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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,

During the month of October all year groups have been focusing on **The Rosary** and why this prayer is so important in helping us to grow closer to Jesus and His mother, Mary. The Junior classes shared their work on the Rosary prayer during a special assembly today. Each year group focused on a different mystery of the Rosary and explained the importance of these events in the life of Jesus and our connection to him. The children shared some of the work they have completed this month, including short role plays, freeze frames and art work. Thank you to everyone who took part in this beautiful celebration and also to our wonderful Prayer Leaders, the Diddy Doms, who have helped others to pray the Rosary at their lunchtime clubs throughout October.



Thank you again children and parents and families for your support of the sponsored **PE event** last week at the Infant School and we have continued to receive sponsorship money. We now have almost **£600** available for the school to spend on PE and games equipment, as well as the charity receiving a separate donation. Thank you for this fantastic support.



Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Years 1 to 6 Parent Consultation meetings this week. There was a great turnout and it was lovely to see so many smiling faces after you had spoken with your child's teacher. This is a very valuable opportunity to talk together about how your child has settled in to their new year group, their successes and next steps in learning. Please contact the school to arrange an appointment if you were unable to join us this week. Reception parents will continue to have their meetings after joining a 'Stay and Play' session during this term and Nursery parents are also being invited to meet with their child's teacher at different times in the coming weeks.

The PTA are already hard at work with preparations for the Christmas Fayre and making sure it's a fantastic event that can be enjoyed by the whole family. To support their



raffles, tombola and other stalls, they are requesting all children bring in a donation on the **non-uniform day on Friday 15th November**. Details of the items requested for each year group are included on the separate PTA Letter attached with this Newsletter. All your donations on non-uniform day will benefit the Fayre and of course the schools themselves, thank you in advance for your support of these events.

Harvest Festival Donations



A huge thank you for your Harvest Festival donations to a local foodbank. You have been incredibly generous in your response to this request and really helped us live out our Catholic mission and social teachings by helping others through our actions. Your donations will make a real difference to so many local families facing hardship at this time. We have been overwhelmed with the amount of donations received; every single item is really appreciated. The photos below show just a selection of the donations



received at each school but there were many, many more food and toiletry items received. In fact, we received so many donations that we have been able to support a second local foodbank, in addition to the foodbank at St. James' High School, St. Alphage Church in Burnt Oak also offer this valuable support and they were delighted to receive donations and be able to help even more members of our local community. Our Junior School Diddy Doms were a wonderful help in unpacking and sorting the donations and the Infant School House Captains and Vice-Captains also helped with this and travelled with staff to donate the items at the foodbank.



Finally, a very warm welcome back to Mrs Griffin who returned to school this week after celebrating the birth of her son earlier in the year. We are delighted to have Mrs Griffin back with us and she will be working with Class 3B after the half-term. Miss Vlouti has taught the class since the beginning of this term and we are very appreciative of all her work with Year 3 classes since Mrs Griffin began her maternity leave. We hope Miss Vlouti will help us with teaching cover at other times in the future but want to say a very special thank you and we have really enjoyed working with her over the last several months. We also welcome Mr Yu, he will be taking over the role of Site-Manager as we say goodbye to Mr Gimmi today.

Have a very happy and safe half-term holiday with your family and we look forward to seeing all the children back in school on **Monday 4th November**.

Miss J. O'Prey
Headteacher



STAR OF THE WEEK



Infants

N	Sinadi
Ra	Theo B
Rb	Kiara

1a	Bella -Rose
1b	Jozef
2a	Haily
2b	Oliver



STAR OF THE WEEK



Juniors

3A	Harry
3B	Gemima
4A	Pietra
4B	Elias

5A	Charles
5B	Ghazal
Year 6	Mateo

Writing Laureate:

Chloe (3A)

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations
to **3a & 4b**
for having the
highest
attendance!



Class	%
R1	82
R2	92
1A	91
1B	93
2A	84
2B	99
3A	100
3B	95
4A	91
4B	100
5A	97
5B	92
Year 6	99

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 27th October 2024

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the story of the blind man who called on Jesus and showed courage. Putting our faith in Jesus and his teachings gives us the courage to do the right thing. **The Word** we are focusing on this week is **courage**, it comes from the Latin word for 'heart' and it means that you are brave. Courage is a gift of the Holy Spirit, it makes us strong.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, there was a blind man, called Bartimaeus, sitting at the roadside begging. When Bartimaeus heard that it was Jesus who was walking by, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me! Help me!" Some of the people in the crowd told him to be quiet, but he began to shout louder until Jesus heard him. Then Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here." So they said to the blind man, "Have courage! Get up! Jesus is calling you." The man threw off his cloak, jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus said, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said, "Master, let me see again." Then Jesus said to him, "Go! Your faith has saved you." And at once the man's sight returned and he followed Jesus along the road.

Adapted from The Gospel of Mark 10:46-52

The 30th Sunday of **Ordinary Time**, Year B

AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	6a	Joshua
Respect	6a	Kayden
Commitment	5b	Raisa
Safety	5a	Emalie
Excellence	4b	Alicja
Truth	3b	Eva
Respect	3a	Sarah
Justice	4a	Hyeon
Justice	N	Aodha
	Ra	Doron
	Rb	Mathilde
	1a	Valentine
	1b	Jaida
	2a	Olivia H
	2b	Aliyana A

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Saoirse & Jessie
Year 4	Zara & Vida
Year 5	Deanu & Elliot
Year 6	Tommy

KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/Time
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November — Half Term.		
School reopens Monday 4th November		
04/11/24	Open Evening for September 2025 Nursery & Reception Applications	Infant School 5.30pm
05/11/24	School Photos	Both Schools
08/11/24	Class 5B Assembly	Junior School 9.00am
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
22/11/24	Class 4B Assembly	Junior School 9.00am

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