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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,

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Years 1 to 6 Parent Consultation meetings this week. There was a great turnout and it was lovely to see so many smiling faces as you shared lots of good news with your child/children. Please contact the school to arrange an appointment if you were unable to join us this week.

### Class 6A Assembly



Class 6A led a beautiful assembly today on the theme of World War 2 and what life was like for children in Britain at this time. The children used their recent visit to the RAF Museum and their work in English and History lessons to tell us about the experiences of children who were evacuated from London and other cities during the war. They spoke and sang very confidently and really helped us to understand what life was like during this time. The children led a very beautiful and moving prayer reflection as we prayed for those who gave their lives to help us live in peace and freedom. They also prayed for those around the world still living in war and conflicts today

and that they may have peace. Thank you Class 6A for sharing such an important message so respectfully and reminding us how fortunate we are to live in peace. A special thanks also to Miss Brennan and Mrs Vara for their fantastic work with the children and supporting them in all they do in school. Thank you also to the parents for your continued support and we were delighted so many of you were able to join us today and we know how proud you were of the children.

### Year 4 Ancient Romans Trip

Year 4 enjoyed a visit to The Verulamium Museum in St. Albans today, this was to prepare for their "Romans in Britain" topic next half-term. Verulamium was one of the largest Roman cities in Ancient Britain and the visit was a great opportunity to begin to find out about the Roman journey through Britain. Thank you to Miss Nagle, Miss Pillana and all staff who accompanied the trip and thank you also to our parent volunteers. The children were wonderful representatives for our school and are looking forward to learning more after this visit to bring history alive.

### School and PE Uniform Updates

We change over to Winter uniform when they return after half-term break, this includes the white shirt and tie for Junior classes and navy jumpers/cardigans and skirts or dark grey trousers for all children from Reception to Year 6. Please also ensure your child has a plain dark coat and black shoes as part of their uniform. Boots are not worn in school so if your child wears them while walking to school, please send in shoes for them to change into. Nursery children continue to wear the school logo sweatshirt and jogging bottoms and a white polo shirt as their daily uniform.

Thank you to all the parents who have already ordered the new Nursery and PE uniform with the logo sweatshirt and bottoms for children to wear from this half-term. The children look very smart in the new uniform and it is worn all day on the two days each week they have PE lessons. We had a long lead-in to introduce the new PE/Nursery uniform and give all parents enough time to place orders from summer, **all children should have the correct uniform when we return to school in November.** The older style hoodie sweatshirts or joggers are no longer part of our uniform to wear on these two days and leggings/cycle shorts bottoms are also not part of the PE uniform. You can continue to order any items from ACE Clothing Company as needed.

Just a reminder that we finish today for half-term break and the school remains closed for children on Monday 3rd November due to staff training taking place. **School reopens for all children on Tuesday 4th November** and we look forward to seeing everyone then. Have a very happy and safe half-term holiday with your family and enjoy this time together.

Miss J. O'Prey  
Headteacher

## STAR OF THE WEEK

### Infants

N	Excel
RA	Mikhail
RB	Mohammad

1A	Noah
1B	Brendon
2A	Tudor
2B	Ornela

## STAR OF THE WEEK

### Juniors

3A	Esther
3B	Baran
4A	Livia
4B	Jessie

5A	Anastasia
5B	Cuba
6A	Arthur
6B	Jaden

# ATTENDANCE

Congratulations  
to  
for having the  
highest



attendance!

Class	%
R1	97
R2	94
1A	97
1B	95
2A	92
2B	94
3A	99
3B	99
4A	92
4B	96
5A	92
5B	95
6A	95
6B	97

## Celebration of The Word

### The Gospel for Sunday 26th October

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that we should be humble, especially when we pray. Humble people do not think that they are better or more important than others; they are honest about their weaknesses and not afraid to say 'sorry' to God if they have done wrong.

The Word we are celebrating this week is **Humble**.

*There were some people who thought they were better than everyone else. One day Jesus told them a story." Two men went into the Temple to pray. One of them was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, 'I thank you, God, that I am not greedy, dishonest, and unfaithful like other people, and particularly that I am not like this sinful tax collector here. I fast twice a week and always give money to the Temple.' The tax collector stood some distance away, not even daring to raise his eyes to heaven, but he bowed his head and said, 'God, have mercy on me, for I am a sinner.'" Then Jesus said, "It was the tax collector who was pleasing to God, not the Pharisee. Those who praise themselves and think they are better than others will be humbled, but if you humble yourself then you will be praised by God."*

Adapted from The Gospel of Luke 18:9-14

The 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

## AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	6B	Muhammad
Respect	3A	Olivia H
Commitment	6A	Raisa
Safety	5B	Cameron
Excellence	5A	Lindzey
Truth	4A	Jaden C
Courage	3B	Sabaothe
Justice	4B	Zion
Justice	N RA RB 1A 1B 2A 2B	Eveline Piruthvik Ada Tala Sienna O Scarlett Kiarash

## Maths & Writing Superstars

Year 3	Mandy, Bezalal & Catia, Nihad
Year 4	Jason, Clementine & Bernard, Sofia
Year 5	Prince, Hana & Riley, Naomi
Year 6	Elissa, Zofia & Alex, Ella

## KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/When
Half Term break - Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October		
School also closed to pupils Monday 3rd November for Staff Training		
07/11/25	Class 6B Assembly	Junior School 9.00am
17/11/25	Class Photos	Both Schools
21/11/25	Class 3A Assembly	Junior School 9.00am
2/12/25	Reception Classes Nativity	Infant School 9.30am
5/12/25	Class 3B Assembly	Junior School 9.00am
5/12/25	Christmas Fair for all children and Families Junior School from 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

## The Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Martin



Miss Odoi



Mrs Stanley



Ms Bourke



Miss O'Prey



Mr McCreadie



Miss Brennan

