

# 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,

Welcome back to school and we hope you had a lovely half-term break together last week.

### RE Inspection

As you know, we received news this week that both the Infant and Junior Schools would be inspected by Westminster Diocese. This inspection takes place for all Catholic schools and looks at the **Catholic life and Mission** of the school, the **Religious Education** teaching and learning and **Prayer and Worship** taking place. We were delighted to welcome three inspectors to our schools for two days and share with them the work that takes place to support our children on their faith journey. The partnership between the schools, the parish and of course you the parents is central to all of this work and I would like to thank you for your incredible support of the school, not just this week but every week! The Inspectors were so impressed with our children and how articulate, mature and thoughtful they are. They were also very impressed with the children's learning behaviours and attitudes during their work in lessons, prayer and worship time and the ways they try to care for others in school, our local and wider community.

The Inspectors also had a very positive response to the parent survey, not just in the number they received but in your responses about the religious education and prayer life your children receive and how they are cared for and supported in all aspects of school life. Thank you for taking the time to respond and for your comments, they are much appreciated and valued by all staff and governors.

We will have our reports in a few weeks time and look forward to sharing these with you as soon as possible. Thank you children for being such wonderful representatives of The Annunciation School family and thank you to all our staff for your continued hard work, support and commitment to our children, families and each other.

### Celebration of the Word

Thanks to the Reception and Year 4 parents who joined the teacher or child-led "Celebration of the Word" sessions this week. Prayer is central to our daily life at Annunciation Schools and we are delighted when parents can join us for these special times in school. This week we have been keeping our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in our prayers and all those who are sick at this time.

### Class 4A Assembly and Lent

Class 4A shared a lovely assembly today on the theme of Lent. The children used drama and song to show us Lent is an important time when we can grow closer to Jesus by following his example of fasting, avoiding temptation and caring for others. Well done children for such great teamwork and helping us to get ready for this special time in our Church year. Thank you also to Miss Pillana and Miss Douglas for all their work to support the children with the assembly. Next week, the children will have the opportunity to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday to mark the start of Lent. Fr. Chinedu will help us to think about the journey Jesus made from the Desert to the Garden of Gethsemane during the forty days of Lent and our own faith journey during this time.

Happy St. David's today tomorrow to our children and families with connections to Wales. Have a great weekend.

Miss J. O'Prey  
Headteacher



### STAR OF THE WEEK

#### Infants

N	Saoirse
Ra	Jayce
Rb	Tariq

1a	Edwin
1b	Roman
2a	Bezalel
2b	Suhas



### STAR OF THE WEEK

#### Juniors

3A	Kevin
3B	Vlad
4A	Feynman
4B	Daniel

5A	Thomas
5B	Angelo
Year 6	Miguel



# ATTENDANCE

**Congratulations**  
to 5A  
for having the  
highest  
attendance!



Class	%
R1	80
R2	77
1A	93
1B	95
2A	91
2B	90
3A	99
3B	96
4A	95
4B	97
5A	100
5B	99
Year 6	93

## AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	5A	Muhammed
Courage	6	Emmanuel
Commitment	4B	Aiden
Safety	4A	Edward
Truth	6	Aimon
Excellence	3B	Kayden
Respect	5B	David R
Justice	3A	Eimer
	N Ra Rb 1a 1b 2a 2b	Filip Nevaeh Khadija David Scarlett Mandy Zina

## Maths Superstars

Year 3	Abrish, Blessing
Year 4	Tianna, Vida
Year 5	Ayla, Divine
Year 6	Gracie

## Celebration of The Word

### The Gospel for Sunday 2nd March 2025

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is using parables – short stories – to teach us important lessons. Just as good fruit is a sign of a good tree, so our words and actions show what is truly inside our heart. Jesus asks us not to criticise others' actions but look at our own actions and try to grow in goodness. The Word we are thinking about this week is **Action**.

*Jesus told a parable to his disciples. "Why do you observe the splinter in your friend's eye and never notice the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your friend, 'Friend, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,' when you cannot see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your friend's eye. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. You can tell what a tree is like by the fruit it produces. You cannot pick figs or grapes from brambles. A good person does good things out of the good stored up in their heart; a bad person does bad things out of the badness in their heart. Your words show what is in your heart.*

Adapted from The Gospel of Luke 6:39-45  
The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

## KEY DATES

06/03/25	World Book Day	Both Schools
12/03/25	Class 2A Assembly	Infant School 9:00am
19/03/25	Class 2B Assembly	Infant School 9:00am
21/03/25	Class 5B Assembly	Junior School 9:00am

## Annunciation Schools Safeguarding Team

Miss Martin



Ms. Bourke



Miss O'Prey



Mr McCreadie



Mrs. Stanley



Mrs Griffin

