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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,

Class Assemblies

On Wednesday **Class 2A** led the final Infant School Assembly of the school year and their final assembly before moving to Juniors next term. The children have been thinking about **"Where is God?"** in our school and our world and they shared a very beautiful and moving assembly on where they see God in each of their lives. The children talked about the incredible shared home God has given us to enjoy and how we must care for our world. They also spoke about and role-played different scenes to show how our actions are a way of showing God is with us. The children sang, spoke and acted very confidently and really worked together as a team to share their message. Thank you Class 2A for helping us remember how we live out God's teachings in the way we treat and care for each other and how God is always with us. You were a wonderful example of where God can be found in our schools. Thank you also to the parents for your fantastic support and to Miss Toale, Mrs Brett and Miss Ginty for their amazing work with the children.

Class 4B also thought about the beautiful world God has given us during their assembly today when they celebrated the **Summer Solstice**. The children spoke and acted very confidently to help us understand why we are so fortunate to have our changing seasons and how people of different faiths have celebrated the summer solstice for thousand of years. The children also shared how different countries and cultures throughout the world recognise still this change in the seasons. They will be learning about 'Space' for their first topic in year 5 and this was a great introduction to how the sun is so important for our planet. Thank you Class 4B for such an enjoyable and informative assembly and sharing such this message on how we must all work together to care for God's world and that we everyone is such a valued part of our world. There was a great turn-out from parents and families to support the children, thank you. Thanks also to Miss Horgan for all her work with the class this year and in helping them prepare this special assembly.

Mrs McNamara

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs McNamara, our Office Manager at the Infant School. Mrs McNamara is retiring after 29 years of incredible commitment and service to the Infant School and will be greatly missed by the entire Annunciation school community. During her time at the school, Mrs McNamara has helped thousands of children and families and has been a hugely important part of our staff team. We are so grateful for everything Mrs McNamara has done to support the children, families and colleagues she has worked with over many years and would like to pass on our deepest thanks and best wishes to her on a happy, healthy and long retirement. Goodbye and good luck Mrs McNamara, we'll miss you.



Nursery and PE Uniform

It has taken us longer than hoped but we are very pleased to have now found a new supplier for the Nursery/ PE uniform and this will be in place for the new school year. The school-logo sweatshirts and jogging bottoms are to be worn by Nursery children as their daily uniform and by all other year groups for PE uniform. We will be letting parents know next week how to order these pieces of uniform in time for September or early next term. Thank you for your patience while we sorted out a new supplier.

Music Festival and Trips

Junior pupils from Years 4 to 6 took part in the rearranged Barnet Schools' Music Festival on Wednesday evening at Finchley Arts Depot. The children sang beautifully and the evening was a great celebration of their talents. The children really did themselves proud and enjoyed performing in front of the many parents and family members who joined them. Thank you to Mrs Stanley, our specialist music teacher, for her incredible work in both schools with the singing and music curriculum. Thanks also to Miss Kasmollari, Ms Calloni and Mr McCreadie who accompanied the children.



Year 6 have had a very enjoyable week taking part in a Geography Workshop in school and a visit in the local area to support their work on 'Rivers' The children also had a very interesting visit to The Tower of London today as part of their recent History work on the topic, "Crime and Punishment."

Upcoming Events

Just a reminder that we have **Parent meetings** taking place next week for **September Nursery, Reception and Year 3 classes**. Please see the dates on page 3 and reminders on Class Dojo for details.

Sports Days for all year groups (apart from Nursery) take place at the Junior Field next week and we hope you will be able to join us to enjoy the events and support the children.

The **Summer Fayre** is also taking place after school next Friday evening at the Junior Field, from 3.30pm to 6.00pm.

The **Year 2 and Year 6 Leavers' Masses** will both take place before the end of term and the **Year 6 Play**, all dates are shown below.

We are currently finalising staffing arrangements for classes next year and all the children will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher before the end of term. If any new member of staff joining the schools from September is unable to be here on the planned transition days, we will arrange a separate time for them all to meet before school finishes.

First Holy Communion Children

Congratulations again to all the children from Year 3 upwards who recently celebrated their First Holy Communion and we would be delighted to have a photo of each child/family to add to our entrance display board at the Junior School. Please email a photo into the Junior School office if you would like us to will print it here in school.

The Holy Communion Masses which took place at The Annunciation Church over the last two weeks were very special occasions and it was wonderful to see the children enjoying the Masses so much, supported by their families and catechists. Well done to everyone.



Finally, congratulations to Mrs Griffin and her family on the birth of her baby daughter recently. Mum and baby are both doing well and we wish them all the very best and look forward to meeting baby soon.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss J. O'Prey

STAR OF THE WEEK		STAR OF THE WEEK	
Infants		Juniors	
N	Anthony	3A	Eimear
Ra	Victor	3B	Isabelle
Rb	Ericson	4A	Farida
		4B	Autumn
		5A	Lydia
		5B	Jason O
		Year 6	Miguel

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations
to **3A & 4B**
for having the
highest
attendance!



Class	%
R1	95
R2	98
1A	97
1B	92
2A	98
2B	97
3A	99
3B	97
4A	98
4B	99
5A	97
5B	98
Year 6	96

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 29th June 2025

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul who did great work for the Church. Both of these men recognised Jesus as the Christ – the Son of the living God— and were given the important task of building Jesus’ Church on earth. Jesus established his Church as a reminder of God’s love for all people and showed that the Church is for everyone. **The Word** we are thinking about this week is **Church**.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, “Who do you say I am?” Then Simon Peter spoke up, “You are the Christ,” he said, “the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.”

Adapted from The Gospel of Matthew 16:13-19

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Year C

AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	3b	Yannis
Courage	5a	Great
Truth	5b	Ghazal
Safety	3a	Sarah
Excellence	6a	Mateo
Tolerance	4a	Alana
Respect	4b	Cuba
Justice	6a	Elena
Truth	N Ra Rb 1a 1b 2a 2b	Saoirse Lottie May Ayan Gabriel Ella Angelos

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Semilore & Mikayla
Year 4	Linzey & Nathan
Year 5	Elizabeth & Joshua

KEY DATES

30-06-25	New Year 3 Parents Meeting	Junior School 9.30am
01-07-25	New Reception Parents Meeting	Infant School 9.00am
	New Nursery Parents Meeting	Infant School 2.30pm
02-07-25	Junior School Sports Morning	10.00am to 12.15pm
04-07-25	Infant Schools Sports Morning	10.00am to 12.00pm
	Both at Junior School Field	
04-07-25	Class 5B Assembly	Junior School 9.00am
04-07-25	Summer Fayre at Junior School	3.30pm—6.00pm
07-07-25	Nursery Sports Morning—for <u>all</u> Nursery children.	Infant School 9.10am to approx. 10.10am
10-07-25	Year 2 Leavers’ Mass	The Church 9.00am
11-07-25	Class 5A Assembly	Junior School 9.00am
11-07-25	Year 6 Leavers’ Mass	Junior School 1.45pm
14-07-25	Year 6 Play	Junior School 6.30pm

Annunciation Schools Safeguarding Team

Miss Martin



Ms. Bourke



Miss O’Prey



Mr McCreadie



Mrs. Stanley

