



THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

We celebrated the feast day of St. Catherine of Siena on 29th April, one of our School Saints. St. Catherine lived almost 700 years ago and became a Dominican nun. She always spoke honestly about her beliefs and was very respected for her courage and wisdom. St. Catherine once said **“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.”** Her message is close to our hearts as it is the **Mission Statement of Annunciation Schools**, reflecting our school ethos and actions. Her words guide us to recognise and celebrate every child’s unique talents and gifts and the values we wish to develop. We encourage our children to develop their talents and grow into confident individuals who contribute to a better society. We believe that by being true to themselves, every member of our school community can make a lasting, positive mark on the world.



During the month of May we also honour **Mary, the Mother of God**. Mary is a wonderful example of faith and devotion and the most honoured female Saint in our Church. During this month we will celebrate Mary's virtues of faith, courage and trust as she accepted God’s will for her. Mary also calls each one of us to live as honestly and fully as we can, using our unique gifts to make a difference to our community and the wider world. In the Infant School children will bring home prayer bags and Rosary cards to share and pray together with family members. In the Juniors, children will be invited to join in with the Rosary prayer time and reflection taking place each week in the outside Prayer Garden. We will also think about how to celebrate Mary’s life and example to us in art, music and other curriculum work this month.



Thank you to everyone who was able to support our **Book Fair in the Junior School** this week. The children enjoyed looking at familiar and new book titles when they visited the Fair and every book sold helps us to buy new books for class libraries.

This really helps us to encourage children to read for pleasure and become more confident readers.

We have been able to order new books worth a total of around **£400** for classes—this is incredible and thank you again for supporting the children to have a love of reading.

The **Perform4Schools Drama group** visited the Infant School this week and led workshops with Reception, Years 1 and 2 classes. The children really enjoyed taking part in the dram activities, based on the story of Peter Pan.



Have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday.

Miss J O’Prey

Headteacher



STAR OF THE WEEK



Infants

N	Theo
Ra	Lorenzo
Rb	Kiarash

1a	Liliana
1b	Olivia
2a	Blessing
2b	Danial



STAR OF THE WEEK



Juniors

3A	Zara
3B	Matias
4A	Lydia

4B	Maya
5B	Honor
6A	Long
6B	Jacob

ATTENDANCE

Class	%
R1	95
R2	95
1a	87
1b	87
2a	86
2b	88
3a	90
3b	98
4a	96
4h	95
5b	95
6a	95
6b	97

Congratulations
to **3b**
for having the
highest
attendance!



AIS & AJS VALUES

Tolerance	5b	Patryk
Truth	6b	Alexander
Commitment	4b	David P
Safety	4a	Jaden
Excellence	3b	Alicija
Justice	3a	Prince
Courage	6a	Bryan
Excellence	N Ra Rb 1a 1b 2a 2b	Amelie Mircea Xing Benjamin Patryk Mattias Dimah

KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/Time
20-24 May	Walk to School Week	
22/05/24	Class 1A Assembly	Infant School 9.00am
03/06/24	Staff training - schools closed for pupils	
12/06/24	Class 1B Assembly	Infant School 9.00am
19/06/24	Class 2A Assembly	Infant School 9.00am
21/06/24	PTA Summer Fair	Junior School 3.30-6.00pm
26/06/24	Class 2B Assembly	Infant School 9.00am
04/07/24	Years 3-6 Sports Morning	Junior School 10am-12.15pm
05/07/24	Reception and Years 1 and 2 Sports Morning	Junior School 10am-12pm
10/07/24	Year 2 Leavers' Mass	Church 9.00am

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Tianna & Autumn
Year 4	Tamara & Amalia
Year 5	Sefora
Year 6	Ava-Sophia & Angelina

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus entrusts his friends, the disciples, with his message of unconditional love, and asks them to carry it to the whole world - not just in their words but also in their actions.

Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you *friends*, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another."

Adapted from John 15:9-17 The 6th Sunday of Easter, Year B

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Ms. Bourke



Mrs Attwell



Miss O'Prey



Mr Mc Creadie



Mrs. Stanley



