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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 hope everyone enjoyed the long Bank Holiday weekend. It's been a short but busy week in school and lots more dates have been added to the **'Key Dates'** on page 3 for parents and carers to join us at events later this term. We will also be sending out details about a 'Dream Big' event in June and dates for Year 2 and 6 Leavers' masses and Rocksteady concerts in July. Miss Brennan has now sent out information about **'Cultural Diversity Day'** taking place at both schools on **Friday 22nd May** and we hope you will be able to support the children taking part in the events that day and perhaps being able to help us with the food celebration again this year.



Class 2A Assembly to Celebrate Our Lady, Mary



Class 2A shared a very moving assembly with their parents and family members on Wednesday to celebrate **'May, the Month of Mary'**. The children reminded us why Mary, the Mother of God, is such an important saint in our Church and in our school. During the month of May we try to give Mary special praise and thanks. We ask her to pray for us and offer our prayers to God through her. The children did this very confidently through their reflections on her life and how we can try to follow her example. We also heard and saw the gospel story of The Annunciation brought to life in a lovely drama. The singing was wonderful and there were lots of adults in the hall holding back a tear as they listened to the children celebrate Mary by singing The Ave Maria and Hail Mary hymns.



We are all very proud of how confidently every child took part and made this such a memorable final assembly for Class 2A as they prepare to finish Year 2 and their time at the Infant School. The children really worked together as a team to encourage and help each other and showed how ready they are for Year 3 next term. Thank you to Miss Batiste and Miss Zurawicz for all their work to prepare the children in this final assembly and help us all celebrate Mary in this month of May. Thank you also to Ms Bourke for the beautiful 'Mary' display inside the school entrance for us all to enjoy and to parents for your great support of the children.

Happy Victory in Europe (VE) Day

Today is the 81st anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) day which celebrates the end of World War 2 in Europe and thanks those who helped fight for the freedom we enjoy today. This special anniversary is also a chance for us to think about what peace means and how we can protect peace in our world today and in the future. This is especially important when we see wars still happening so many years after World War 2 ended and so many people, including children, affected by war.



Summer Uniforms

Thank you for sending sun-hats and water bottles in for the children to stay as safe and cool in the warmer temperatures recently. Just a reminder that children can wear the lighter-weight summer uniform from now if they wish to and all children should be in summer uniform after the May half-term break.

The summer uniform includes the blue and white gingham dress (navy blue rather than light blue dress and no playsuits please) or a plain white polo tee-shirt and grey school trousers or grey tailored shorts. School shoes should continue to be worn and plain back trainers/plimsolls for PE days only. Baseball style sun-hats should be plain navy.

Thank you to parents who we have spoken with this term and who are ensuring the correct PE uniform is now being worn. Many of the children prefer to wear shorts now the weather is warmer and we are sending reminders that shorts should be plain navy and **not lycra cycling shorts/ leggings or sports branded clothing**. A plain white round-neck tee-shirt is also part of the PE uniform.

