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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,

The Nursery children enjoyed a fun-filled Sports Activity morning on Monday. Thank you to Miss Lynch, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Mather and Mr Charles for organising this lovely morning and helping the children to enjoy taking part in so many different activities. The children had the opportunity to work together in pairs or groups and also take part in individual activities. They threw themselves into everything with great enthusiasm and were very supportive of each other. Well done Nursery. Thank you parents and family members who were able to join us and support the children.

Thanks also to the PTA for organising the ice lollies for all the children to enjoy after their Sports Mornings last week or on Monday—the children really enjoyed these, especially in this very warm weather!

Years 2 and 6 Leavers' Masses

Year 2 celebrated their Leavers' Mass yesterday in the Church and the children read and sang very confidently. It was lovely to see so many parents and family members join us for this beautiful Mass and celebrate this part of the children's faith journey. Thank you to Fr. Ako for celebrating Mass and helping the children to think about all they have achieved since they joined the Infant School and to know they always have Jesus as their friend. We are very proud of every one of this group and know they will continue to shine and be "Be who God meant you to be" as they move into Juniors.

Today we also said a special goodbye to our **Year 6** pupils as they celebrated their Leavers' Mass at school and it was a very emotional occasion. Fr. Ako spoke to the children about the wonderful memories they will take with them from their time at The Annunciation Schools and to remember that Jesus will always be with them, helping them to meet new challenges in the future. We know they will continue to do their best and make themselves proud, just as we are so proud of them. Thank you children for your participation in the Mass and for leaving us with so many wonderful memories of each one of you.

New EYFS Stay and Play Sessions

The new September Nursery and Reception pupils joined us after-school this week for “**Stay and Play**” sessions. These are a wonderful opportunity for the children to meet their new teachers and support staff and spend time in their new classroom and playground before the end of term.

Staffing and Classes for Next Year

We are delighted to let you know about new members of staff who will be part of Annunciation family next year.

We welcome **Miss McAteer** to the Infant School, she joins us in Reception Class A. Miss Martin is our Early Years Lead and she will be with us at the beginning of Autumn term before starting her maternity leave. It will be very helpful to have her available to support the new Nursery and Reception children start and the transition for our current pupils as they move up to either Reception or Year 1 classes.

We also welcome two new members of teaching staff to the Junior school. **Mrs De Souza joins us in Year 4, and Miss Nicholls In Year 5.** Many of you will already know **Miss Rioux** who has been working with us for most of this year covering maternity and other leave. We are delighted she will also be joining us long-term now as one of our teaching staff next year.

All the children have now met their teaching and support staff and the attached table gives details of staffing for each class in September.

Year Group	Class A	Class B
Nursery	Miss Lynch, Mrs Mather and Miss Clarke	
Reception	Miss McAteer	Miss Driscoll and Miss Cat
Year 1	Miss Odoi and Miss Besa Miss Cartin	Miss Finnigan, Miss Aminaa and Miss Zurawicz
Year 2	Miss Batiste, Mrs Brett and Miss Ginty	Miss Toal, Miss Rabia and Mrs Shan
Year 3	Miss Hamid	Ms Gimmi and Ms Marquez
Year 4	Miss Pllana and Ms Calloni	Mrs De Souza and Miss Douglas
Year 5	Miss Horgan and Miss Kristjana	Miss Nicholls
Year 6	Miss Rioux	Miss Barry and Mrs Vara

School Trips and Special Events

A group of Year 5 children took part in the **Barnet Schools Debate Challenge** on Tuesday and really enjoyed this experience. The Debates took place at Middlesex University and the children had the opportunity to debate with pupils from other Barnet schools. Although the children did not progress to the final debates, the staff accompanying them were so impressed with how confident and articulate the children were as they presented their arguments. Well done to all the children who took part and thank you to the staff who prepared and accompanied the children so they could enjoy this experience.

Class 2B enjoyed their visit to **The Florence Nightingale Museum** on Wednesday to support their recent class topic on 'Heroes'. Just as with Class 2A's visit last week, the children enjoyed finding out about the contribution people such as Florence Nightingale have made to our society and how we are still benefiting for her work today with our amazing NHS and modern nursing.

Thank you to these pupils and to all our children for always being such wonderful ambassadors for our schools during outside visits and events. Thank you also to the parents who joined the Year 2 trips and other trips during the year to support them taking place.

End of Term and Next Academic Year Dates

Both schools finish earlier than usual on the final day of term, Friday 17th July.

Please collect your child from the **Infant School at 1.15pm** and from the **Junior School at 1.25pm**. School reopens for all new Years 1 to 6 children on **Thursday 3rd September**. Our new Nursery and Reception children have their own starting dates the following week.

Have a great weekend and stay cool in the high temperatures!

Miss J. O'Prey



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

Year 1 Abiba & Kye

Year 4 Isabella & Neve

Year 2 Eremia & Akim

Year 5 Drake & Aiden

Year 3 Olivia H & Patryk

Year 6 Aoife & Tamara



STAR OF THE WEEK

Infants

N	Matias
RA	Luiz
RB	Mikayla

1A	Yat
1B	Enzo
2A	Bryan
2B	Sara



STAR OF THE WEEK

Juniors

3A	Amara
3B	Sabaothe
4A	Clementine
4B	Christian

5A	Salome
5B	Reagan
6A	Eliana O
6B	Alex



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to

2A & 2B

for having the
highest
attendance!



Class	%
R1	95
R2	96
1A	98
1B	92
2A	100
2B	100
3A	92
3B	93
4A	95
4B	95
5A	96
5B	97
6A	87
6B	86

AIS and AIS VALUES

Tolerance	5b	David
Respect	6a	Elliott
Commitment	5a	Hana
Truth	3a	Acacia
Excellence	4b	Maru
Safety	4a	Jason
Courage	6b	Aiva
Justice	3b	Oliver
Tolerance	N	Elsa
	RA	Mason
	RB	Sana
	1A	Doron
	1B	George
	2A	Gad
	2B	Louie

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 12th July 2026

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear Jesus inviting us to listen to him and act upon his words. Jesus uses pictures or parables to make his teaching clearer. He reminds us how important it is to take time to listen to God and to be open to receive and act upon what we hear. **The Word** we are celebrating this week is **Listening**.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, "Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on rich soil and produced a great crop. This is like those people who hear my words and understand them; they yield a great harvest and produce now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!"

Adapted from The Gospel of Matthew 13:1-23

The 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Rayan & Nihad
Year 4	Ike & Yannis
Year 5	Emilia & Mohammad
Year 6	Arthur & Charles

KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/When
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 Concert at each school	Juniors 9.30am Infants 2.30pm
Friday 17th July - End of Summer Term and Early Closure at each school		Infant School 1.15pm Junior School 1.25pm
2026-2027 School Year — Both schools reopen for all Years 1 to 6 pupils on Thursday 3rd September 2026		

The Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Odoi

Miss Martin

Mrs Stanley Ms Bourke

Miss O'Prey

Mr McCreddie

Miss Brennan

Mrs Griffin

