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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,

Last Friday's Summer Fayre was a great success and thank you to the whole school community for your support of this event. We are delighted to let you know that **the Fayre raised £3,600** - this is an incredible amount of money to support projects in both schools which benefit our children. A very special thanks and well done to all of our PTA, led by the Chair, Ms Daly and Ms Druca, Mrs Fadden-Grimes and Miss Damms who have been central in organising the Fayre. It has taken a huge effort to put on this fun-filled event for our school community and it was wonderful to see the children and families really enjoying the different activities, raffle, food and other stalls taking place. Thank you to all the parents who also helped with so many of these stalls and events, including our DJ, Mr Fulga, and our fantastic team of staff across both schools. We are incredibly lucky to have the support of our families in coming to this event and others throughout the year to benefit the children in our schools. Finally, our governors, Fr. Chinedu and Mrs Mwangi, were really impressed with the entries for the 'Bake Off' competition—well done to everyone who took part.

Building Improvements to Both Schools

Important building work are taking place at both school sites throughout the summer holidays and early into next half term. These works will not cause any major disruption to the children when we return to school and will really help to improve our premises. Several roofs are being replaced or repaired at the Infant School, along with improvements to the main playground surface and some new play equipment. This will help to make the building dry and warmer as we go into the winter months and there will also be redecoration of the corridor areas. The Junior School work includes improvements to outside gates and fencing and CCTV being installed to help make the premises even more secure.

We have been very fortunate to have secured significant amounts of funding from the Diocese 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 to fund these necessary building works.

Year 2 Leavers' Mass

Year 2 celebrated their Leavers' Mass yesterday in the Church and the children read and sang beautifully. It was lovely to see so many parents and family members join us for this beautiful Mass and celebrate this part of the children's faith journey. Thank you to Fr. Chinedu for celebrating Mass and helping the children to think about all they have achieved since they joined the Infant School and to know they always have Jesus as their friend. We are very proud of every one of this group and know they will continue to shine and be "Pilgrims of Hope" as they move into Juniors.



Year 6 Leavers' Mass

Today we also said a special goodbye to our Year 6 pupils as they celebrated their Leavers' Mass at school and it was a very emotional occasion. Fr. Chinedu spoke to the children about the wonderful memories they will take with them from their time at The Annunciation Schools and to remember that Jesus will always be with them, helping them to meet new challenges in the future. We know they will continue to do their best and make themselves proud, just as we are so proud of them. Thank you children for your participation in the Mass and for leaving us with so many wonderful memories of each one of you.

Class 5A Assembly

Class 5A led a beautiful assembly today on Pope Francis' "**Laudato Si**" teachings ten years ago and why it is still so important today. The children reminded us that we all share one world or "common home" together and there are enough resources for everyone to have the food, water and other materials they need. The children shared a lovely role-play of how God created our beautiful earth and how we can all help to look after the world and not waste its resources. Thank you Class 5A for this very important message and your song to help us appreciate it really is a "Wonderful World" we share together. Thank you also to parents and family members for joining us at this final assembly of the year. A very big thank you to Miss Carroll and Miss Brown who have worked so well with the class and helped them to prepare this assembly.



Year 1 and Year 3 Trips

Year 1 enjoyed a visit to the RAF Museum today as part of their “Aeroplanes and Other transport” topic. The children have also been learning about a famous female pilot, Amy Johnson, as part of their work on people who inspire us. The children really enjoyed the visit to this fantastic local museum and thank you to all the parent helpers who joined and made the trip such a success.

Year 3 also had a very enjoyable trip earlier in the week to Boston Manor House as part of their Geography mapping work and also linked to their History work this year. Thank you Year 3 for being such wonderful ambassadors for the school and thanks to all the parents who joined us to support the trip.

Staffing and Classes for Next Year

We are delighted to let you know about new members of staff who will be part of Annunciation family next year. We welcome Miss Finnigan and Miss Batiste to the Infant School, they join us in Years 1 and 2. We also welcome new members of teaching staff to the Junior school. Miss Hamid and Miss Rioux both join us in Year 3, Mrs O’Carroll will also be working as part of the Year 3 team and Mrs Griffin will be returning later in Autumn term to Year 3. All the children have now met their teaching and support staff and the attached table gives details of staffing for each class in September.

