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Our Mission Statement

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

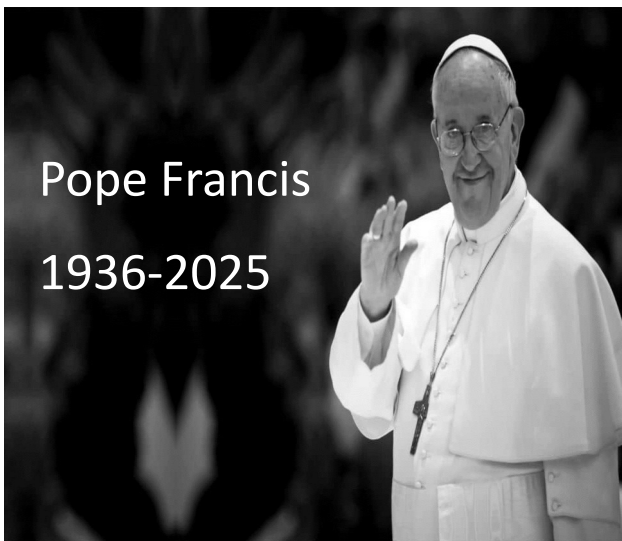
St. Catherine of Siena



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Easter and we were delighted to welcome the children back to school this week. We hope all our families had a very enjoyable and safe Easter break and enjoyed spending time together with family and friends. We are looking forward to lots of exciting learning opportunities taking place over the summer term as children begin new topics in many areas of the curriculum.

Pope Francis - Rest in Peace



We began our term with the sad news that our Holy Father, Pope Francis, had died suddenly on Easter Monday. Pope Francis has been ill for some time but the news of his death was still a shock to all of us, especially when he had been seen only the day before at the Easter Sunday service and joined the crowds gathered in St. Peter's Square.

His final message shared at the Easter Vigil reminds us of the great love Jesus has for us and the promise of new life with him and God, the Father. *"The light quietly shines forth, even though we are in darkness; the promise of new life and a world finally set free awaits".*

It has been lovely to hear the children share their memories and prayers for Pope Francis in school this week and we keep him in our prayers as we prepare for his funeral on Saturday. We also pray for the Church and its leaders at this time as they elect a new Pope and for God's help and guidance in this task. In this Jubilee Year, let us all honour Pope Francis' memory by remembering his teachings and carry on his good work to become Pilgrims of Hope.

Lenterprise Fundraising

Thank you again to parents and family members or friends for your wonderful support of each class/year group 'Lenterprise' event last term. Thank you also to our amazing children for making Lenterprise so special and really living out the teachings of Jesus and they should be very proud of how their actions will make a positive difference to the lives of others.

We are delighted to let you know that a total of **£1,198** was raised at the Infant School and **£1,298** at the Juniors, giving a **grand total of £2,496 raised by our family of schools**. This is an incredible amount of money raised and shows the commitment of our whole school community in supporting our neighbours who are most in need, either locally or elsewhere in our world. We are now sending each charity the money raised to support their important work. The charities chosen were Caritas, The Catholic Children's Society, The Cardinal Hume Centre, Cafod, The Peace Hospice and Laughter Africa.

Year 6 Workshop

A representative from the charity ‘**Growing Against Violence**’ spoke to Year 6 pupils yesterday about how to keep safe inside and outside of school. This included very important advice on staying safe online and protecting yourself as much as possible when travelling independently to and from school or meeting friends outside of school. The risks of being involved with gangs was also talked about and how gangs try to approach children of their age. A very big thank you to Tim from the charity for sharing this message with the children and Miss Brennan for organising this workshop.

Easter Bonnet Parades

We had wonderful Easter Bonnet Parades at our schools today and a huge thank you to all the children who took part. The Easter bonnets created by the children were absolutely incredible and it was a joy to see how creative they had been as they celebrated the Easter message with their bonnet designs. It was very hard to choose winning entries for each year group and thank you again and congratulations to all the children who took part. Here are some photos to enjoy of the fantastic bonnets we enjoyed seeing.



St. George’s Day

We also celebrated St. George’s Day on April 23rd and have been thinking about why he is an important Saint and role model for us. St. George was a Roman soldier who became a Christian and died for his faith. He is the Patron Saint of England and many other countries and was celebrated around the world this week for his bravery and spreading the word of God.



Victory in Europe 80th Anniversary Celebrations



We will be celebrating the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day on 8th May and the end of World War 2 in 1945. The children can wear their own clothes to school that day and we will be celebrating with a special lunch and other events during the day. We would ask that the children make a £1 donation on the day to support the work of the Royal British Legion with families of the armed services.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss J. O’Prey
Headteacher



STAR OF THE WEEK

Infants

N	Anthony
Ra	Enoh
Rb	Matteo



1a	Mohammad
1b	Eliana
2a	Atharv
2b	Adon



STAR OF THE WEEK

Juniors

3A	Jayden O.
3B	Vlad
4A	Emilia
4B	Alfreda



5A	Alex
5B	Jason
Year 6	Kodie

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations
to **1A & 4B**
for having the
highest
attendance!



Class	%
R1	87
R2	93
1A	98
1B	96
2A	92
2B	94
3A	96
3B	89
4A	97
4B	98
5A	94
5B	92
Year 6	93

AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	4a	Bella
Courage	5a	Ella
Commitment	3b	Mikayla
Safety	3a	Kevin
Excellence	6a	Cataleya
Truth	5b	Arthur
Respect	4b	Ella
Justice	6a	Gracie
Truth	N	Sumaiya
	Ra	Abiba
	Rb	Roman
	1a	Valentina
	1b	Steve
	2a	Denver
	2b	Olivia R

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Jason & Edward
Year 4	Farida & Riley
Year 5	Lydia & Zofia
Year 6	Emmanuel

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 27th April 2025

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus appears to his disciples after his resurrection. Jesus showed his wounds to Thomas, to help Thomas believe that he had risen from the dead and he asks us to also believe in him. The **Word** we are thinking about this week is **BELIEVE**

The disciples were gathered in a room. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" and he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. Thomas, one of the disciples, was not there when Jesus came and he refused to believe what had happened. One week later, they were in the room again, and Thomas was also there. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Here, touch the marks on my hands and feel the wound in my side. Doubt no longer, but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen me and yet believe!"

Adapted from The Gospel of John 20:19-31

The 2nd Sunday of Easter, Year C

KEY DATES

02-05-25	Year 5 Parents Secondary Transfer Meeting	Junior School 2.45pm
08-05-25	80th Anniversary of Victory In Europe Day—own clothes celebration day at both schools	
26- 30th May Summer Half term		
02-06-25	Both schools closed to pupils for staff training day	
02-07-25	Junior School Sports Morning	Junior School Field 10.00am to 12.15pm
04-07-25	Infant Schools Sports Morning	Junior School Field 10.00am to 12-00pm
04-07-25	Summer Fayre at Junior School 3.30pm—6.00pm	

Annunciation Schools Safeguarding Team

Miss Martin



Ms. Bourke



Miss O'Prey



Mr McCreadie



Mrs. Stanley

