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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,

Welcome back to school and we hope you enjoyed the half-term break and the incredible weather last week. This final half-term of the school year is always a very busy time and we look forward to lots of exciting events and trips taking place over the next several weeks. Here's some examples of what the children have been focusing on since returning to school.

Nursery class have begun their new topic "Water Everywhere" and are thinking about why water is so important to us and all the ways we use it. They are also focusing on safety around water. The children learn about oceans around the world and how we can look after the oceans and the sea life that lives in them.



Reception are learning about "Our Wonderful World" and this week they made class books on how we can all try to recycle objects we use. They will also think about how we can keep the seas and oceans free from plastic and look after the home we all share on earth. The children will also begin to learn more about space as part of this topic.

Year 1 have enjoyed beginning their new History topic on "Transport" with a focus on the history of flight and its links to the local area. They have begun to look at the first airplanes invented and flights to take place and the importance of the Wright brothers in this. To support this work the children will visit the RAF Museum later this month.

Year 2 have begun a new History topic on "Significant People" and are learning about the lives and work of two great campaigners and reformers in the British health system, Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale. The children will think about how their work has had such an impact over time and how we still benefit from it today.

All Junior year groups have a focus on Geography fieldwork and developing their skills as geographers over the first three weeks of term. Year 3 will study various human and physical features around the local area and Year 4 will carry out water sampling and other fieldwork skills at The Stream. Year 5 will focus on road safety, litter, traffic and land use in the local area and how this affects daily life for residents. Year 6 will study a local river with the help of a visiting Geographer who will run workshops here in school. Year 6 are also continuing with their 'Crime and Punishment' History topic.



‘Dream Big’ Week



Miss Martin and Mrs Griffin have sent out information this week about the "Dream Big Week" taking place across our schools from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th June.

The aim of the week is to inspire children of all ages to think about their future aspirations, discover a wide range of careers and learn about the skills and qualities needed to achieve their goals. To begin this event, the children were asked to design a poster over half-term and thank you to everyone who has already sent in their posters.

During ‘Dream Big’ week the children will research a career that interests them, interview professionals about their job and take part in other exciting Dream Big activities. We would be very grateful to any parents, carers and family members who were willing to share their careers and experiences with our pupils. If you would be willing to visit either school for approximately 30–60 minutes to talk about your profession, answer questions and inspire our children, we would be delighted to hear from you. Whether you work in healthcare, business, construction, education, technology, the arts, public services or any other field, your experiences could help broaden our pupils’ understanding of the opportunities available to them. Please let us know if you are interested in taking part.

First Holy Communion Masses

The First Holy Communion Masses begin in our parish this weekend and good luck to all of the children who are preparing to receive this sacrament on Sunday 7th June. They will be followed by a second group of First Communicants on Sunday 14th June.

This is a very special day for the children in their faith journey and for their family and friends. We wish them every happiness and good luck on their first Holy Communion Day and keep them in our prayers. Thank you also to their Catechists who have worked tirelessly to help our pupils to reach this point of celebration and thanksgiving.



Have a lovely weekend.

Miss J. O’Prey
Headteacher

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

Year 1	Zeynab & Sienna O	Year 4	Clementine & Jeremy
Year 2	Lorenzo & Sofia	Year 5	Natania & Jaouad
Year 3	Denver & Catalina	Year 6	Jasmine & Muhammad

STAR OF THE WEEK

Infants

N	Munachimso	1A	Adhvi
RA	Delilah	1B	Sienna A
RB	Soso	2A	Hennessy
		2B	Alfie

STAR OF THE WEEK

Juniors

3A	Sophia	5A	Oliwia
3B	Patryk	5B	Naomi
4A	Chloe	6A	David R
4B	Maru	6B	Hebe

ATTENDANCE

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



attendance!

Class	%
R1	96
R2	94
1A	99
1B	97
2A	99
2B	97
3A	91
3B	92
4A	94
4B	93
5A	97
5B	96
6A	88
6B	87

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 7th June 2026

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is offering to nourish us, this means Jesus wants to feed us and help us grow. Just as we eat bread to nourish our bodies, Jesus (in Holy Communion) nourishes our souls – to help us to keep growing in goodness and love. Jesus continues to nourish us through the Church today. He offers us eternal life through the gift of himself which we receive in Holy Communion. **The Word** we are celebrating this week is **Nourish**.

Jesus said, "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Those who eat this bread will live forever. Now the bread which I will give is my flesh, and I will give my flesh for the life of the world. Those who eat the bread which is my flesh have eternal life now, and I will raise them up on the last day. My flesh is true food; my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I live in them. So my flesh is the bread which comes down from heaven. It is not like the bread which our ancestors once ate in the desert – they died, but those who eat this bread will live forever."

Adapted from The Gospel of John 6:51-58

The Feast of Corpus Christi, Year A

AIS and AJS VALUES

Truth	4b	Rio
Respect	3a	Aiden
Commitment	6b	Asan
Truth	3b	Sarah
Excellence	5b	Autumn
Safety	6a	Ghazal
Courage	4a	Harry
Justice	5a	Joseph
Respect	N	Marcella
	RA	Dalia
	RB	Matei
	1A	Oliver
	1B	Roman
	2A	Idil
	2B	David

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Suchet & Zina
Year 4	Mitansh & Vlad
Year 5	Lindzey & Matias
Year 6	Emalie

KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/When
22-06-26	Class Photos—both schools	
23-06-26	Parent Meeting for New Year 3 September	Junior School 9.15am
24-06-26	Class 1A Assembly	Infant School 9.00am
26-06-26	'Dream Big' Celebration Day at both schools	
30-06-26	Parent Meetings for New: Reception September Nursery September	Infant School 9.00am 2.30pm
01-07-26	Class 1B Assembly	Infant School 9.00am
01-07-26	Years 3 to 6 Sports Morning	Junior School Field 10.00am
03-07-26	Rec, Years 1&2 Sports Morning	Junior School Field 10.00am
09-07-26	Year 2 Leavers' Mass	The Annunciation Church 9.00am
10-07-26	Year 6 Leavers' Mass	Junior School 1.45pm

The Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Odoi

Miss Martin

Mrs Stanley Ms Bourke

Miss O'Prey

Mr McCreadie

Miss Brennan

Mrs Griffin

