

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,

Welcome back to school and we hope everyone had a wonderful summer break. It has been lovely to see the children return to school ready to begin their new school year and we hope this will be a very happy and successful year for every child who is part of our Annunciation Schools family. Our new Years 1 and 2 pupils have settled in very well at the Infant School and we look forward to the new Nursery and Reception children starting from next week. Years 3 to 6 classes have also settled in well at the Junior School and we especially welcome the Year 3 pupils who have moved up from Infants and several other children who are new to our schools this year.

A very warm welcome also to the new teaching staff who have joined Annunciation Schools - Miss Finnigan (Year 1), Miss Batiste (Year 2), Miss Hamid (Year 3) and Miss Rioux who is covering Mrs Griffin's maternity leave in Year 3.

The children have been very enthusiastic about getting back to learning and they look very smart in their uniform. Just a reminder that summer uniform can be worn this half-term before the switch to winter uniform. All children from Reception to Year 6 are expected to wear the new PE uniform on their two PE days by October half-term at the latest. Please check the website for our policy on uniform, including shoes, trainers and jewellery.

Curriculum Meetings for Parents

Curriculum Meetings take place next week for Key Stages 1 and 2 classes and hope as many parents as possible will be able to join us. The meetings are a great opportunity to find out helpful information about your child's new year group, the curriculum being covered and how you can support learning at home. You will receive timetables and key dates and have an opportunity to ask your child's new teacher any questions you may have. The Year 4 and 6 meetings start later at 4.00pm but please do come in straight after school to visit your child's classroom first if your meeting is later.

Building Improvements

Building work began at each school in the summer holidays and will continue until half-term. We are delighted with what has already been achieved to improve our premises and the works will not cause any disruption to the children or staff now we are back in school. Several roofs have already been replaced or repaired at the Infant School and this work will continue until October.

Improvements to the main playground surface and play equipment have also started and some corridors have been redecorated. All of the building work will help to make the building dry and warmer for the children and will also freshen up many of the shared and corridor areas the children use. CCTV has been installed at the Junior School and old playground planters and benches replaced. Outside gates and fencing will be replaced during the half-term break and all of this work will help make the premises even more secure.

The Diocese is helping us to pay for much of these works, however as a Voluntary Aided Catholic school we are responsible for 10% of all building costs. This is why your donations to the Governors Building Fund each year are so important as they help us fund the 10% cost of any necessary building works and we will be asking parents to make their building donations for this year on Parent pay as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your generous support to help our school buildings be as safe, welcoming and comfortable as possible for our children to learn in.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the return of the sunshine!

Miss J. O'Prey

STAR OF THE WEEK

Infants

1a	Noah
1b	Dominic
2a	Hennessy
2b	Ornela

STAR OF THE WEEK

Juniors

3A	Denver	5A	Pietra
3B	Eirola	5B	Ellis
4A	Isabella	6A	Divine
4B	Adam	6B	Bonita

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations
to **6B**
for having the
highest
attendance!



Class	%
R1	
R2	
1A	
1B	
2A	
2B	
3A	96
3B	96
4A	91
4B	86
5A	91
5B	93
6A	94
6B	97

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 7th September 2025

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that, to be Jesus' friends, we must put our loyalty to him before anything else in our life. Being loyal to Jesus is not always easy. He asks us to take up our cross. This means that we must sometimes do difficult things like saying sorry or helping when we don't want to. **The Word** we are thinking about this week is **LOYALTY**.

Great crowds followed Jesus on his way and he said to them, "If you want to be my disciple, you must love God more than anything else, even more than your family and even more than you love yourself. If you really want to be my disciple, you must be willing to carry your cross and follow me." Then Jesus gave them this example: "Suppose a builder wanted to build something. Would he not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, 'Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish what he started.' So, you must be willing to give up everything you have if you want to be my disciple"

Adapted from The Gospel of Luke 14:25-33

The 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	3a	Liliana
Courage	4a	Eimear
Commitment	6b	Emalie
Safety	6a	Maya
Excellence	5b	Nathan
Truth	4b	Sofia
Respect	3b	Ethan
Justice	5a	Joseph
Commitment	1a	Zeynab
	1b	Esther
	2a	Bryan
	2b	Akim

KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/When
Parents/Carer Curriculum Information Meetings		
08/09/35	Years 1 and 2 (KS1)	Infant School 3.20—3.50pm
09/09/25	Years 5 and 6 Year 6 parents welcome to visit your child's classroom before later meeting	Junior School Year 5—3.30pm Year 6—4.00pm
10/09/25	Years 3 and 4 Year 3 parents welcome to visit your child's classroom before later meeting	Junior School Year 3—3.30pm Year 4—4.00pm
16/09/25	Welcome Mass for New School Year Years 1 to 6 classes.	The Annunciation Church 11.00am Parents welcome to attend
September 2026 Nursery and Reception Applications -		Infant School 14/10/25 at 5.30pm
Parent Information Meeting and Tour of School		16/10/25 at 9.30am

Annunciation Schools Safeguarding Team

Miss Martin



Ms. Bourke



Miss O'Prey



Mr McCreadie



Mrs. Stanley

