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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,



We celebrated the feast day of St. Catherine of Siena, one of our School Saints, on 29th April. St. Catherine lived almost 700 years ago and became a Dominican nun. She always spoke honestly about her beliefs and was very respected for her courage and wisdom. One of her most famous quotes is ***"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."***

This is the Mission Statement of our schools and helps us to recognise and celebrate every child's unique talents and gifts and how they make a positive difference the world. The children are already doing this is the way they care for each other and try to help others, as we saw with the recent Lenterprise events and Earth Day.

May, The Month of Mary

Today is the beginning of May, a special month in our Church when we honour **Mary, the Mother of God**. Mary is a wonderful example of faith and devotion and the most honoured female Saint in our Church. During this month we will celebrate Mary's virtues of faith, courage and trust as she accepted God's will for her. Key Stage 1 children will bring home prayer bags and Rosary cards to share and pray together with family members. Junior children will be invited to join in with the Rosary prayer time and reflection taking place each week in the outside Prayer Garden. We will also celebrate Mary's life and example to us in art, music and other curriculum work this month.



Junior Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who was able to support the **Book Fair** in the Junior School over the last few days, this ends today. The children enjoyed looking at familiar and new book titles when they visited the Fair and every book sold helps us to buy new books for class libraries. This helps school and home to encourage children to develop a love for reading and become more confident readers. We'll update you more on the value of books school will receive once we have a final total.

Year 1 Local Walk

Year 1 enjoyed a walk to Watling Park yesterday to support their geography work on "Our Local Area" and how lucky we are to have this wonderful nature area so close for us to enjoy using. The children also had the chance to look at other areas of interest on their walk such as the local library and tube and think about why these are important to the residents in the Burnt Oak area.

Building Improvements and Quiet Spaces

We are always looking at how our school environments can be as safe and comfortable as possible for the children and best support their learning and playtimes. So much important work has been done this year to improve the Infant School building and Key Stage 1 playground, thanks to the work funded by the Diocese, School Budget and Parents Building Fund Donations. We have also improved the security of the Junior school premises with new gates, fencing and CCTV installed. Again, your Building Fund Donations have been essential to help fund this essential work.



Staff at each school have also created new inside learning spaces to support children when they may benefit from quiet time outside the classroom. Thank you to all the staff and parents who supported the fundraising work led by Mrs O'Carroll earlier this year to help develop a **'Sensory Space'** room in the Junior School. Thanks in particular to Mrs O'Carroll for all her input work to create this fantastic space, the children are really enjoying using the resources and find the space calming.



A very special thanks also to Mrs Stanley and Ms Bourke who created **'The Nest'** quiet space at the Infants School earlier in the year and this is successfully supporting many children to have quiet working time. They are also creating a second room to support different learning needs across all year groups. Their old computer 'Rainbow' classroom is being redesigned into a **sensory and learning room** that all children, including those with additional needs, can access as needed to support their learning. Electrical and other structural building work needed started this week; when this is complete Mrs Stanley and Ms Bourke will be able to organise the room with new resources. We hope to share pictures with you soon of children enjoying this wonderful new learning space.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend.

Miss J. O'Prey

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

<p>Year 1 Tala & Roman</p> <p>Year 2 Millicent & Louie</p> <p>Year 3 Caleb & Thomas</p>	<p>Year 4 Jayden C & Isabelle</p> <p>Year 5 Salome & Mattias</p> <p>Year 6 Lena & Charles</p>
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STAR OF THE WEEK

Infants

N	Kenechukwu	1A	Oliver
RA	Cynthia	1B	Ayan
RB	Massimo	2A	Olivia
		2B	Eleanor

STAR OF THE WEEK

Juniors

3A	Precious	5A	Harry
3B	Nihad	5B	Vida
4A	Harry	6A	Zofia
4B	Maru	6B	Jaden

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations
to **1A**
for having the
highest



attendance!

Class	%
R1	95
R2	91
1A	99
1B	98
2A	96
2B	98
3A	95
3B	96
4A	94
4B	95
5A	98
5B	97
6A	96
6B	95

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 3rd May 2026

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus begins to prepare his disciples for his departure from the world. He is returning to his Father and will make a place ready for each of them in heaven. Jesus tells the disciples to trust in him. And this will give them security and hope. We are also called to trust in Jesus. And sharing the love he brings into our own lives with those we meet. **The Word** we are celebrating this week is **Trust**.

On the night before he died, Jesus spoke to his friends, the disciples. "Do not let your hearts be troubled," he said. "Trust in God and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going now to prepare a place for you. I will come again and take you with me so that where I am, you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going." Then Thomas, a disciple, said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going: how can we know the way?" Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself; they will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father."

Adapted from The Gospel of John 14:1-12

The 5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	5a	Julian
Respect	5b	Ire
Commitment	4b	Blessing
Truth	6b	Liyana
Excellence	3b	Sarah
Safety	4a	Josiah
Courage	6a	Lily-Rose
Justice	3a	Sophia
Safety	N RA RB 1A 1B 2A 2B	Victoria Princess Ryan Zeynab Esther Steve Akim

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Ronan & Henry
Year 4	Joshua & Alex
Year 5	Daisy Lou & Freddie
Year 6	Elliott & Thomas

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
<u>22-05-26</u>	Cultural Diversity Day	Infant School & 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	
01-07-26	Junior School Sports Morning	Junior School Field 10.00am
03-07-26	Infant School Sports Morning (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

