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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 hope you had a lovely half-term break together with your family and it was great to see the children return to school on Tuesday, ready for another busy half-term! Dates for class assemblies, Infant School Nativity plays and the Junior School Carol Concert are shown on the Key Dates overleaf and we look forward to celebrating these very special events with you.



Building Works to Improve Schools

The work to improve our school buildings or outside premises continued over the holidays. The Diocese has helped us to fund these improvements, however we must meet 10% of the costs at each school. Thank you to everyone who has already paid all or part of their building fund contribution for the year, this money is used for our 10% costs. The Building Fund payment was added to your Parent Pay account in September and there is an option to pay in four instalments over the year rather than just one payment. Thank you again for your support with this and we hope you can see how the works are already improving our school premises. At the Infant School more work took place to protect against damp and make the buildings completely waterproof, warm and comfortable for the children. Playground improvements have also begun. At the Junior School new fencing has been installed around the field and side/back entrance areas. A new gate has also been installed onto the playground entrance and all of these improvements are helping to make the premises as secure and safe for the children as possible.



Year 3 Applications to Junior School for September 2026

A meeting and tour for parents applying to the Junior School in Year 3 from September 2026 has been arranged for **Thursday 20th November at 5.00pm at the Junior School**. Although the Infant and Junior Schools are in a Federation partnership, they still exist as two separate schools and parents have to apply again online for a Junior School place from Year 3 onwards. We hope to see you at the Open Evening and share the information about the application dates and process with you.

Class 6B Remembrance Assembly

During this month of November, we will be remembering those who have died, including members of our own families. November is also the national month of remembrance for the dead of both world wars and more recent wars or conflicts. Today Class 6B shared a beautiful assembly on the theme of 'Remembrance'. The children spoke, acted and sang very movingly about why Remembrance Day on 11th November is such an important time for us to stop and remember those who have given their lives or been injured in wars as they fought for our freedom and safety. They explained why the poppy is used as a symbol of remembrance and a way of saying thank you for the sacrifices others have made for us. The children also created a wonderful poppy and prayer display on the hall windows for everyone to appreciate and use throughout November. Thank you to Class 6B, Miss Barry and Miss Calloni for helping the children to share such an important message as we pray for those who continue to live in conflict and war in parts of the world today.



PTA Christmas Fayre Update



The PTA are already hard at work with preparations for the **Christmas Fayre on Friday 5th December** and making sure it's a fantastic event that can be enjoyed by the whole family. To support their raffles, tombola and other stalls, they are **requesting all children bring in a donation on the non-uniform day on Friday 21st November**. Details of

the items requested for each year group will be shown on the PTA Letter shared next week. 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.

The PTA has also asked school to remind parents that if you are shopping in the **Waitrose at Brent Cross**, please add the **donation tokens to the Annunciation Schools' box**. This will help the PTA raise more funding for our schools.

Junior Writing Competition

Thank you to all the children who entered the Junior School Writing Competition on the topic of "Hope, Survival and Friendship" and we were delighted by the number of entries and the quality of the writing. It was very difficult to select the winners and we wish we were able to offer places for all the entrants to join the cinema prize trip. Thank you to everyone and congratulations to the children who received certificates today and will join Miss Brennan on this trip. A very big thank you also to Miss Brennan, the English Lead at the Juniors, for organising this event to promote and celebrate writing.

Welcome back to Mrs Griffin who returned to school this week after celebrating the birth of her daughter earlier in the year. Mrs Griffin will be working with Class 3B and she completed a handover this week with Miss Rioux who has taught the class since September. We are very appreciative of all Miss Rioux's work with Class 3B this term and hope she will help us with teaching cover at other times in the future. Thank you Miss Rioux and we have really enjoyed working with you over the last few months.

Finally, thank you for your support in making sure your child has the new Nursery/PE uniform as we return to school. We know some children are still waiting on orders recently made, please just let your child's teacher know. We will be sending reminder notes home if your child is not in the correct Nursery/PE uniform over the next few weeks.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss J. O'Prey
Headteacher



STAR OF THE WEEK

Infants

N	James
RA	Cynthia
RB	Soso

1A	Nevada
1B	Diana
2A	Jozef
2B	Valentina



STAR OF THE WEEK

Juniors

3A	Jesse
3B	Kensleey
4A	Samuel
4B	Blessing

5A	Feynman
5B	Freddie
6A	Elliana C
6B	Raoul



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations
to **3A & 4A**
for having the
highest



attendance!

Class	%
R1	95
R2	97
1A	90
1B	90
2A	92
2B	96
3A	100
3B	89
4A	100
4B	92
5A	96
5B	96
6A	97
6B	98

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 9th November

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read how the people had lost sight of God by getting caught up in their buying and selling. Jesus' enthusiastic action was a protest that things had gone seriously wrong with how they were relating to God; something needed to change. **The Word** we are celebrating this week is **Enthusiasm**.

Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple there he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and money changers sitting at their counters. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market." Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The people in the Temple said to Jesus, "What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?" Jesus answered, "Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The people replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple: are you going to raise it up in three days?" Now the Temple Jesus was talking about was his own body. And later when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what he had told them.

Adapted from The Gospel of John 2:13-22

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	3a	Rayan
Respect	3b	Allyana
Commitment	6b	Aiva
Commitment	6a	Megan
Excellence	4b	Zion
Excellence	5b	Amelia
Courage	4a	Keyner
Justice	5a	Niamh
Tolerance	N	Munachimso
	RA	Josiah
	RB	Aodha
	1A	Oliver
	1B	Sam
	2A	Mircea
	2B	Edwin

Maths & Writing Superstars

Year 3	Aiden, Henry & Angelos, Catia
Year 4	Shaddai, Neve & Livia, Bernard
Year 5	Alana, Liviu & Zara O, Vida
Year 6	Jasmine, Tamara & Divine, Liyana

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 - Christmas Fayre Donation for all children	
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 Jumper Day	Both Schools
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

The Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Odoi

Miss Martin

Mrs Stanley

Ms Bourke

Miss O'Prey

Mr McCreadie

Miss Brennan

Mrs Griffin

