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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 prepare for the end of Spring term, we have been preparing for the events of Holy Week, a very important time in our Church year.

**Class 5B** shared a beautiful assembly today on the events of **Holy Week**. Through drama and song the children showed how Jesus entered Jerusalem to cheering crowds on Palm Sunday and how this all changed by the end of the week. On Holy or Maundy Thursday, Jesus gathered with his disciples for a last supper and shared the bread and wine before he was betrayed and arrested. On Good Friday Jesus was given his cross to carry and began his long and painful journey before dying on the cross. The children also thought about how his friends and Mary, his mother, felt the next day and then the joy of Easter Sunday when Jesus rose from the dead.

Thank you Class 5B for helping us to continue our Lenten journey by remembering the events of Holy Week and the great sacrifice that Jesus made for us. The children spoke and acted very confidently and maturely as they shared these very serious but important final days in Jesus' life. Thank you to all the parents and family members who joined us and we know how moving you also found the assembly. A very big thank you also to Miss Gimmi for all her wonderful work with the class on this very special assembly and to Ms Calloni.

**'Stations of the Cross'** prayer services have also taken place across our school community as we come to the end of term and the children have had the opportunity to pray together as we followed Jesus' journey. A special thanks to Ms Bourke and Mr McCreadie for organising these very beautiful prayer services and helping us to prepare for Good Friday. The children took part very respectfully and we were extremely proud of their behaviour as they followed the Stations of the Cross and reflected on what was happening at each Station.

Well done to our Choir in the Junior School who performed at The Royal Albert Hall on Tuesday evening as part of the **Barnet Schools "All Under One Sky" Music Festival**. Around thirty pupils from Years 5 and 6 joined primary and secondary schools from across Barnet to perform a wonderful programme of songs and musical performances. The children had a fantastic time performing in this amazing venue and we are very proud of how they took part and how hard they have worked to prepare for this event. It was a very memorable evening and all the parents, family members and staff who attended really enjoyed the singing and instrumentals. A huge thank you to Mrs Stanley, our Music teacher across the schools, for organising this and for all her work throughout the year with the Choir. Thanks also to Miss Kristjiana and Ms Brown who accompanied the Choir.



### Rocksteady Concerts

We had more musical treats in each school yesterday when the end of term 'Rocksteady' concerts took place. Pupils from Years 1 to 6 showed off their musical talents with brilliant performances at each concert. Thank you children for sharing your talents with us, the audience really enjoyed your performances. Thanks to Natan from Rocksteady and to parents for your great support of these events.



### Lenterprise Events

A huge thank you and well done to all classes for the Lenterprise events which have been taking place over the last two weeks. On Tuesday the Year 1 children used the Junior School field for their "Sponsored Run" event and did very well. On Wednesday, Year 6 had great fun in their "Colour Run" event and Year 5 seemed to especially enjoy their "Soak the Teacher" event! Yesterday, Year 4 also had fun with their "Colour Run" and "Dress as a Teacher" events and Year 3 enjoyed a "Pyjamas Day". Thank you to all the children and staff for making every event so much fun and successful. Thank you also to parents and families for your incredible generosity with sponsoring these events, they have all been extremely well supported and this will make a real difference to the charities chosen. We look forward to sharing more information about the money raised for each charity early next term.

### Year 3 Science Museum Trip

Year 3 enjoyed a visit to the **Science Museum** at the start of the week. The children will be learning about 'Habitats and Living Things' next term and had the opportunity to learn more about our planet and how we all share its resources.

### PTA Book Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated to the book sale this week and to the PTA for running this event. The PTA also organised the ice-cream sale today, we are very appreciative of the time and effort they give to help our schools and thank you for your support of these events.

### Treats to Celebrate Inspection Reports

Thank you for the lovely messages we have received congratulating our school community on the recent RE Inspections. The children enjoyed a treat in school today as a thank you to them for all their hard work and for being such wonderful representatives for the Annunciation community.

### Easter Bonnet Parade





We will be celebrating Easter the week we return to school and an "Easter Bonnet" parade will take place at each school on Friday 25th April. Please see the message on class dojo pages, we hope as many children as possible will join in and enjoy creating an Easter bonnet over the holidays.



A reminder that **all children return to school on Tuesday 22nd April** and have the choice of wearing their summer uniform from this time. Have a very peaceful and happy Easter and enjoy this wonderful time with your family and friends.

**"Happy Easter! May you bring to all the joy and hope of the Risen Christ!" Pope Francis**

Miss J. O'Prey

 <b>STAR OF THE WEEK</b> 		 <b>STAR OF THE WEEK</b> 	
<b>Infants</b>		<b>Juniors</b>	
<b>N</b>	Kai	<b>3A</b>	Chloe
<b>Ra</b>	Tala	<b>3B</b>	Jayden
<b>Rb</b>	Enzo	<b>4A</b>	Autumn
		<b>4B</b>	Joseph
		<b>5A</b>	Charles
		<b>5B</b>	Eliana O.
		<b>Year 6</b>	Emmanuel

# ATTENDANCE

**Congratulations**  
to **3a**  
for having the  
highest  
attendance!



Class	%
R1	89
R2	88
1A	93
1B	94
2A	95
2B	93
3A	99
3B	90
4A	96
4B	96
5A	91
5B	94
Year 6	96

## AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	3b	Sofia
Courage	4a	Cameron
Commitment	3a	Samyar
Safety	6a	Joshua
Truth	5a	Jakub
Excellence	6a	Estelle
Respect	4a	Anastasia
Justice	5b	Jason
Respect	N	Dalia
	Ra	Eva
	Rb	Lottie -Mae
	1a	Sofia
	1b	Hennessy
	2a	Liliana
	2b	Hannah

### Celebration of The Word

#### The Gospel for Sunday 6th April 2025

Lent is traditionally a time for making a new start. This Sunday's Gospel reveals the depths of God's mercy and compassion and the need for each one of us, in our own way, to make a new start with God. Regardless of our past, each day we are given an opportunity to make a new start. Jesus waits for us with the gentleness and patience of God. **The Words** we are thinking about this week are **New Start**.

*Jesus was teaching in the Temple when the teachers of the Law brought a woman to him who had broken the Law. They said to Jesus, "Master, this woman has broken the Law and should be stoned to death. What have you to say?" Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." When they heard this they went away quietly, one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman. Then Jesus asked the woman, "Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she replied. "Neither do I. Go, but do not sin any more," said Jesus*

Adapted from The Gospel of John 8:1-11

The 5th Sunday of Lent, Year C

### Maths Superstars

Year 3	Saoirse & Maru
Year 4	Aiden & Salome
Year 5	Ella & Raisa
Year 6	Cataleya

### KEY DATES

<b>Summer Term 2025</b>	
First Half Tuesday 22 April - Friday 23 May	23 days
<b>School Closed</b> Monday 5 May - May Day	
Half Term Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May	
(Includes Spring Bank Holiday on Monday 26 May)	
<b>School Closed</b> Monday 2 June Staff Training Day	
Second half Tuesday 3 June - Friday 18 July	34 days
<b>School Closed</b> Monday 21 July Staff Training Day	

## Annunciation Schools Safeguarding Team

Miss Martin



Ms. Bourke



Miss O'Prey



Mr McCreadie



Mrs. Stanley

