



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 hope you had a lovely half-term break together with your family and it was great to see the children return to school on Monday, refreshed and ready for the second half of Autumn term. This is always a very busy time in school as we lead up to the season of Advent and preparations for Christmas. Dates for the Infant School Nativity plays and the Junior School Carol Concert are now shown on the **Key Dates** information on page 2 and we look forward to celebrating these very special events with parents and families.

Apologies but the Newsletter dated 30th October was not available on the website on the final day in school. We have now added it to the website today, please take time to view the events in both schools during that week, award winners etc. The other important information given was the **letter from the PTA about the Christmas Fayre and donations for the non-uniform day on Friday 15th November**. The letter is also attached again today with this Newsletter.

The month of November is traditionally a time in which we remember those who have died, thinking firstly about those special people in our Church who have tried to live as Jesus taught us and who are now called Saints. We also remember loved ones in our own families or others who have died and pray for them to be with God in heaven. The children will be thinking about someone they would like to remember during the month of November and adding these names to our prayer tables and displays.



November is also the national month of remembrance for the dead of both world wars and more recent wars or conflicts. Today **Class 5B shared a beautiful assembly on the theme of 'Remembrance'**. The children spoke, acted and sang very movingly about why Remembrance Day on 11th November is such an important time for us to stop and remember those who have given their lives or been injured in wars as they fought for our freedom and safety. They explained why the poppy is used as a symbol of remembrance and a way of saying thank you for the sacrifices others have made for us. The children shared a message of hope for the future and how we can support peace by our actions and following the teachings of Jesus. The class had created a wonderful poppy and prayer display on the hall windows for everyone to appreciate and this will be a fantastic way of helping the children to think about remembrance throughout November. Children from all classes will add to this display as they think about people in their own families or friends they also want to pray for in November. Thank you to Class 5B, Miss Gimmi and Miss Calloni for helping the children to share such an important message as we pray for those who are sadly living in conflict and war around the world at this time.



As Catholic schools, we understand the importance of children having as much understanding as possible of other world faiths and beliefs. Whilst we prioritise the teaching of Catholicity, we also study other faiths in our curriculum and the children are always very interested and respectful as we **learn about and learn from** other faiths. This week, the children in all year groups have been studying **Judaism** and aspects of the Jewish faith, practices and festivals. To support this work, the children had the opportunity to look at a range of resources such as a Sedar meal plate, a model synagogue, replica Torah Scrolls and talk about why these are important in Judaism. Thank you to Miss O'Hare, the RE Lead, for helping to organise this work. Early Years classes will also learn about the Jewish festival of Chanukah later this term.



The Reception classes had a wonderful opportunity this week to learn more about **Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights**. This very important celebration took place over 5 days last week and was celebrated by members of the Hindu, Sikh and Jain religions around the world. Mrs Pindoria, a member of staff at the Infant School, helped the children to learn more about this festival and why it is so important in her faith. She shared the clothes that are worn and how families celebrate this festival together. The children really enjoyed sharing these experiences and we are very appreciative that Mrs Pindoria went to so much effort to make this learning so fun and memorable for them.



Thank you to all the Junior children who entered the **Writing Competition** on the topic of "Migration" and Miss Brennan was overwhelmed by the number of entries and the quality of the writing. It was very difficult to select the winners and we wish we were able to offer places for all the entrants to join the cinema prize trip. Thank you to everyone and congratulations to the children who received certificates today and will join Miss Brennan on this trip. A very big thank you also to Miss Brennan, the English Lead at the Juniors, for organising this event to promote and celebrate writing at school.

Enjoy the weekend.

Miss J. O'Prey

Headteacher

STAR OF THE WEEK

Infants

N	Sumaiya
Ra	Adhvi
Rb	Dominic

1a	Edwin
1b	Robert
2a	Esther
2b	Olivia R.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Juniors

3A	Isabella
3B	Kayden
4A	Aliyah
4B	Albert

5A	Maria
5B	David
Year 6	Honor

Writing Laureate: Neve (3B)

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations
to 2a, 4a & 4b
for having the
highest
attendance!



