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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*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding the earlier closing arrangements that had to be put in place this week. We really appreciate your support as we battled the heatwave and worked together to ensure children could remain safe in school during these incredibly high temperatures. We very much hope the next few days will see the temperatures begin to fall and we can get back to our usual routines and full school day from next week. The children will also return to wearing school uniform on non-PE days. We will of course keep you updated if we have to consider any other temporary changes.

### **Class 1A Assembly**

Thank you to Class 1A for leading a beautiful assembly on Wednesday and we were very proud of how confidently each child took part and the support they gave each other. The children linked our 'Dream Big' week focus to their assembly message. They firstly thought about inspirational people they have been learning about who have brought about change and made a positive difference in our world. For example, people who have faced challenges to help every child have access to education or to ensure there is equality between men and women. They also thought about people who have been an example to us by acting kindly, fairly or bravely, even when this is difficult to do. The children shared their own hopes and dreams for the future and it was wonderful to hear about their personal hopes and aspirations. They really lived out this message when they sang how they were going to be a light in our world and also how they would live out our School Mission to "Be who God meant me to be". Thank you and well done Class 1A. Thank you to Miss Odoi, Ms Cartin and Ms Rabia for all your fantastic support of the children and helping them to prepare their assembly. Thank you also parents for your support, it is much appreciated.

### **Year 6 Pizza Express Trip**

Class 6B visited Pizza Express in Mill Hill earlier in the week before the temperatures became much. The children had the opportunity to make their own pizzas, helped by the restaurant staff. They really enjoyed this experience. Thank you to Pizza Express for offering the children this opportunity and Class 6A will also visit before the end of term.



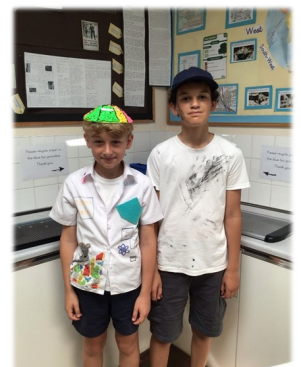
## Dream Big Week

We have had a truly inspirational week in school as we celebrated our “Dream Big” event and I would like to say a huge thank you to the children, staff and parent helpers who have made this such a memorable week.

Earlier in the year Ms Bourke was thinking about how we could support the children to begin thinking about their future aspirations and have a goal or dream they wanted to work towards from their first years in school. From those early days, “Dream Big” was born and Ms Bourke worked with Miss Martin at the Infant School and Mrs Griffin at the Junior School to make this “Dream Big” dream a reality. After much planning and organisation, the children have enjoyed a week of wonderful learning activities and special events, including the fantastic parent workshops which took place.

We celebrated the “Dream Big” week with an assembly in each school today and what the children have gained from it. The children have let us know how much they have enjoyed this week and how it has really helped them to think about their future goals and aspirations. Well done children and it has been wonderful to learn about your personal goals and dreams - you each have your own unique gifts and talents and you are using them to “Be who God meant you to be.”

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in making this week so special for the children, in particular I would like to thank each one of the parents who gave up their time to come in and spend the morning leading workshops and activities with the children. This was a great opportunity for the children to learn more about the different careers that are possible for them to consider and that they must always “Dream Big”.



### Thank You, Goodbye and Good Luck to Annunciation Colleagues

We will sadly be saying goodbye to some of our long-standing and much valued members of teaching and support staff at the end of this term and want to take this opportunity to thank them for all they have contributed to our children and school family.

At the Infant school, we firstly thank Mrs Pindoria who is retiring after many years of devoted service to the school. She has cared for both the children and the school premises with great love, care and commitment over the last 22 years. Mrs Pindoria runs the breakfast club and is also responsible for cleaning and making sure classrooms and the entire school building are kept in spotless condition. She will be greatly missed by the children and all her colleagues and we thank her for all her incredible hard work and devotion to the school over so many years. We wish Mrs Pindoria a very happy retirement and that she enjoys this time with family and friends.

We also sadly say goodbye to Ms Bourke, the Deputy Head at the Infant school, after five years in this role. Ms Bourke joined the Infant School in 2021, shortly before the Federation of the Infant and Junior Schools, and has also been central to building the strong links across our entire School family and Parish. She has worked tirelessly to provide all children at the Infant school with the best possible learning opportunities, working in close partnership with families, whilst also ensuring the children's personal development is nurtured and celebrated. During her time as Deputy Head, Ms Bourke has been part of our Governing Body and has led a number of curriculum subject areas and the special educational needs provision in school. She is passionate about every child having the best chance to succeed and truly live out our Mission Statement. Her work has had a huge impact on improving standards in teaching and learning, including the complete refreshment of classroom and teaching resources, and improvements to both the indoor and outdoor learning environments. In addition, Ms Bourke has introduced and led many wonderful initiatives and events which have supported children in all year groups from Nursery to Year 6 to enjoy and succeed in their learning and also to grow in confidence. She is also committed to ensuring all colleagues are well supported and demonstrates an exemplary model of professional practice to all of us who work alongside her. We thank Ms Bourke for sharing her wonderful talents with us over the last five years and making such a difference in the lives of so many children, their families and her colleagues. We wish her every continued happiness and success in the future.

