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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,

Earth Day was celebrated around the world on 22nd April and in our schools. This event reminds us how and why we should try to protect our wonderful planet and the focus for 2026 was on renewable energy, **"Our Power, Our Planet"**.

Children in all year groups thought about how they can take action to protect our world and promote sustainable living. Nursery class planted sunflowers and made their own pictures of the earth and Reception also created beautiful paintings to celebrate the earth.

Ms Bourke organised a special assembly for Years 1 and 2 classes to celebrate God's amazing creation and think about how we can care for it. This led to lots of discussion with the children throughout the day (and the rest of the week) about ways to reduce waste and water usage and reuse materials. They have also thought about how we can all help to conserve energy by turning off lights and computer screens in school when they were not needed and walking where possible rather than using energy sources for car journeys.

Miss Barry organised activities for Junior year groups to make a difference to our school and local environment. Year 3 classes planted tomatoes (with seeds donated by a charity Miss Barry had contacted) and Year 4 went litter picking in the local area close to the school. Year 5 classes made bird feeders to use in the Prayer Garden and other outside spaces and Year 6 classes potted plants around the school grounds. Thank you to all the parents who donated plants to help us with this activity.

Thank you to all the staff and children who helped to make Earth Day such a special celebration of God's gift to us and your work to care for our earth.



Lenterprise Fundraising

Thank you to our amazing children for making the recent Lenterprise fundraising events so special and making such a positive difference to the lives of others. Thank you also to parents and family members or friends for your very generous support of events organised by each class/year group. There are still some final donations coming in but we are delighted to let you know that a total of **£776** was raised at the Infant School and almost **£1800** at the Juniors (with **£1500** of this being raised by Year 6 - amazing!), giving a **grand total of approximately £2576 raised by our family of schools.**

This is an incredible amount of money raised to support the important work done by different charities. It also shows the commitment of our whole school community in helping us live out our Catholic Social Teaching values and support our neighbours who are most in need, either locally or elsewhere in our world. The Infant School charities chosen were **The Catholic Children’s Society, CAFOD** and **The Peace Hospice**. Junior year groups chose to fundraise for **Laughter Africa, The Catholic Children’s Society** and **CAFOD** charities.

St. George’s Day

We celebrated St. George’s Day on April 23rd and have been thinking about why he is an important Saint and role model for us. St. George was a Roman soldier who became a Christian and died for his faith. He is the Patron Saint of England and many other countries and was celebrated around the world this week for his bravery and spreading the word of God. We also had some of his namesakes proudly celebrating their special name day.




Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Miss J. O’Prey
Headteacher




KS1 ‘Star Writer’ and KS2 ‘Writer of The Week’ Awards

Year 1 Noah & David	Year 4 Michael & Sofia
Year 2 Steve & Kiarash	Year 5 Aliyah & Nathan
Year 3 Hollie & Abigail	Year 6 Jasmine & Hebe




STAR OF THE WEEK

Infants




N		1A	Anna
RA	Grace	1B	Sienna O
RB	Louie	2A	Mary- Kate
		2B	Praise



STAR OF THE WEEK

Juniors



3A	Maya	5A	Sadie
3B	Kensleey Rose	5B	Solange
4A	Sarah	6A	Jason O
4B	Tobias	6B	Ayla

ATTENDANCE

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



attendance!

Class	%
R1	96
R2	97
1A	98
1B	98
2A	100
2B	100
3A	93
3B	94
4A	98
4B	97
5A	97
5B	98
6A	94
6B	93

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 26th April 2026

This Sunday is traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who leads us and keeps us safe, just like a shepherd with their sheep. He helps us to make the right choices and fills our lives with goodness and holiness. All we need to do is to follow him.

The Word we are celebrating this week is **FOLLOW**.

Jesus said, "I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock. When the shepherd has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger, but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers." The disciples failed to understand what Jesus meant. So Jesus spoke to them again: "I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: they will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. But I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full."

Adapted from The Gospel of John 10:1-10

The 4th Sunday of Easter, Year A

AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	4b	Neve
Respect	5a	Bella
Commitment	4a	Justin
Truth	6a	Maks
Excellence	3a	Ronan
Safety	3b	Paula
Courage	5b	Reagan
Excellence	6b	Emalie
Truth	RA	Asaiah
	RB	Saoirse
	1A	Ayan
	1B	Sam
	2A	Olivia
	2B	Dawid

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Denver & Mahan
Year 4	Eimear & Eduard
Year 5	Julien & Amelia
Year 6	Angelo & Raoul

KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/When
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
25- 29th May	Half-term break	
01-06-26	School closed to children on Monday 1st June due to Staff Training Day. All children return to school on Tuesday 2nd June	
01-02-26	Junior School Sports Morning	Junior School Field 10.00am
03-02-26	Infant School Sports Moring (Reception, Years 1 and 2 classes)	Junior School Field 10.00am

The Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Odoi

Miss Martin

Mrs Stanley Ms Bourke

Miss O'Prey

Mr McCreadie

Miss Brennan

Mrs Griffin

