

THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS



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Our Mission Statement

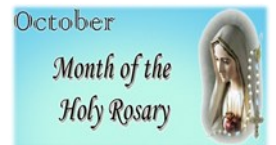
'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.'

St. Catherine of Siena



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin the month October, we will be celebrating **The Rosary Prayer** in our schools, the special prayer St. Dominic taught us. The Rosary mysteries help us to understand the important times in the life of Jesus and his mother, Mary. The children will be learning why the Rosary is an important prayer we pray with Mary, especially at The Annunciation Schools where we celebrate the life of Mary and the work of our founders, the Dominican Sisters.



Black History Month



We will also be celebrating Black History Month in lessons throughout October. This is the annual celebration of moments in history, achievements and contributions that Black people have made. The theme of Black History Month 2025 is **Standing Firm in Power and Pride** and understanding how there is strength in unity.

Fr. Ako Visit

Thank you to Fr. Ako, our School Chaplain, for visiting the Infant School this week to bless the children and all their classrooms. Fr. Ako met the Year 1 and 2 pupils at our Mass earlier this month and it was lovely for the children to welcome him into our school. Fr. Ako also spent time meeting the Nursery and Reception classes and the children really enjoyed this time with him and taking part in a special blessing and prayers together. We really value the support of our Parish and thank Fr. Ako for spending time with the children and helping make our classrooms such special places of learning. We look forward to him visiting the Junior School soon.

Parish Children's Mass

The Parish has asked us to let you know there will be a special **Children's Mass once a month**, starting in October. The first Children's Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday 26th October at 10.30am** and the Parish wants to invite children at The Annunciation Schools to help with readings or in any other way possible. If your child would like to help with the Mass, please contact the Parish or speak to any of the Stewards.

National Poetry Day

Children in all year groups enjoyed taking part in National Poetry Day activities yesterday. The children had the opportunities to share poems with each other and write their own poems.



Reception Phonics Workshop

Thank you to all the Reception parents who attended the Phonics Workshop this week. The children really enjoyed sharing their learning with you first in the classroom and we know how helpful parents found it to see the daily phonics teaching in action. The Reception teachers then shared very helpful information about the phonics work taking place over the year and ideas on how to support with phonics and early reading at home. Thank you to all the Reception team for organising this event and to Miss Martin and Miss Driscoll for their work on leading it.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss J. O'Prey

Headteacher

STAR OF THE WEEK



Infants



N	Ellison
RA	Luca
RB	Ryan

1A	Ayan
1B	Saanvi
2A	Jaida
2B	Elanor

STAR OF THE WEEK



Juniors



3A	Precious
3B	Sabaotha
4A	Josiah
4B	Jessie

5A	Tiana
5B	Jaouad
6A	Elliana C
6B	Lydia

ATTENDANCE
Congratulations
 to **3B**
 for having the
 highest
 attendance!



Class	%
R1	99
R2	95
1A	92
1B	92
2A	97
2B	92
3A	99
3B	100
4A	94
4B	95
5A	90
5B	93
6A	96
6B	99

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 5th October

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of the power and the responsibility that comes with having faith in God. Putting our faith in Jesus helps us to know God as our loving Father and keep growing in our love for one another. **The Word** we are exploring this week is **FAITH**.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "Were your faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, 'Come and have your meal immediately'? Would he not be more likely to say, 'Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards'? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, 'We are merely servants; we have done no more than our duty.'"

Adapted from The Gospel of Luke 17: 5-10

The 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	5a	Alana
Courage	6a	Jason A
Commitment	4b	Carter
Safety	4a	Muhammad
Excellence	3a	Jesse
Truth	6b	Hebe
Respect	5b	Albert
Excellence	3b	Michael
Safety	N RA RB 1A 1B 2A 2B	Sampson Dorothea Dominik Hazel Sienna A Guila Harry

Maths & Writing Superstars

Year 3	Esther , Eriola & Mandy, Aliyana
Year 4	Samyar, Welat & Eimear, Welat
Year 5	Pietra, Matias & Anastasia, Nathan
Year 6	Aoife, Thomas & Althea, Sienna

KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/When
Week beginning 6th October - Book Fair at both schools		
September 2026 Nursery and Reception Applications - Parent Information Meetings and Tours of Infant School		Infant School 14/10/25 at 5.30pm 16/10/25 at 9.30am
10/10/25	Class 5A Assembly	Junior School 9.00am
17/10/25	PTA Annual General Meeting	Infant School 9.00am
Monday 20th & Wednesday 22nd October Years 1 & 2 Parent Consultation Meetings		Infant School 3.15pm onwards
Tuesday 21st & Thursday 23rd October Years 3 to 6 Parent Consultation Meetings		Junior School 3.30pm onwards
24/10/25	Class 6A Assembly	Junior School 9.00am
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

The Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Martin



Mrs Stanley



Ms Bourke



Miss O'Prey



Mr McCreadie



Miss Brennan

