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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

Mental health is important because it can affect how people deal with different situations each day. National **Children's Mental Health Week** took place this week and we celebrated this important event with lessons and assemblies in both schools. This year, the theme was **'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'** and how we can encourage children to grow by getting to know who they are inside and become more resilient and able to deal with difficult experiences. We thought about the different feelings we have, how we make choices and build friendships and how we can face challenges.

As part of this work on mental health, we thought about what makes each one of us unique, with our own interests or talents, and the importance of treating everyone with dignity. Today the children took part in a **"Be Yourself"** day where they shared something that represents who they are as a person. For example, their favourite hobby, colour or a country that is important to them. Thanks to all the children for making this such a great end to the week and a very big thank you also to Miss Brennan, our PSHE Lead across the schools for organising all the fantastic events and resources this week.



**Class 1B** shared a beautiful assembly on Wednesday, using this Sunday's Gospel story of Jesus calling Peter and his friends to follow him. The children showed us how the fishermen did not catch any fish until Jesus told them to take their boat into deeper water. Jesus said they were going to be "Fishers of people" and Peter and his friends left everything behind to follow Jesus. The children thought about all the different ways we try to follow Jesus and live as he showed us, even if this is not always an easy choice to make. They spoke and sang very confidently and showed how we are following Jesus when we are kind and help others, when we try to make peace and share, when we include everyone and make them feel welcome. Well done and thank you Class 1B for sharing this important message and for your wonderful singing of the hymn "Follow Me". Thank you parents and family members for joining the assembly and a very special thanks to Miss Kaye and Mrs Shan for all their work with the class.



## **Parent Consultation Meetings**

Just a reminder that Parent Consultation Meetings are taking place next week for Years 1 to 6 pupils. The Infant School meetings for **Years 1 and 2 are on Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th February** and **Junior School meetings for Years 3 to 6 are on Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th February**. We look forward to sharing your child's work with you, celebrating their successes and looking at the next steps in their learning.

## National Story Telling Week

National Story Telling Week also took place this week and children in all year groups celebrated and enjoy story time. Stories are such an important part of helping children to develop a love for reading; they teach us about the world and allow us step into someone else's thoughts and experiences. We will be including story telling as part of our 'Book Week' activities in March.

### PTA Disco

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Valentine's Day Discos in each school this week. The children had a wonderful time and a huge thank you to all the members of the PTA for their ongoing hard work and time given to organise these and other events. A special thanks to our fantastic DJ's who provided the music and made both discos so much fun for the children. Thanks also to the staff who supervised the events and helped with the later home time collections.



We are very appreciative of the voluntary work our PTA does to benefit our whole school community and we want to support events taking place as successfully as possible. For example, by advertising events in the Newsletter, adding messages and PTA leaflets to Class Dojo or staff helping at events. We can see it would also be helpful for parents to have any other useful information about arrangements, including the final date school or PTA can accept payments for children to take part. A final date for payment/signing your child up is likely to be before the day an event is taking place. This helps us all to ensure there is enough time before the event for money to be collected, the correct amount of refreshments etc. bought and the right numbers of adults available to safely supervise. We realise how disappointing it was when we could not accommodate some requests on Tuesday and we are looking at how we can make sure parents have as much information needed as possible in future.



### Year 4 Music Workshop

Thank you to Mrs Epega for leading a music workshop this week with our Year 4 pupils. Mrs Epega is a parent and governor at our schools and she is also a composer. She spoke to the children about her work and played one of her own compositions. She also led the children in a song writing activity and introduced them to a variety of West African musical instruments. The workshop really brought music alive for the children and they enjoyed learning more about a composer's work. Thanks to Mrs Epega for making this a very memorable learning opportunity and inspiring the children to be involved in music.



### Playground

The new playground equipment at the Junior school is open and the children are really enjoying it! Pupils in St. Catherine's House were the first to use it on Monday as a reward for having the most house points recently but all classes have been timetabled to use it at morning or lunchbreak each day and it's very popular.

Have a lovely weekend.

STAR OF THE WEEK		STAR OF THE WEEK	
Infants		Juniors	
<b>N</b>	Asaiah	<b>3A</b>	Sarah
<b>Ra</b>	Theo B	<b>3B</b>	Maru
<b>Rb</b>	Nergyuzel	<b>4A</b>	Julian
		<b>4B</b>	Ire
		<b>5A</b>	Jakub
		<b>5B</b>	Ruby
		<b>Year 6</b>	Sefora

# ATTENDANCE

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



Class	%
R1	93
R2	80
1A	100
1B	97
2A	96
2B	95
3A	97
3B	96
4A	98
4B	97
5A	98
5B	96
Year 6	94

## AIS and AIS VALUES

Tolerance	4a	Daisy Lou
Courage	5a	Desbrowne
Commitment	3b	Zion
Courage	5b	Ghazel
Truth	6a	Seyi
Safety	3a	Abrish
Respect	4b	Albert
Justice	6a	Honor
Truth	N	Dalia
	Ra	Hazel
	Rb	Ayan
	1a	Valentina
	1b	Idil
	2a	Denver
	2b	Aliyana

## Maths Superstars

Year 3	Muhammad & Jessie
Year 4	Drake & Cuba
Year 5	Ayla & Arthur
Year 6	Aimon

## Celebration of The Word

### The Gospel for Sunday 9th February 2025

In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter and his friends have been fishing all night but have not caught any fish. Then they listen to Jesus and catch so many fish their nets begin to burst! Jesus invites Peter and his friends to follow him and be 'fishers of people'. Jesus also invites us to make this choice to follow him, even when it is difficult. **The Word** we are thinking about this week is **Follow**.

*When Jesus had finished teaching by the lakeside he said to Simon Peter, "Sail out into deep water and let down your nets." "Master," Simon Peter replied, "we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will let down the nets." And when he and his companions had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear and they filled their two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, "Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man." For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made. But Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Do not be afraid; from now on it is people you will catch." Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.*

Adapted from The Gospel of Luke 5:1-11

The 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

## KEY DATES

10 & 12 Feb	Infant School Parents Consultations 3.20pm —5.50pm	
11 & 13 Feb	Junior School Parents Consultations 3.40pm—5.40pm	
14/02/25	Class 4B Assembly	Junior School 9:00am
14/02/25	KS2 Parent Information Meeting on Relationship/Sex/Health/Education Curriculum Junior School 2.45pm	
<b>Half Term Monday 17th –Friday 21st February</b>		
<b>Staff Training Day on Monday 24th February—school re-opens for all children Tuesday 25th February</b>		
28/02/25	Class 4A Assembly	Junior School 9:00am
07/03/25	Class 3B Assembly	Junior School 9:00am
12/03/25	Class 2A Assembly	Infant School 9.00am

## Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Martin



Ms. Bourke



Miss O'Prey



Mr McCreadie



Mrs. Stanley



Mrs Griffin

