



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,

Happy Easter and we were delighted to welcome the children back to school this week. We hope all our families had a very enjoyable and safe Easter break and enjoyed spending time together with family and friends. It has been lovely to return to school with warmer weather and brighter days and the children can now choose to wear the summer or winter uniform.

New Term and New Learning Opportunities

We are looking forward to lots of exciting learning opportunities taking place this term as children begin new topics in many areas of the curriculum. Here is a snapshot of some of the learning that has been begun this week and other good news!

The **Nursery** children came back to a new term and beautiful new furniture in their classroom! A fantastic new collection of tables, chairs, bookcases and other classroom furniture was in place for the first day of term and the children have really been enjoying using the new furniture during their learning activities. They have been very respectful about how they must help to take care of these wonderful new resources and use them well. Thanks to Ms Bourke and the Nursery Team for all their work to organise this exciting change to the classroom.



Nursery class are also enjoying their new topic **Down on the Farm**. This builds on their work last term when they studied different fruits, vegetables and herbs that we can grow at home to eat. This term the children will be learning about farm animals, what happens on the farm and the jobs involved and foods that come from farms.



Reception classes are enjoying learning about **Animals** this half-term, beginning with a non-fiction text on sharks and the information they want to research. The children are also finding and sorting 3-D shapes as part of their Maths work.



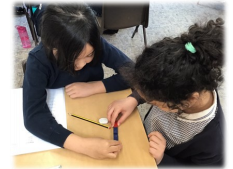
In **Year 1** the children are continuing to learn about **Greatest Explorers** in their History topic and have begun to study **Animal Vertebrates** in Science lessons.

Year 2 children are focusing on the geographical features of a **Zambian Village** and will also be investigating **Changing Materials** in Science.

All classes in the Infant School also enjoyed a wonderful **Animal Encounters Workshop** on Monday with a visiting company. After a whole-school assembly, each year group had time to interact with a variety of minibeasts, snakes and small mammals and find out more about their diet, habitat, life cycles and behaviour. The children really enjoyed this hands on learning and were very respectful and gentle when they handled the different animals.



Year 3 pupils are developing their skills as young scientists by **exploring magnets** and how they attract and repel each other. They are also investigating which materials are magnetic by testing a range of everyday objects.



In **Year 4** have been performing free verse poems very creatively this week and researching **Alexander Graham Bell**, learning about his role in inventing the first working telephone and its impact on communication.

Year 5 children successfully completed their "Soak the Teacher" Lenterprise event, raising money for the Catholic Children's Society. They have also begun their new history topic on **The Benin Kingdom**, where they are exploring why it was such a significant civilisation.



And finally, it's hard to believe but our amazing **Year 6** pupils have begun their last term at The Annunciation Schools. It will be a very busy term for the children as they continue to prepare for their SATs tests in May, School Journey in June and secondary transition. The children have worked incredibly hard and we are already very proud of all they have achieved; we hope this will be a very happy and memorable final term for them as part of our school family.

Have a great weekend and **happy St George's Day** in advance of 23rd April.



Miss J. O'Prey
Headteacher

KS1 'Star Writer' and KS2 'Writer of The Week' Awards

Year 1	Anthony & Diana	Year 4	Isabella & Kayden
Year 2	Malaika & Harry	Year 5	Hana & Larisa
Year 3	Bezalel & Paula	Year 6	Megan & Hebe

STAR OF THE WEEK

Infants

N	Matias	1A	Liam
RA	Filip	1B	George
RB	Radman	2A	Angela
		2B	Sara

STAR OF THE WEEK

Juniors

3A	Atharv	5A	Bella
3B	Olivia R	5B	Riley
4A	Kevin	6A	Thierry
4B	Carter	6B	Ayla

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations
to **1A & 2B**
for having the
highest



attendance!

Class	%
R1	97
R2	93
1A	100
1B	96
2A	99
2B	100
3A	92
3B	96
4A	97
4B	96
5A	96
5B	95
6A	95
6B	96

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 19th 2026

In this Sunday's Gospel we learn about how sad some disciples of Jesus were feeling until they recognised him on their way to Emmaus. The name 'Jesus' in Hebrew means 'God saves' and this gospel reminds us Jesus came to save us from doing wrong and to teach us how to live good lives. **The Word** we are celebrating this week is **Jesus**.

After Jesus had been crucified, two of his disciples were on their way to a village called Emmaus. They were feeling sad and talking together about all that had happened and how some women had seen a vision of angels who declared that Jesus was alive. Then as they were talking Jesus came and walked by their side and talked to them about the scriptures; but something prevented them from recognising him. As evening approached, the disciples begged Jesus to stay with them for supper. It was when Jesus took the bread, blessed it and broke it and gave it to them that their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but then he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?" Filled with joy, they set out immediately and returned to their friends to tell them all that had happened and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of the bread.

Adapted from The Gospel of Luke 24:13-35

The 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A

AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	4a	Josiah
Respect	4b	Adam
Commitment	3b	Aliyana
Truth	5b	Harper
Excellence	6b	Emalie
Safety	3a	Caleb
Courage	5a	Anastasia
Justice	6a	Arthur
Excellence	N	Maria
	RA	Mohammad
	RB	Ada
	1A	Ericson
	1B	Saanvi
	2A	Eremia
	2B	Ornela

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Cerys & Michael
Year 4	Ike & Blessing
Year 5	Zara O. & Matias
Year 6	Elliana C & Raoul

KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/When
24-04-26	Year 5 Parents Meeting – Autumn 2026 Secondary School Application Dates and Information	Junior School 2.45pm
29-04-26 to 01-05-26	Travelling Book Fair	Junior School
04-05-26	Schools Closed for Early May Bank Holiday	
06-05-26	Class 2A Assembly	Infant School 9.00am
20-05-26	Class 2B Assembly	Infant School 9.00am
21-05-26	Cultural Diversity Day	Infant School
22-05-26		Junior School

The Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Odoi

Miss Martin

Mrs Stanley Ms Bourke

Miss O'Prey

Mr McCreadie

Miss Brennan

Mrs Griffin

