



# 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,

We were delighted to share the outcomes this week from our recent Religious Education Inspections at the Infant and Junior schools. Both schools are considered to be 'Outstanding' in their Catholic Life and Mission and the Prayer and Worship provided. The Religious Education provided is also of a very high quality, with 'Good' and 'Outstanding' outcomes recognised.

The Inspection Team were very impressed with the children in all year groups and commented several times to school leaders about the wonderful manners and excellent behaviour shown by the children, how they treat each other and adults with respect and that it was a pleasure speaking with them. We are incredibly proud of the children and that the Inspectors recognised how they successfully live out their mission to "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire". They are a great credit to you and to our schools - thank you children for being such wonderful ambassadors for our Annunciation family.

The reports are a great achievement for our whole school community and I would like to thank our dedicated staff team for their commitment, care and teamwork to support our children on their faith journey. Thanks also to our Governing Body for their valued work to support and lead this special community of Annunciation Schools. A special thank you to our parish, and of course Fr. Chinedu, for working in such close partnership with us, with regular visits to each school and by always making us so welcome in the Church.

Finally, I would like take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your continued partnership and support of our schools. The published reports are now available on the Federation 'Our Catholic Community' page on the website and all in each school's 'Key Information' page.

## **Annunciation Feast Day**

We celebrated The Feast of the Annunciation this week, our School Feast Day, with a very special Mass together in the Church. Fr. Chinedu celebrated Mass with Years 1 to 6 classes gathered together as a school community, along with staff and parents.

Years 2,5 and 6 pupils led the readings and prayers; the children spoke very confidently and reverently and we were so proud of how all the children took part in the Mass. The singing was led by Mrs Stanley, our music teacher, and all classes joined in very well with the hymns. Fr. Chindeu shared the beautiful pictures of the Annunciation in the Church with the children as he spoke about Mary and why she was chosen by God to be the mother of His son, Jesus. He reminded the children that Mary gladly accepted what God asked of her and that God is always with us and we should not be afraid to follow His plan for each of our lives.

Thank you to all the children for making this such a joyful occasion and also to the Junior classes for walking over in such a safe and sensible manner to the Church. The children also received extra play time to continue celebrating our Feast Day. Thank you to Fr. Chinedu for celebrating this very special Mass with us all and to all the parents who joined us.



### Lenterprise Events

Reception classes enjoyed a fun 'Movie Night' with juice and popcorn snacks on Wednesday, to support their Lenterprise fundraising. Children from other year groups also enjoyed joining the movie night. Year 2 classes ran a sweet stall today to raise money and this was very popular event! Thank you to everyone who supported these events and the Year 1 and Junior School events will take place next week.

### Class 3B Mother's Day Assembly

Thank you to Class 3B for a very moving assembly today on the theme of 'Mother's Day'. The children thought about Mary, the mother of Jesus, and how much she loved him. They children spoke very clearly and confidently acted out the Fourth Station of the Cross. This was when Mary met Jesus as he carried his cross and shows her love for Jesus and for us is forever. The children each said their own special thanks to their mums and family and their beautiful singing of Ave Maria had lots of the adults in tears! Well done Class 3B and thank you for helping us all to get ready to celebrate Mother's Day and all the special women in our lives who do so much to care for us. A very big thank you also to Miss Nagle, who recently joined the class, and Miss Marquez for all their work with the children.



### Year 5 Theatre Visit to St. James

Year 5 classes enjoyed a wonderful treat on Monday when they were invited to see the musical, "The Little Shop of Horrors", performed by pupils at St. James Secondary School. The children really enjoyed this fantastic performance and a very big thank you to St. James for making us so welcome and giving the children this theatre opportunity. It was also lovely to see past pupils taking part. Thank you also to Ms Daly, our PTA Chair, for helping to organise this visit.

### Miss Tirado

We sadly say goodbye next week to Miss Tirado, our Class 2A teacher, who has worked with classes at the Infant School during the last three years. Miss Tirado will be taking up new opportunities in education next term and we will really miss her positivity, enthusiasm and friendly nature. We thank Miss Tirado for all her hard work with our children and the learning opportunities she has given them and wish her the very best for the future. We welcome Miss Toal to our school, she will be teaching the class when they return after Easter.