At the Junior school we say thank you and goodbye to two long-term members of teaching staff who have relocated outside of London with their young families. They have made the difficult decision to take up positions closer to home and will be very much missed by everyone at The Annunciation Schools.

Mrs Griffin has taught at the Junior school since 2017 and has worked with different year groups over the years. She has led several curriculum subjects and has been Phase Leader in both Lower and Upper Key Stage 2 during her time at the school. Mrs Griffin has brought great energy, enthusiasm and joy to these roles and we are deeply appreciative of all that she has given to the many children in her care and their families. Mrs Griffin has also inspired colleagues across both schools and supported their professional development. Her sense of fun and passion for teaching will be greatly missed and we wish her every success in her new role.

Miss O’Hare has also taught various year groups and led across each Key Stage 2 Phase since joining the Junior School in 2018. As Religious Education Leader across the Federation, she supported teaching and learning and led training for colleagues, ensuring children had the highest quality of teaching and prayer and worship experiences from Nursery class through to Year 6. We thank her for all her work with our children and for supporting both our schools to achieve such strong outcomes in the RE Inspections which took place last year. We wish her every happiness in the future and in her new role.

We are also saying goodbye to Miss Nagle who has taught Years 3 and 4 since joining the Junior School almost two years ago. She has brought her current class up from Year 3 last year and we thank her for all her work with the class and supporting children and colleagues throughout the school. Miss Nagle is also moving on to new professional opportunities and we wish her lots of happiness and luck.

Have a great weekend and please stay safe in the heat.

Miss J. O’Prey      Headteacher

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

Year 1      Lukas & George



Year 4      Kevin & Kayden

Year 2      Eliana & Gabriel

Year 5      Pietra & Alfreda

Year 3      Rayan & Baron

Year 6      Jasmine , Zofia, Eliana C & Hebe

 <b>STAR OF THE WEEK</b> <b>Infants</b>				 <b>STAR OF THE WEEK</b> <b>Juniors</b>			
<b>N</b>	Orlaith	<b>1A</b>	The whole class	<b>3A</b>	Mandy	<b>5A</b>	Salome
<b>RA</b>	Dalia	<b>1B</b>	Brendon	<b>3B</b>	Saboathe	<b>5B</b>	Ire
<b>RB</b>	Cassiel	<b>2A</b>	Dalilah	<b>4A</b>	Andrea	<b>6A</b>	Divine
		<b>2B</b>	Valentina	<b>4B</b>	Cedric	<b>6B</b>	Thomas

# ATTENDANCE 3A

for having the highest attendance!



Class	%
R1	89
R2	91
1A	91
1B	86
2A	91
2B	95
3A	96
3B	95
4A	94
4B	95
5A	95
5B	95
6A	87
6B	86

## AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	4b	Bernard
Respect	5a	Anastasia
Commitment	4a	Jayden C
Truth	6a	Jason O
Excellence	3a	Olivia H
Safety	3b	Ariana
Courage	5b	Cameron
Justice	6b	Emalie
Truth	N	Chiemeka
	RA	Luca
	RB	Elise
	1A	Noah
	1B	Khadija
	2A	Mary
	2B	Louie

## Maths Superstars

Year 3	Mariyah & Kensleey
Year 4	Samuel & Sofia
Year 5	Daisy -Lou & Autumn
Year 6	Mava & Elizabeth

## Celebration of The Word

### The Gospel for Sunday 28th June 2026

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of two great saints who have helped to share faith throughout the world, St Peter and St Paul. In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter professes his faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus then gives Peter the important task of leading his Church. Helping our children to grow in faith, to know and love God, is one of the greatest gifts we can give them.

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

*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 A

## KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/When
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
14-07-26	Year 6 End of Year Play— for Year 6 parents and family members	Junior School 6.00pm
16-07-26	Rocksteady End of Year Concerts	Juniors 9.30am Infants 2.30pm

## The Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Odoi Miss Martin Mrs Stanley Ms Bourke Miss O'Prey Mr McCreadie Miss Brennan Mrs Griffin