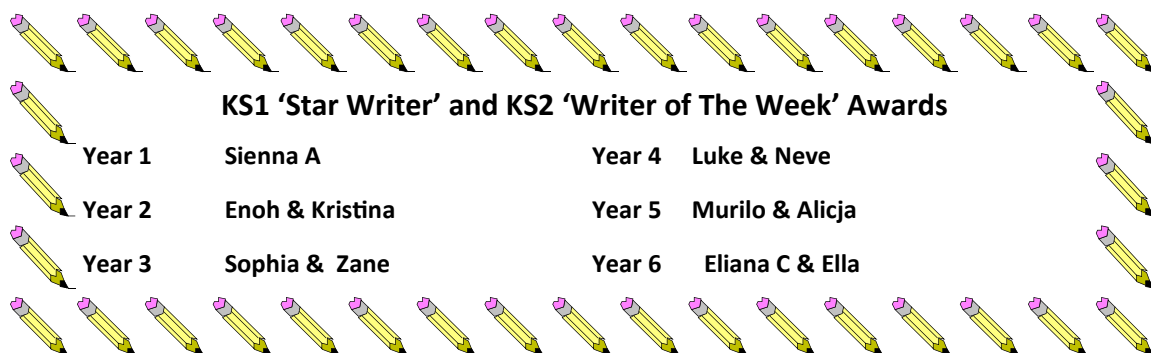
Good Luck Year 6

Our Year 6 pupils are preparing to take their SATs tests next week. The children have worked incredibly hard and we are so proud of the effort and commitment they have shown in all their lessons and with homework. They have also come to extra lessons before and after school since Autumn term to help prepare as much as possible. We know every one of the children will do their best next week and we wish them good luck. Thank you also to parents for all your support and to the fantastic Year 6 staff team who have worked tirelessly to help prepare the children.



Have a lovely weekend and get lots of rest Year 6!

Miss J. O'Prey
Headteacher



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

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| Year 1 | Sienna A | Year 4 | Luke & Neve |
| Year 2 | Enoh & Kristina | Year 5 | Murilo & Alicja |
| Year 3 | Sophia & Zane | Year 6 | Eliana C & Ella |

STAR OF THE WEEK

Infants

N	Emmanuela
RA	Luca
RB	Molly

1A	Dominic
1B	Hazel
2A	Bryan
2B	Lawrence

STAR OF THE WEEK

Juniors

3A	Acacia
3B	Baran
4A	Cherry-Robyn
4B	Yannis

5A	Nathania
5B	Daniel
6A	David P
6B	Jakub

ATTENDANCE

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



attendance!

Class	%
R1	97
R2	93
1A	99
1B	95
2A	96
2B	98
3A	95
3B	96
4A	96
4B	97
5A	97
5B	96
6A	97
6B	95

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 10th May 2026

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that, when he returns to heaven, he will ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to be their helper. The Holy Spirit is God's loving gift to us, helping us understand Jesus' words and reminding us that God is always close to us. The Holy Spirit is our helper, who guides us to live more like Jesus – to grow in faith and to be filled with the peace and goodness that come from God. **The Word** we are celebrating this week is **Helper**.

Jesus said to the disciples, "If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you a Helper to be with you forever. He will give you the Spirit of Truth. The world neither sees nor knows the Spirit, but you know the Spirit, because the Spirit is with you, and lives in you. I will not leave you orphaned: I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me but you will still see me. Then you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Those who receive my commandments and keep them are those who love me. Those who love me will be loved by my Father. I will love them, and they will see me as I truly am."

Adapted from The Gospel of John 14:15-21

The 6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	5b	Amelia
Respect	6a	Aoife
Commitment	5a	Anastasia
Truth	3a	Olivia H
Excellence	4a	Chloe
Safety	4b	Alex
Courage	3b	Sabaothe
Courage	6b	Lydia
Tolerance	N	Tilly
	RA	Filip
	RB	Dominik
	1A	Brendon
	1B	Theo M
	2A	
	2B	Idil

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Zane & Elara
Year 4	Livia & Eduard
Year 5	Hana & Naomi
Year 6	Raisa & Ayla

KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/When
20-05-26	Class 2B Assembly	Infant School 9.00am
22-05-26	Cultural Diversity Day at both schools	
25-29 May and 01-06-26	Half-term break - School closed to children on Monday 1st June due to Staff Training Day. All children return to school on Tuesday 2nd June	
23-06-26	Parent Meeting for New Year 3 September	Junior School 9.15am
24-06-26	Class 1A Assembly	Infant School 9.00am
30-06-26	Parent Meetings for New: Reception September Nursery September	Infant School 9.00am 2.30pm
01-06-26	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

The Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Odoi

Miss Martin

Mrs Stanley Ms Bourke

Miss O'Prey

Mr McCreadie

Miss Brennan

Mrs Griffin