### School Uniform

Children have the choice of wearing their summer uniform when we return to school on 22nd April and hopefully the current warmer temperatures will continue.. or even improve! If Junior children continue to wear winter uniform, please ensure they are wearing the tie with the longer white shirts.

We have seen an increasing number of children wearing black jumpers or cardigans. Please ensure **jumpers and cardigans are navy**, as per the school uniform policy and school/plain navy hoodies should only be worn by Junior children on PE days. We are currently working with a range of uniform suppliers on the sweatshirt and jogging bottoms with the school logo. This is worn by all Infant children as part of their everyday school uniform and by Junior children for their PE uniform. We will update parents next term on the logo clothing to make sure there is enough time to order this by September.

A reminder also that for health and safety reasons **no hoop or long earrings or earrings fitting under the ear should be worn in school**. The only jewellery that should be worn are stud earrings or a watch. Bracelets and necklaces are also a safety risk for children during playtimes and PE and are not to be worn as part of the school uniform policy. Thank you for your support in this and helping us to keep the children as safe as possible

### End of Term Finish and Return Dates

Just a reminder that **we finish earlier on Friday 4th April** for the end of term. Children should be collected from the **Infant School at 1.15pm** and from the **Junior School at 1.25pm**. Thank you. All children **return to school on Tuesday 22nd April**.

Have a lovely weekend and Happy Mother's Day to all the mums, grandmothers, sisters, aunties and friends who make our lives so special.

Miss J. O'Prey

★ STAR OF THE WEEK ★		★ STAR OF THE WEEK ★	
Infants		Juniors	
N	Kai	3A	Harry
Ra	Tala	3B	Jessie
Rb	Enzo	4A	Daisy Lou
		4B	Alfreda
		5A	Liyana
		5B	Annamary
		Year 6	Jasper

# ATTENDANCE

Congratulations  
to **1B**  
for having the  
highest  
attendance!



Class	%
R1	94
R2	90
1A	98
1B	99
2A	93
2B	89
3A	93
3B	94
4A	96
4B	98
5A	92
5B	95
Year 6	98

## Celebration of The Word

### The Gospel for Sunday 30th March 2025

In this Sunday's Gospel a younger son insults his father but he is welcomed back with the open heart and the open arms of forgiveness. The message for us is that, whatever we may have done wrong, if we are truly sorry, we can still count on the loving forgiveness of God our Father. **The Word** we are thinking about this week is **Forgiveness**.

*Jesus said, "A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, 'Father, let me have the inheritance that would come to me.' So the father gave him his share and his son then left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of shameless living. When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and he began to be in need and he had to hire himself out to feed pigs. So he decided to go back to his father. When his father saw him, he ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him. Then his son said, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him and kill the fattened calf. For this son of mine was lost and is now found.' And they began to celebrate."*

Adapted from The Gospel of Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

## AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	3a	Clementine
Courage	4a	Farida
Commitment	6a	Mateo
Safety	6a	Setemi
Excellence	5b	Elliana C
Truth	4b	Amelia
Respect	3b	Tobias
Justice	5a	Amara
Respect	N Ra Rb 1a 1b 2a 2b	Dalia Eva Lottie-Mae Sofia Hennessy Liliana Hannah

## Maths Superstars

Year 3	Sarah & Cedric
Year 4	Lindsey & Naomi
Year 5	Caragh & Ghazel
Year 6	Gabriel

## KEY DATES

03/04/25	Rocksteady Concert	Junior School 9:00am
03/04/25	Rocksteady Concert	Infant School 2:30 Pm

School closes early at the last day of the term 4th April

1:15pm Infant School

1:25 pm Junior School

### Summer Term 2025

First Half Tuesday 22 April - Friday 23 May 23 days

School Closed Monday 5 May - May Day

Half Term Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May

(Includes Spring Bank Holiday on Monday 26 May)

School Closed Monday 2 June Staff Training Day

Second half Tuesday 3 June - Friday 18 July 34 days

School Closed Monday 21 July Staff Training Day

## Annunciation Schools Safeguarding Team

Miss Martin



Ms. Bourke



Miss O'Prey



Mr McCreadie



Mrs. Stanley

