



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

We marked the beginning of Advent in our schools with the **"Go Purple"** Day on Monday and a very big thank you to all the children for making such a special effort to wear purple clothing. Classes have also begun their fundraising to buy the CAFOD World Gifts they have selected and thank you for the generous support already given to help us provide this important help to communities around the world.



Fr. Chinedu visited each school this week to talk with the children about Advent and why it is such an important time for Christians to prepare for the birth of Jesus, through our prayers and actions. He talked about the different candles on the Advent wreath and how they symbolise messages of **hope, peace, joy and love**. We are so fortunate to have such a strong partnership with our parish and Fr. Chinedu and we were also delighted to welcome Fr. Faisal to the Infant assembly on Monday.

We also welcomed our Reception parents to the Infant School this week for the first Nativity Plays. Reception performed their play on Tuesday and Wednesday and did an amazing job each time. The children sang beautifully, spoke very confidently and acted extremely well in each play. Thank you to parents and family members for joining us at the plays and supporting the children with lines, songs and costumes. Thanks also to our Reception team - Miss Martin, Miss Driscoll, Miss Yaslem, Miss Catia, Miss Fox and Miss Mia— for all their work preparing the children. We are all very proud of the children and how confident they were about performing in front of so many adults. We look forward to the Key Stage 1 plays and KS2 Carol Concert taking place next week, please see dates and times on the next page.



Just a reminder that **school will be closing earlier on the last day of term, Friday 20th December 2024. Children are to be collected at 1.15pm from the Infant School and 1.25pm from the Junior School.** Thank you.

School reopens for all children on Monday 6th January 2025, the beginning of Spring term. Please see term dates on the website for more details.

Finally, we have our Christmas Fayre taking place today from 3.30pm at the Junior School and it should be a fantastic event. Thank you in advance for your support and a huge thank you to our amazing PTA for all their hard work organising this event and to all the volunteers helping.



STAR OF THE WEEK



Infants

N	Dorothea	1a	Nicholas
Ra	Oliver	1b	Olivia
Rb	Ayan	2a	Ronan
		2b	Suhas



STAR OF THE WEEK



Juniors

3A	Saoirse	5A	Hebe
3B	Yannis	5B	Divine
4A	Tianna	Year 6	David
4B	Matias		

Writing Laureate: Angela (4a)

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations
to **4b**
for having the
highest
attendance!



Class	%
R1	93
R2	85
1A	84
1B	93
2A	98
2B	88
3A	95
3B	92
4A	95
4B	99
5A	98
5B	98
Year 6	92

AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	4b	Albert
Courage	5b	Thierry
Commitment	4a	Alana
Safety	3b	Mikayla
Excellence	3a	Ike
Truth	6a	Joshua
Respect	5a	Deanu
Justice	6a	Estelle
Safety	N	Saoirse
	Ra	Eva
	Rb	Benjamin
	1a	Blaire
	1b	Steve
	2a	Maya
	2b	Catalina

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Jayden & Gemima
Year 4	Oliwia &Vida
Year 5	Jaden & Megan
Year 6	Mateo

KEY DATES

11/12/24	KS1 Nativity Plays—Infant School 9.15am each day Year 1 Classes Parents/Carers
12/12/24	Year 2 Classes Parents/Carers
11/12/24	Carol Service for all Junior classes at the Church 6.00pm
12/12/24	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch both schools
18/12/24	Nursery Class Christmas Sing-a-long 9.00am
19/12/24	Rocksteady Music Concerts—Juniors 9.30am Infants 2.30pm
20/11/24	End of term and early closure Infant School 1.15pm Junior School 1.25pm
06/01/25	All children return to school for start of Spring Term

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 8th December 2024

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about John the Baptist calling people to change and prepare themselves for Christ's arrival. This reminds us about the importance of preparing ourselves as Christmas approaches. Firstly, to look into our hearts and see if there are any ways that we could make a change for the better. Secondly, to be busy doing the things that Jesus told us to do, loving God and loving one another through our words and our actions. **The Word** we are thinking about this week is **PREPARATION**.

At the time when Pontius Pilate was the Roman governor of Judaea, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, who was living in the desert. John went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: 'A voice cries in the wilderness; prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all people will see the saving power of God.'

Adapted from The Gospel of Luke 3:1-6

The 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year C

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Mrs. Stanley



Ms. Bourke



Miss O'Prey



Mr Mc Creadie



Mrs Griffin