Class	%
R1	83
R2	85
1A	91
1B	95
2A	99
2B	96
3A	96
3B	96
4A	99
4B	99
5A	98
5B	95
Year 6	98

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 10th November 2024

This Sunday's Gospel shows us that even the smallest of good deeds, done with love, does not escape Jesus' attention. The widow's gift was so little that, in some ways, it would hardly make much difference. But Jesus reminds us that the amount we give is not as important as the love with which we give a gift. **The Word** we are focusing on this week is **Gift**.

Jesus said, "Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted with respect in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive." He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over but she, from the little she had, has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on."

Adapted from The Gospel of Mark 2:38-44

The 32nd Sunday of **Ordinary Time**, Year B

AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	6a	Daren
Courage	3b	Adam
Commitment	6a	Kodie
Safety	5b	Annamary
Excellence	5a	Great
Truth	4a	Julien
Respect	3a	Semilore
Justice	4b	Alfreda
Commitment	N	Asaiah
	Ra	Liam
	Rb	Enzo
	1a	David
	1b	Millicent
	2a	Mandy
	2b	Michael

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Chloe & Yannis
Year 4	Feynman & Vida
Year 5	Desbrowne & Arthur
Year 6	Patryk

KEY DATES

13/11/24	Open Evening for September 2025 Year 3 Applications	Junior School 5.30pm
15/11/24	Class 4A Assembly	Junior School 9.00am
15/11/24	Non-uniform day and Christmas Fayre donations at both schools	
22/11/24	Class 4B Assembly	Junior School 9.00am
02/12/24	Go Purple Day	Both Schools
03/12/24 04/12/24	Reception Nativity Play	Infant School (9:30am)
06/12/24	<u>Christmas Fair</u> Own Cloths Day	Both Schools 3:30pm-6:00pm
11/12/24 12/12/24	KS1 Nativity Play	9:15 am Infant School
11/12/24	KS2 Carol Service	Church 6:00pm
12/12/24	Christmas jumper & Christmas lunch	Both Schools

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Mrs. Stanley



Ms. Bourke



Miss O'Prey



Mr Mc Creadie



Mrs Griffin





ANNUNCIATION SCHOOLS CHRISTMAS FAYRE 6TH DECEMBER 2024

Where: Annunciation Junior School

When: 6th December 2024

Time: 3:30 - 6:30pm

£1 entry for adults



TICKETS

Tickets to visit Father Christmas will be available in advance from Monday 18th November. The charge is £3 per ticket. Time slots will be allocated to prevent overcrowding and long waits.

Raffle tickets will also be available to purchase from Monday 18th November. We have some amazing prizes including:
Electric toothbrushes, Airfryer, Slow Cooker,
Electric throw, Tablet, Hampers
and many more!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE DONATIONS

Ho Ho Ho! Big shout out to our awesome school families! Your support makes these events possible! We're asking for your generous donations again this year. After the October half term, donation boxes will be set up in each classroom. Check the list below for your class's Christmas name and some donation suggestions.





CLASS CHRISTMAS BOXES

<u>Box Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Donation</u>
Twinkles	Nursery	New toys/games
Mrs Claus	Reception A	Cleaning products
Jingle Bells	Reception B	Cleaning products
Snowballs	Year 1 A	Gift sets
Frosty	Year 1 B	Gift sets
Tinsel	Year 2 A	Food & Chocolates
Gingerbread	Year 2 B	Food & Chocolates
Dasher	Year 3 A	Candles & toiletries
Dancer	Year 3 B	Candles & toiletries
Prancer	Year 4 A	Gift sets
Vixen	Year 4 B	Gift sets
Comet	Year 5 A	Wine & Spirits
Cupid	Year 5 B	Wine & Spirits
Rudolph	Year 6	Wine & Spirits