



THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS

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Our Mission Statement

Dear

'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.' St. Catherine of Siena

Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the Autumn term, we take time to celebrate the children's achievements, both in the classroom and beyond. This term has been filled with exciting learning experiences, memorable events, and wonderful achievements, and we couldn't have done it without your support. We would also like to extend our thanks to the staff in both schools for their unwavering commitment and support of the children. Their dedication ensures that each day is a positive, enriching experience for our children.

The Federation of Annunciation Schools is a very special school community, and we are so proud of how our children live out our Mission to *"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."* This was especially true during Advent and the generosity shown by the children and families in supporting the **CAFOD World Gifts Appeal**. Your donations will make a real difference to those in need and thank you children for putting our Catholic Social Teaching in action by caring for the most vulnerable in our world.

A special thank you to all the year groups for their wonderful Nativity plays and the Carol Concert. It was truly heart-warming to see the children's hard work and enthusiasm shine through in all of these festive performances as they reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas and God's gift to us. We would also like to thank the Nursery children for beautiful their **Sing-a-long** event with parents this week – a joyful occasion that brought so many smiles to our faces. Well done Nursery and your singing was fantastic!

We celebrated music with a **Rock Steady Concert** at the both schools yesterday. Well done to all the musicians who performed in each concert for parents, staff and children and shared their amazing musical talents. Thank you to Natan from Rock Steady and also Mrs Stanley for arranging these events. Children from Key Stage 1 also brought Christmas cheer to parishioners when they sang at the 'Good Neighbours' lunchtime Social Club this week and it was lovely to hear how much the parishioners enjoyed this.



Thank you to Year 6 and Early Years staff and children for organising the special visit for the older children to share their "Rhyming Narratives" writing with the younger children. It was great to see the children enjoying this time together and learning from each other.

A big thank you again to everyone involved in our recent Christmas Fayre. The success of the event was thanks to the work of our PTA and your amazing support, and it was wonderful to see our school community come together in such a festive spirit. Thank you also for all your Christmas cards and other thanks to staff. They are much appreciated.



We sadly say goodbye to Miss Emmett who has been working with us for the last year and a half in the junior School, supporting children in all year groups with their learning. She leaves us to begin her travels to new and exciting destinations abroad and we wish her a happy and safe journey. Thank you Miss Emmett—we will miss you and wish you every happiness for the future.



As we approach the Christmas break, we wish all our children and families a very happy and safe Christmas and best wishes for 2025. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on 6th January.



STAR OF THE WEEK



Infants

N	Sumaiya
Ra	Lukas
Rb	Tariq

1a	Valentina
1b	Hennessy
2a	Mandy
2b	Zina



STAR OF THE WEEK



Juniors

3A	Dinadi
3B	Bernard
4A	Nathania
4B	Ella

5A	Muhammad
5B	Megan
Year 6	Cataleya

ATTENDANCE

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



Class	%
R1	89
R2	87
1A	92
1B	93
2A	94
2B	93
3A	93
3B	93
4A	93
4B	96
5A	97
5B	89
Year 6	85

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 22nd December 2024

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear about Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist. Mary had many of her own preparations to make for the birth of Jesus but she still went out of her way to visit Elizabeth. We remember how we can make others welcome when they visit us, at Christmas and other times of the year.

The Word we are thinking about his week is **Visitors**.

Mary had been told by an angel that she was to give birth to a son named Jesus. When she heard that her cousin, Elizabeth, was also going to have a baby, she went as quickly as she could to visit Elizabeth. Mary went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth gave a loud cry and said to Mary, "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For as soon as your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed are you for believing the promise made to you by the Lord."

Adapted from The Gospel of Luke 1: 39-44
The 4th Sunday of Advent, Year C

AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	5b	Amalia
Courage	6a	Patryk
Commitment	5a	Tamara
Safety	3b	Welat
Excellence	4a	Niamh
Truth	3a	Isabella
Respect	6a	Honor
Justice	4b	Cuba
Courage	N	Louie
	Ra	Enoh
	Rb	Roman
	1a	Xing
	1b	Mary
	2a	Caleb
	2b	Ishteen

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Semilore & Zion
Year 4	Salome & Nathan
Year 5	Thomas & Maya
Year 6	David

KEY DATES

06/01/25	All children return to school for start of Spring Term
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Spring Term 2025

First Half	Monday 6 January - Friday 14 February	30 days
Half Term	Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February	
School Closed	Monday 24 February Staff Training Day	
Second Half	Tuesday 25 February – Friday 4 April	29 days
	Friday 18 April (Good Friday) - Monday 21 April (Easter weekend)	

Annunciation Schools Safeguarding Team

Miss Martin



Ms. Bourke



Mrs Attell

Miss O'Prey



Mr Mc Creadie



Mrs. Stanley



Mrs Griffin

