worried about bullying and this focus week is a time when all schools consider how to raise the profile of anti-bullying even further. Children in all year groups wore odd socks on Monday to raise awareness for anti-bullying and took part in various lessons throughout the week, including a BBC live lesson. The theme this year was **'The Power of Good'** and the children thought about how they have the power to create positive change and promote good in the world. For example, by speaking up safely against bullying and supporting others, both online and offline. They also linked this antibullying work to our Catholic Social Teaching principles of Dignity and Solidarity and Peace. Thank you to our PSHE Lead, Miss Brennan, for organising the resources and events across all year groups to support this important work.



Celebrating Other Faiths - Judaism

As a Catholic School community, we understand how important it is for children to have as much understanding as possible of other world faiths and beliefs. Whilst we prioritise the teaching of Catholicity, we also study other faiths in our curriculum and the children are always very interested and respectful as we learn about and learn from other faiths. Over the last two weeks, the children in all year groups have been learning more about Judaism, the Jewish faith. Judaism has close links to the Christian faith and it was wonderful seeing the children enjoy learning about and celebrating aspects of the Jewish faith, practices and festivals. The children looked at a range of resources such as a Sedar meal plate, a model synagogue, replica Torah Scrolls and talked about why these are important to the Jewish faith.





Christmas Fayre Donations



A reminder we have **non-uniform day at both schools on Friday 21st November and children wearing their own clothes are asked to bring in a donation for the Christmas Fayre.** Details of the items requested for each year group are included on the PTA Letter below —it is also on Dojo and displayed around the schools. All your donations on non-uniform day will benefit the Fayre and of course the schools themselves, thank you in advance for your support of these events.

Have a great weekend.
Miss J. O'Prey
Headteacher

Box Name	Class	Donation
Twinkles	Nursery	New toys/games
Mrs Claus	Reception A	Cleaning products
Jingle Bells	Reception B	Cleaning products
Snowballs	Year 1 A	Gift sets
Frosty	Year 1 B	Gift sets
Tinsel	Year 2 A	Food & Chocolates
Gingerbread	Year 2 B	Food & Chocolates
Dasher	Year 3 A	Candles & toiletries
Dancer	Year 3 B	Candles & toiletries
Prancer	Year 4 A	Gift sets
Vixen	Year 4 B	Gift sets
Comet	Year 5 A	Wine & Spirits
Cupid	Year 5 B	Wine & Spirits
Rudolph	Year 6 A	Wine & Spirits
Blitzen	Year 6 B	Wine & Spirits

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

Year 1	Theo B & Daniel	Year 4	Andrea & Tobias
Year 2	Hennessy & Elsie	Year 5	Bella & Alicja
Year 3	Felisiana & Mahan	Year 6	Joshua & Lydia

STAR OF THE WEEK

Infants

N	Maria	1A	Enoh
RA	Piruthvik	1B	Benjamin
RB	Massimo	2A	Gad
		2B	Harseerat

STAR OF THE WEEK

Juniors

3A	Hollie	5A	Salome
3B	Ariana	5B	Owen
4A	Shaddai	6A	Ghazal
4B	Welat	6B	Elizabeth

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations
to **3A**
for having the
highest



attendance!

Class	%
R1	84
R2	87
1A	90
1B	93
2A	98
2B	98
3A	100
3B	98
4A	92
4B	92
5A	99
5B	96
6A	97
6B	98

AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	3b	Suhas
Respect	4b	isabelle
Commitment	3a	Poppy
Truth	5a	Feynman
Excellence	6a	Elliott
Safety	6b	Jakub
Courage	4a	Justin
Justice	5b	Reagan
Commitment	N	Chiemeka
	RA	Clayda
	RB	Saoirse
	1A	Lukas
	1B	Roman
	2A	Idil
	2B	Xing

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Suchet & Thomas
Year 4	Cherry & Christian
Year 5	Malachy & Riley
Year 6	David R & Sienna

KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/When
17/11/25	Class Photos	Both Schools
20/11/25	Junior School Open Evening and Tour for Prospective Year 3 Parents September 2026 - Junior School 5.00pm	
21/11/25	Class 3A Assembly	Junior School 9.00am
21/11/25	Own Clothes Day for Christmas Fayre Donations- see PTA letter	
2/12/25	Reception Classes Nativity	Infant School 9.30am
5/12/25	Class 3B Assembly	Junior School 9.00am
5/12/25	Christmas Fayre - Junior School 3.30pm to 6.00pm	
9/12/25	Junior School Carol Service	The Church 6.00pm
10/12/25	Key Stage 1 Infants Nativity for Year 1 Parents	9.15am
11/12/25	Key Stage 1 Infants Nativity for Year 2 Parents	9.15am
11/12/25	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day for all children	
12/12/25	Class 4A Assembly	Junior School 9.00am
19/12/25	Schools close early for Christmas Holidays	Infant School 1.15pm Junior School 1.25pm

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 16th November

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus encourages the disciples to be faithful to him. Jesus offers to be our faithful friend and invites us to be his. Even though many things in the world may change, the faithful promises of Jesus will never pass away - God's love for us will last forever. **The Word** we are celebrating this week is **Faithfulness**.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: they will all have been knocked down." And they put to him this question: "Master," they said, "when will this happen then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?" "Take care not to be deceived," he said, "because many will come using my name and saying, 'I am he' and 'The time is near at hand'. Refuse to join them." Then he said to them, "When you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened. There will be wars, earthquakes, plagues and famines here and there; there will be great signs in the heavens. Before all this happens you will be shunned by all people on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives."

Adapted from The Gospel of Luke 21:5-19

The 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

The Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Odoi

Miss Martin

Mrs Stanley Ms Bourke

Miss O'Prey

Mr McCreadie

Miss Brennan

Mrs Griffin

