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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,

As you may have seen on Class Dojo, we are celebrating **Harvest Festival** with the children before the half-term and we are asking for your support with donations to our local foodbank. We would greatly appreciate any non-perishable items of food or even toiletries and the donations will be distributed to our local foodbank at St. James' High School. This foodbank supports local families facing hardship, including families who attend the school. Thank you for your support and kindness during this and any fundraising events we have in school. The children are always keen to think about how their actions help others and really live out Catholic Social Teaching principles by caring for others in need and helping everyone to live with dignity. Please see Dojo for the suggested items and send into school by **Tuesday 22nd October**. Thank you.

Class 3A shared a beautiful assembly today on the theme of Harvest and World Food Day. They reminded us how fortunate we are so many wonderful choices of food to enjoy and also to have all the food we need. The children spoke and sang very confidently in their first assembly in the Junior School - well done Class 3A. They also acted out the Gospel story of Jesus feeding the crowd of five thousand people to help us understand how we can try to live out his teachings in our daily lives and actions. Thank you Class 3A for such a thoughtful and meaningful assembly and thank you also to Miss Barry for all her work with the children.

Thank you to all the Reception parents who joined us in the classroom on Tuesday as part of a **Phonics Workshop**. The children really enjoyed sharing their learning with you and we know how helpful parents found it to see the daily phonics teaching in action. The Reception teachers then shared a very informative workshop on how to support with phonics and early reading at home. Thank you to all the Reception team for organising this event and to Miss Martin and Miss Driscoll for all their work on leading it. We have also enjoyed welcoming groups of parents to our new weekly "Stay and Play" sessions in Reception and sharing your child's learning together.

We had a wonderful visit from two gymnasts to the Infant School on Thursday. The gymnast are two of the athletes supported by the charity 'Great Athletes' and they led fun fitness circuits with the Reception, Years 1 and 2 classes. The children really enjoyed taking part in the circuits and also watching a fantastic gymnastic display by our visitors. Thank you to all the parents, family members and friends for your incredible generosity in sponsoring the children to take part, we are so appreciative of your support. The money raised will help the charity with its work and will also help the school to buy new PE or playtime equipment.



The **Junior School Parliament** enjoyed a very special visit to The Palace of Westminster today to see Parliament in action! Miss Horgan and Miss Kristjana accompanied the group as they observed MP's debating in the House of Commons and we look forward to hearing more about the visit and how it has inspired them in their school leadership role.

We sadly say goodbye to our Site-Manager Mr Gimmi next week. Mr Gimmi has been working at our schools for almost three years and has decided it is the right time to move to a new post outside of education. We thank him for all his hard work and care of our premises during the time he has spent at Annunciation Schools and his smiling face and helpful nature will be very much missed by everyone. Thank you Mr Gimmi and we wish you every happiness and good luck in the future.

Enjoy the Autumn sunshine.

Miss J. O'Prey
Headteacher

★ STAR OF THE WEEK ★

Infants

| | |
|----|--------|
| N | Nora |
| Ra | Eva |
| Rb | Lottie |

| | |
|----|------------------|
| 1a | Edwin |
| 1b | Rory |
| 2a | Angelos |
| 2b | Kensleey Rose |

★ STAR OF THE WEEK ★

Juniors

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|----|---------|
| 3A | Andreaa |
| 3B | Bamise |
| 4A | Hana |
| 4B | Aiden |

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|--------|-----------|
| 5A | Elizabeth |
| 5B | Zofia |
| Year 6 | Aimon |

Writing Laureate: Daniel (4B)

ATTENDANCE

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



| Class | % |
|--------|----|
| R1 | 91 |
| R2 | 86 |
| 1A | 90 |
| 1B | 98 |
| 2A | 96 |
| 2B | 93 |
| 3A | 96 |
| 3B | 95 |
| 4A | 97 |
| 4B | 99 |
| 5A | 98 |
| 5B | 98 |
| Year 6 | 97 |

AIS and AJS VALUES

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|------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Tolerance | 5b | Ruby |
| Respect | 6a | Setemi |
| Commitment | 5a | Sienna |
| Safety | 4b | Amelia |
| Excellence | 4a | Lindzey |
| Truth | 3a | Clementine |
| Courage | 6a | Naomi-Rae |
| Justice | 3b | Blessing |
| Courage | N Ra Rb 1a 1b 2a 2b | Soso Enoh Madina Leona Robert Liliana Adon |

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 20th October 2024

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches the disciples how to be truly great. Being kind, self-giving, thoughtful and helpful are great qualities. It's not always easy to live our lives in this way but it is the way that God want us to live, to become the best that we can be. **The Word** we are focusing on this week is **greatness**.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus and said, "Master, we want you to do us a favour." Jesus said, "What is it you want me to do for you?" They answered, "When you come into your glory, allow one of us to sit at your right hand and the other at your left." When the other ten heard this they began to feel angry with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said, "You know how some rulers want to order people around and to control them. Well, you must not be like that. Whoever wants to be truly great must follow my example and be like a servant to others. I did not come to be served – I came to serve, and to give my life for other people."

Adapted from The Gospel of Mark 10:35-45

The 29th Sunday of **Ordinary Time**, Year B

Maths Superstars

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| Year 3 | Justin & Sofia |
| Year 4 | Angela & Ella |
| Year 5 | Jakub & Jenny |
| Year 6 | Jasper |

KEY DATES

| Date | What | Where/Time |
|---|--|-----------------------|
| 21st & 23rd October | Years 1 and 2 Parent Consultation Meetings | 3.30pm - 5.50pm |
| 22nd & 24th October | Years 3 to 6 Parent Consultation Meetings | 3.40pm - 5.40pm |
| 25/10/24 | Trip Information Meeting for Parent Volunteers | Junior School 3.00 pm |
| Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November—Half Term | | |
| 04/11/24 | Open Evening for September 2025 Nursery & Reception Applications | Infant School 5.30pm |
| 08/11/24 | Class 5B Assembly | Junior School 9.00am |
| 15/11/24 | Class 4A Assembly | Junior School 9.00am |
| 15/11/24 | Christmas Fair Donation-Own Clothes Day (Both Schools) | |

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Ms. Bourke



Miss O'Prey



Mr Mc Creadie



Mrs. Stanley

