



# THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers



Welcome back to school and to the beginning of what we hope will be a happy and successful year for your child Annunciation Schools. We hope you had a relaxing and safe summer break together and it has been lovely to welcome the children back into their new classes. Our new Years 1 and 2 pupils returned to the Infant School and we look forward to our Nursery and Reception children starting from next week. Our new Years 3 to 6 classes joined us at the Junior School and we especially welcome the Year 3 pupils who have moved up from Infants and other children who are new to our schools this year. The children have settled back in to school very well and we are all very impressed with how enthusiastic they are about their learning... ..and how much they all seem to have grown over the summer! I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce our new teaching staff who have joined us, Miss Driscoll (Reception), Miss Galvin (Year 2), Miss Barry (Year 3), Miss Pillana (Year 4) and Ms Gimmi (Year 5). Miss Calloni also joins our Junior support staff and we are confident that they will all greatly contribute to the growth and development of our children.



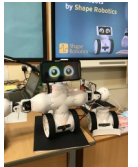
We are holding Curriculum Evenings next week across both schools and hope as many parents as possible will be able to join us at these important events. The meetings provide an excellent opportunity for you to find out information about the year ahead for your child, the curriculum being covered and teaching methods employed in your child's year group. You will receive timetables and key dates and have an opportunity to ask your child's new teacher any questions you may have. There is also an opportunity to visit your child's new classroom. The Year 4 and 6 meetings start later at 4.00pm but please do come in straight after school to visit your child's classroom first if your meeting is later. These and other key dates are overleaf and on our school website to help parents keep up to date on events taking place at school.



As Catholic Schools, daily prayer is an important part of our life at school. We gather to pray and celebrate The Word of God in assemblies, lessons and at certain times during the day. The children also help to prepare and lead prayer and celebration of The Word. We would like to invite Junior parents to join us at one of these timetabled celebrations over the next few weeks, please see the date overleaf for your child's class. We will also be inviting Infant parents to these celebrations later in the term.



Finally, there has been so much wonderful learning already taking place this week. We were delighted to have a computer specialist visit the Juniors today to share how robotics are being used to help in our everyday lives. Each year group will have the opportunity to work with the specialist in the next few weeks and she will also work with our Key Stage 1 classes later in the half-term. Please have a look at the pictures on twitter to see some of the work from today's visit and the very unusual extra student who joined Years 3 and 4 classes today!



The Junior School Stars and Values Awards will start next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss J. O'Prey

Headteacher

## STAR and VALUE AWARDS OF THE WEEK

	STAR	VALUE
1a	David	Lya
1b	Lorenzo	Afoymia
2a	Denver	Precious
2b	Baran	David

## Catholic Education Sunday 8th September

Catholic education is a wonderful achievement to be celebrated. Our schools and universities celebrate Jesus' loving presence in the lives of young people as they work, learn, pray, grow in character and virtue, and discover their vocation. This Sunday we celebrate Catholic Education Sunday.

*Dear Lord, Thank you for the gift of Catholic education. Thank you for all those who have given their talents to educating our young people. Through the challenges they encounter each day, lead them to an ever deeper appreciation of the sacred duty to which you have called them. Thank you for all those who contribute to the efficient running of our Catholic education sector: chaplains, support staff, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, governors and trustees. We thank them for their hard work and dedication. Thank you for all the leaders of Catholic education. May they be people of integrity so that they can be witnesses as well as teachers. We pray that the schools they lead will become places where our young people can experience your love in their lives. Thank you for our pupils and students. May your love strengthen and nurture them through the influence and example of those who care for them. We pray that through their time at school and university they will flourish and grow to discover who you have called them to be. We make this prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord, Amen*

## Celebration of The Word

### The Gospel for Sunday 8th September 2024

This Sunday's Gospel, reminds us how, in Jesus, God brings healing in our world. At different times and in differing ways, we all need the healing touch of Jesus. God still heals today, particularly through other people – doctors, nurses and, if we let him, through us too. We can heal people by a smile, by a greeting by asking for their forgiveness or offering them ours.

***While Jesus was travelling towards the Sea of Galilee, they brought him a deaf man who could hardly talk; and they asked Jesus to lay his hand on him. Jesus took the man away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then, looking up to heaven, Jesus sighed and said to him, "Be opened." At once the man could hear and he could speak clearly too. And Jesus ordered the people to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they told everyone about it. "He has done all things well," they said. "He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."***

Adapted from The Gospel of Mark 7:31-37

The 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

## KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/Time
<b>Parents/Carer Curriculum Information Meetings</b>		
16/09/24	Years 1 and 2 (KS1)	Infant School 3.20—3.50pm
10/09/24	Years 3 and 4 Year 4 parents are welcome to come in straight after school to visit your child's classroom first.	Junior School Year 3—3.30pm Year 4—4.00pm
11/09/24	Years 5 and 6 Year 6 parents are welcome to come in straight after school to visit your child's classroom first.	Junior School Year 5—3.30pm Year 6—4.00pm
<b>"Celebration of The Word" with Parents/Carers</b> <b>All at 3.00pm in Junior School</b>		
16/09/24	Classes 3A and 3B	
17/09/24	Class 4A	
18/09/24	Class 4B	
19/09/24	Class 5A	
20/09/24	Class 5B	
23/09/24	Year 6	
<b>Other Meetings and Events</b>		
25/09/24	Health Promotion Parent Workshop	Infant School 8.50am
1st to 4th Oct	Junior School Book Fair	Junior School 3:30—4:00pm
7th to 11th October	Infant School Book Fair	Infant School 3.20—4.00pm
15/10/24	Reception Parents Phonics Meeting	Infant School 8.50am
21st and 22nd Oct	Years 1 and 2 Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings	Infant School 3.30—5.30pm
22nd and 24th Oct	Years 3 to 6 Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings	Junior School 3.40—5.40pm

## SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Ms Bourke



Miss O'Prey



Mr Mc Creadie



Mrs Stanley

