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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,

2025 is a Holy Year or Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church throughout the world and today we joined schools across the country as we launched the Jubilee Year at Annunciation Schools. The children joined together for assembly at each school before spending time in their House groups. This was a great opportunity to work together on arts, crafts, music and other activities with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". The children thought about how we are pilgrims following Jesus, with him as our guide and with the hope that he gives us.

They shared ideas on how we can follow his example and reach out to those in need, care for God's creation and travel with joy and hope in our hearts. Just like the people in the Jubilee logo, we will try to travel together and care for each other and for the world to bring change.

Thank you to all the children and staff for making our launch day so enjoyable and memorable and we look forward to sharing these ideas with you over the coming months. Thank you also to the PTA for their generous support of the celebration treats at the end of the day, it was a lovely way to celebrate together.



## **Diddy Doms Workshop**

The Diddy Doms, our Junior School prayer leaders, also had a fantastic opportunity to think about how they will be **voices of hope and lead change** in our schools during this Jubilee Year. The children were invited to join with other pupil prayer leaders from Barnet Catholic Primary and Secondary schools for a special workshop day held at Blessed Dominic School yesterday. The day was led by Sr. Judith Russi, a Religious Adviser to schools, and really helped the children think about how they could lead social action projects in school and help us all to *'put our faith in action'*. The Diddy Doms will work with classes across both schools on these projects during the year and here are some of their thoughts on the day.



***"Today we had a training day at Blessed Dominic School and we thought about how we can make a difference in our school and our world. Pope Francis wants us to have 'Hearts on fire and feet on the move'.***

***When we spread the gospel it's 'love in action' because we're all sons and daughters of God and have to care for each other. We thought about how to stop food waste in school and try to make sure everyone has enough food. We shared ideas about how we can treat everyone with dignity and look after children and grown ups who don't have all the things we have."***

**Sefora, Emmanuel, Megan, Hebe, Harper and Julian.**

A huge thank you to our Diddy Doms for all their ideas and we were very proud of how they represented Annunciation Schools. Thank you also to Blessed Dominic for hosting us and Sr. Judith.



### Home and School Partnership

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us this week for the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Year 6 SATs Information Workshops. These sessions are a valuable way of supporting our home and school partnerships and working together to support children as they prepare for different tests during their primary schools years. We really value parents support of these events and working with your child at home or making sure they can attend additional lessons and support given before or after-school. If you were unable to attend the sessions, the information presented at both meetings will be added to class dojo page.

### Junior School Playground

The new playground equipment at the Junior School is almost fully installed and already looks fantastic. The children are very excited about using it and we are just waiting for the new surfacing to be completed early next week. Thank you to all the children and parents for helping us with the drop-off and collection arrangements in place while the playground work takes place, it has gone very safely and smoothly this week. Thank you again to the PTA and to Mrs Fadden-Grimes for her help throughout the week to check all was on schedule. We're looking forward to sharing lots of pictures with you soon of the children enjoying this new equipment!

### Years 2 and 4 Rosary Visit

Our Year 4 classes visited Year 2 yesterday and shared their recent work on the Rosary prayer. Thank you to all the children and staff for making this such an enjoyable visit and helping our older and younger classes share their learning together.

### Parking in Local Resident Areas

We have very good relationships with our neighbours at both schools and try to be respectful of them and their property. Unfortunately, at times they have to let us know about issues caused by cars parking close to their homes or driveways and blocking them in. This week, one of our neighbours opposite the Infant School was unable to get their car out of the driveway as they tried to leave for work in the morning because a parent had parked across it and blocked them in. The neighbour did ask the parent to move, however this did not happen straight away and they were delayed leaving for work. We appreciate parents are trying to find somewhere safe to park and drop your child but we would ask everyone to please respect our neighbours driveway spaces and not park across them. Thank you.

### Mrs McCarthy Retirement

Mrs McCarthy has been a very valued and loved member of our Junior School staff for the last twenty-five years, working with the children at Breakfast club and at playtimes. She has now decided to retire and will be saying goodbye to us at the end of January. We will miss Mrs McCarthy very much, she is always very caring and helpful to the children and also her colleagues. We wish her a very happy and healthy retirement and thank her for everything she has contributed to the children at the Junior School over so many years.

### Funeral of Mrs Jackie Togher

Finally, we recently shared the very sad news of the death of our dear friend and Co-Chair of Governors, Mrs Jackie Togher. Jackie's funeral service will take place this afternoon and we pray for her and her family and friends at this time. We will be organising a Mass later in the term to give thanks for Jackie's life and her many years of service to Annunciation Schools.

*Eternal rest grant onto her, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her.*

*May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Have a safe weekend.

Miss J. O'Prey

Headteacher



### STAR OF THE WEEK

#### Infants

N	Maria
Ra	Ericson
Rb	Esther

1a	Praise
1b	Millicent
2a	Ronan
2b	Zina



### STAR OF THE WEEK

#### Juniors

3A	Isabella
3B	Gemima
4A	Prince
4B	Alicja

5A	Amara
5B	Elliot
Year 6	Manuela



# ATTENDANCE

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



Class	%
R1	92
R2	94
1A	92
1B	94
2A	90
2B	93
3A	98
3B	94
4A	91
4B	94
5A	99
5B	96
Year 6	97

## Celebration of The Word

### The Gospel for Sunday 26th January 2025

In this Sunday's Gospel we are reminded that Jesus brings Good News to everyone. He has come to set us free, to help us renew our relationship with God and enrich our relationships with each other. Our schools and parishes continue Jesus' work, sharing the Good News of the Gospel so that people of the world can know God's love for them. **The Words** we are thinking about this week are **Good News**

*Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: 'The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom to prisoners and new sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.' He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, "This scripture is being fulfilled today even as you listen.*

Adapted from the Gospel of Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

## AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	3a	Justin
Courage	4a	Julian
Commitment	6a	Tommy
Safety	6a	Emmanuel
Truth	4b	Autumn
Excellence	5b	Lena
Respect	3b	Welat
Justice	5a	Desbrowne
Respect	N	Amelie
	Ra	Ayman
	Rb	Kiara
	1a	Leona
	1b	Olivia
	2a	Rayan
	2b	Eriola

## Maths Superstars

Year 3	Dinadi & Mikaya
Year 4	Salome & Daniel
Year 5	Aaryn & Annamary
Year 6	Seyi

## KEY DATES

29/01/25	Class 1A Assembly	Infant School 9:00am
31/01/25	Class 3A Assembly	Junior School 9:00am
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

## Annunciation Schools Safeguarding Team

Miss Martin



Ms. Bourke



Miss O'Prey



Mr McCreadie



Mrs. Stanley



Mrs Griffin

