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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 began our Spring term class assemblies this week and it was lovely to see so many parents and family members join us for these special celebrations.

Class 1A led the first Infant School assembly on Wednesday and shared the recent Sunday Gospel story of Jesus changing water into wine at the wedding in Cana. This was the first miracle Jesus performed and the children thought about how Jesus showed his love and care for others and how we can follow his example. They talked about the ways we live out each of our school values and follow in the footsteps of Jesus. This was a wonderful message to share as we think about how we will be 'Pilgrims of Hope' in this Jubilee Year and the children spoke, acted and sang very confidently. Well done Class 1A and thank you to Miss Yalcin and Ms Cartin for their work to prepare the children so well. Thank you to Class 1A for sharing your fantastic talents with us and, in the words of your hymn, letting your light shine so brightly.



We have been celebrating the Lunar/Chinese New Year in school this week and today **Class 3A** told us more about the celebrations which began on Wednesday. 2025 is 'The Year of the Snake' and the children very confidently retold the story of how the different animals were chosen to celebrate each new year in the Lunar Zodiac calendar. They also used a dragon model and dance, lamps and other resources to help bring this celebration alive. Thank you to Miss Barry and Ms Herodotou for preparing the children so well and helping us understand more about this important world festival. Thank you Class 3A for also helping us to recognise and celebrate the wonderful diversity in our own school and wider community.



Thank you again to all the parents and family members who passed on their condolences regarding the recent death of our Co-chair of Governors, Mrs Jackie Togher. School representatives, including Governors and members of the PTA attended Jackie's funeral last Friday and it was a beautiful service of celebration and thanksgiving for her life. Her family were very appreciative of these messages and how highly regarded Jackie was by our school and parish family.

Learning Inside and Outside the Classroom



Year 1 had a fun **visit to a local supermarket** recently to learn more about the ingredients used for decorating biscuits and they will also use this experience to help with their non-chronological report writing. Thank you to all the parents who accompanied the children on the trip.

Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic **'Roman History'** workshop in school this week led by Miss Gimmi, one of our Year 5 team. Miss Gimmi helped the children understand how we use different historical sources to learn more about a time in history and how people lived during that time. The children used genuine Roman artefacts to really help bring the learning to life; thank you Miss Gimmi for sharing your passion for history with Year 4.



Junior Playground Update

The Junior School playground equipment is now fully installed and the safety surfacing ground work took place over the last few days. The company completed the handover with school and representatives from the PTA today and we are all very excited about it being ready for the children to use from next week. Thank you again to the PTA for their amazing support of this project and we will be sharing lots of pictures of the equipment in use very soon!



Valentine's Disco - 4th February

Just a reminder that the PTA Valentine's Disco is taking place after school on **Tuesday 4th February**, the times for each school are on the next page. We hope all the children from Reception to Year 6 will be able to come enjoy this fun event and support the PTA. The cost is £3 per child and this includes a drink and snack. Children can wear their own clothes in school during the day if they are attending the disco but should not be wearing any jewellery in school apart from a watch or stud earrings. If your child not attending the disco they should wear school uniform as usual on Tuesday.

Finally, we said two special goodbyes this week to members of the Junior School staff. Mrs McCarthy has worked as a Lunchtime Supervisor at the school for twenty-five years and has also run the Breakfast Club in recent years. Mrs McCarthy has always been very caring and supported the children to have a happy and positive start to their day and to enjoy their breaktimes together. She will be greatly missed and we are very appreciative of all she has done for the thousands of children she has worked with over many years. We wish her a very happy and well-deserved retirement and please come back to visit us Mrs McCarthy.

We also say goodbye to Miss O'Hare today as she begins her maternity leave. This is a very exciting time for Miss O'Hare and her family and we wish her the very best in the coming months. We look forward to hearing good news next half-term and that mum and baby are both well. We are very pleased to have Miss Carroll teaching Class 5 from next half-term and we look forward to her joining Annunciation Schools' community.

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ATTENDANCE

Congratulations
to 4a
for having the
highest
attendance!



Class	%
R1	91
R2	87
1A	93
1B	96
2A	97
2B	98
3A	94
3B	94
4A	99
4B	96
5A	95
5B	91
Year 6	98

AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	3b	Olivia
Courage	4b	Amelia
Commitment	3a	Saoirse
Safety	6b	Mateo
Excellence	6a	Elijah
Truth	5a	Hebe
Respect	4a	Emilia
Justice	5b	Raisa
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Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 2nd February 2025

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about Simeon who recognised Jesus as the 'Light of the World' – the one who fills our lives with hope. Hope is a virtue which can strengthen and sustain us through life's greatest difficulties. **The Word** we are thinking about this week is **HOPE**.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord and, in accordance with the Law, they offered two young pigeons in sacrifice. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man and it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: "Now, Master, you can let your servant die in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel." Jesus' parents took him back to Nazareth where Jesus grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

Adapted The Gospel of from Luke 2:22-40

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Harry & Sofia
Year 4	Aliyah & Vida
Year 5	Charles & Divine
Year 6	David

KEY DATES

04/02/24	PTA Valentine's Disco at both schools Infants 3.20—4.30pm Juniors 3.30— 4.45pm	
05/02/25	Class 1B Assembly	Infant School 9:00am
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	
14/02/25	Half Term Monday 17th to Friday 21st February	
24/02/25	Inset Day at both schools . Children return to school on Tuesday,25th Feb 2025	

Annunciation Schools Safeguarding Team

Miss Martin



Ms. Bourke



Miss O'Prey



Mr McCreadie



Mrs. Stanley



Mrs Griffin