End of Term and Next Academic Year Dates

Both schools finish earlier than usual on the final day of term, Friday 18th July. Please collect your child from the **Infant School at 1.15pm** and from the **Junior School at 1.25pm**.

School **reopens for all new years 1 to 6 children on Tuesday 2nd September**. Our new Nursery and Reception children have their own starting dates.

We are inviting Years 1 to 6 parents to join us for **Curriculum Information meetings in the second week of Autumn term**, please see the dates on the next page for your child’s year group.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss J. O’Prey

Headteacher

Year Group	Class A	Class B
Nursery	Miss Lynch, Mrs Mather and Miss Clarke	
Reception	Miss Martin & Miss Yaslem	Miss Driscoll & Miss Cat
Year 1	Miss Odoi, Miss Cartin & Miss Halla	Miss Finnigan, Mrs Shan & Miss Besa
Year 2	Miss Batiste & Miss Zurawicz	Miss Toal, Mrs Brett & Miss Ginty
Year 3	Miss Hamid, Mrs O’Carroll & Miss Marquez	Mrs Griffin, (Miss Rioux ma- ternity cover) & Miss Douglas
Year 4	Miss Pllana & Miss Kristjana	Mrs Nagle & Miss Camara
Year 5	Miss Horgan & Miss Taub	Ms Gimmi
Year 6	Miss Brennan & Mrs Vara	Miss Barry & Miss Calloni



STAR OF THE WEEK

Infants

N	Yoosan
Ra	Nevaeh
Rb	Sienna O

1a	Eleanor
1b	Mary
2a	Ionela
2b	Baran



STAR OF THE WEEK

Juniors

3A	Muhammad
3B	Cedric
4A	Farida
4B	Cuba

5A	Tamara
5B	Megan
Year 6	Daren



ATTENDANCE

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



Class	%
R1	96
R2	91
1A	93
1B	98
2A	98
2B	97
3A	100
3B	96
4A	98
4B	96
5A	92
5B	97
Year 6	88

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 13th July 2025

In this Sunday's Gospel we read about the Good Samaritan. Through this parable, Jesus answers a question from a lawyer and tells us that our neighbour is any person who needs our help, regardless of who they are or where they come from. **The Word** we are thinking about this week is **Neighbour**.

There was a lawyer who, to unsettle Jesus, stood up and said, "Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" The lawyer replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." "You have answered right," said Jesus. "Do this and life is yours." But the man then said, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was robbed on his way down from Jerusalem. He was badly beaten and left for dead. Two people passed by without helping him. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He bandaged his wounds and took him to the inn and looked after him and paid for him to stay there. Which person proved himself a neighbour to this man who fell into the robbers' hands?" "The one, who took pity on him," the lawyer replied. Jesus said to him, "Go, and do the same yourself."

Adapted from The Gospel of Luke 10: 25-37

The 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	5a	Maria
Courage	6a	Tommy
Commitment	4b	Aidan
Safety	4a	Alana
Excellence	3b	Vlad
Truth	6a	Gabriel
Respect	5b	Thierry
Justice	3a	Michael
Tolerance	N Ra Rb 1a 1b 2a 2b	Nora Hazel Daniel Maya Jaida Maya Ethan

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Arafat & Kayden
Year 4	Angela & Riley
Year 5	Desbrowns & Divine

KEY DATES

12-07-25	The Annunciation Church Summer Fayre Saturday 12th July — Church/Parish Hall 12.00-4.00pm	
14-07-25	Year 6 Play	Junior School 6.00pm
17-07-25	Rocksteady Concerts—Junior School 9.30am Infant School 2.30pm	
18-07-25	Schools Close for Summer break— early closure	Infant School 1.15pm Junior School 1.25pm

New 2025-2026 School Year — Schools reopens for all Years 1 to 6 pupils on Tuesday 2nd September 2025

September Parent Curriculum Information Meetings

08-09-25	Years 1 and 2 (KS1)	Infant School 3.20—3.50pm
09-09-25	Years 3 and 4	Junior School Year 3 at 3.30pm Year 4 at 4.00pm
10-09-25	Years 5 and 6	Junior School Year 5 at 3.30pm Year 6 at 4.00pm

Parents are welcome to visit your child's classroom while waiting for the later meetings.

Annunciation Schools Safeguarding Team

Miss Martin



Ms. Bourke



Miss O'Prey



Mr McCreadie



Mrs. Stanley

