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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,

Ash Wednesday took place this week, marking the beginning of the season of **Lent**. Fr. Chinedu joined us at the Infant School to give ashes to the children from Nursery to Year 2 classes and he was very impressed with how sensibly and thoughtfully the children took part in this.

He also celebrated Mass at the Junior School and the children had the opportunity to receive ashes and begin to learn about why Lent is such an important time in our Church. Again, the children took part very reverently and helped with readings during the Mass.

During the next several weeks we will be thinking about how Lent is an opportunity to grow closer to God by considering the needs of others before our own needs and our Lenten promises. As part of our Catholic Social teaching and caring for others, we think about how to support charities during Lent and the importance of 'almsgiving'. All classes will take part in '**Lenterprise**' and choose the charity they want to support through fundraising events this half-term.

Lenterprise gives the children a sense of ownership over their fundraising and the importance of almsgiving, especially during Lent. The classes will be letting you know what charity they have chosen and why and how they hope to raise money to support the charity, with your help.

Fr Chinedu will support the children in their Lent journey by visiting classes or welcoming the children to the Church to learn more about The Stations of the Cross. Thank you Fr. Chinedu for your continued support of our schools and children.



World Book Day Celebrations

There was great activity across both schools this week as we celebrated **World Book Day**. This took place yesterday but we wanted to have a special focus on reading all week. Children in all year groups enjoyed a range of fantastic reading activities during the week, including the 'Live World Book Day' Lesson, the 'Masked Reader' and outdoor reading challenges, lunchtime reading and bookmark-making clubs, book buddy and year group swaps. It was lovely to see how the Junior children also enjoyed returning to the Infant School and reading with the younger classes.

We were also very impressed with the tremendous effort that the children put into their character costumes and Mad Hatter creations yesterday - they were amazing!

Thank you to our Reading Leads, Miss Brennan and Ms Bourke, for organising so many enjoyable events to raise the profile of reading for pleasure across both schools, including the parent reading workshops. The **Mad Hatters Parade** was a highlight of our celebrations yesterday along with the chance to see the incredible costumes created by the children. Please have a look at more pictures of our World Book Day celebrations on twitter.



International Women's Day

We celebrated 'International Women's Day' today by thinking about the amazing things achieved by women we know or we have learned about. We also thought about how we can help make the world better for everyone by having equality and appreciating and respecting women from all different backgrounds.



Music Workshops

Thank you to Mrs Epega for joining us in the Infant School last Friday to lead a wonderful music workshop with KS1 Mrs Epega shared music she had composed and led the children in a song writing activity. The children really enjoyed the workshop and how it brought music alive. Mrs Epega also led a workshop with Year 4 recently to support their curriculum work and we are very appreciative of her work to support children to enjoy music and hopefully develop a passion for it.

Late Arrival and Collection

A huge thank you to parents/carers for getting your children to school on time each day, ready to start their first lesson and also for collecting so punctually at the end of the day. We really appreciate the support you are giving your child/children to have the best start to their day and also for helping staff to be on time for interventions groups, meetings and other responsibilities taking place each evening after home-time collection.

We understand that emergencies happen with every family and there are rare occasions when children will arrive late or be collected later than usual from school. Unfortunately, we are seeing an increasing number of children who regularly arrive after the doors have closed and miss the beginning of lessons; we would ask that you try to ensure your children do arrive on time and get the most out of their learning opportunities.

We are also seeing an increase in the number of children who are regularly picked up late after school and this is difficult for the children and also unfair on staff who have to supervise when they have other tasks to do.

We are speaking directly to families if we are concerned and will also begin to introduce charges in the next two weeks for any child who is regularly collected late from school. For example, a £5 charge at each school for the first 10 -15 minutes your child/children are collected late after their 3.15pm (Infant School) or 3.25pm (Junior School) collection time. A further £5 charge for each additional 5 minutes after this time will also be made.

This is not a decision the school has come to lightly, however we need to work together in the best interests of the children and staff to ensure children are collected on time.

Thank you for your support and again we are very appreciative of your efforts to get children here and collect them on time.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the spring weather.

Miss J. O'Prey

Headteacher

STAR OF THE WEEK		STAR OF THE WEEK			
Infants		Juniors			
N	Excel	3A	Semilore	5A	Deanu
Ra	Doron	3B	Jessie	5B	Maks
Rb	Mathilde	4A	Aliyah	Year	Estelle
		4B	Alfreda	6	

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations
to **4B**
for having the
highest
attendance!



Class	%
R1	90
R2	99
1A	91
1B	90
2A	97
2B	89
3A	91
3B	94
4A	94
4B	100
5A	94
5B	89
Year 6	98

AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	5b	Eliana C
Courage	6a	Daren
Commitment	5a	Elizabeth
Safety	4b	Reagan
Excellence	4a	Oliwia
Truth	3a	Jayden
Tolerance	6a	Gabriel
Justice	3b	Zion
Courage	N Ra Rb 1a 1b 2a 2b	Saoirse Ayan Daniel Jessica Mirsea Jesse Zion

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 9th March 2025

The season of Lent reminds us of Jesus' 40 days of fasting and prayer in the wilderness, where he grew stronger through resisting various temptations. In this Sunday's Gospel, the tempter makes three suggestions in an effort to divert Jesus from his true mission. Jesus rejects the temptations, one after another, and uses Scripture to say why. The Word we are focusing on this week is **LENT**.

Following his baptism, Jesus went out into the desert for forty days. He was all alone and he ate nothing because he was fasting. Knowing that Jesus would be hungry, the Tempter told him to turn a stone into bread. But Jesus refused and said, "Scripture says, 'No one lives on bread alone.'" Then the Tempter showed him all the kingdoms of the world, promising Jesus all their power and glory if Jesus would worship him rather than God. But Jesus said, "It is written, 'You must worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only!'" Finally, the Tempter took Jesus to the top of the temple and told him to prove he was the Son of God by jumping off, and have God's angels come to save him. But Jesus said, "You must not put the Lord your God to the test." After Jesus had resisted three times, the Tempter left him.

Adapted from The Gospel of Luke 4:1-13

The 1st Sunday of Lent, Year C

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Michael & Bamishe
Year 4	Alana & Daniel
Year 5	Aaryn & Jenny
Year 6	Sefora

KEY DATES

12/03/25	Class 2A Assembly	Infant School 9:00am
19/03/25	Class 2B Assembly	Infant School 9:00 am
21/03/25	Class 5A Assembly	Junior School 9:00am
27/03/25	Year 6 PGL Zoom Meeting	Online
28/03/25	Class 3B Assembly	Junior School 9:00 am
03/04/25	Rocksteady Concert	Junior School 9:00am
03/04/25	Rocksteady Concert	Infant School

Annunciation Schools Safeguarding Team

Miss Martin



Ms. Bourke



Miss O'Prey



Mr McCreadie



Mrs. Stanley

