

THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS

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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

New Headteacher Letter

The Governors have written to parents today to share exciting news about the future leadership of The Annunciation Schools. They are delighted to let you know that Mr McCreadie has been appointed as the new Headteacher of our Infant and Junior schools from September and to congratulate him on this appointment. Many of you will already know Mr McCreadie in his current role as Deputy Head at The Junior School and he is very excited about getting to know the Infant children, families and staff even more this term as he prepares to take up his new role. Please see the Governors letter attached and on Class Dojo.

Year 6 Superstars!

Our Year 6 pupils completed their SATs tests this week and we are so proud of how hard they have worked this year and throughout their time at our schools. The children really live out our mission to "Be who God meant them to be" and we are also very proud of how they support and encourage each other in work and in friendships. Well done Year 6, we hope you enjoyed the chance to relax today and spend time with your friends. Thank you to the fantastic Year 6 team of Miss Brennan, Mrs Vara, Miss Barry and Miss Calloni, and all the staff who have been part of the children's journey and supported them to achieve their best in their SATs tests. Thank you also to parents for working in such strong partnership with us to support the children and encouraging them to develop their own unique gifts and talents.



The Big School Workout

The **Big School Workout** took place across our schools yesterday, to promote children being active and support mental as well as physical health and well-being. The children joined the live workout session led by the TV Sports Coach Joe Wicks and enjoyed taking part in various shared activities. We were also very pleased that these could be accessed by all the children, no matter what age or fitness level. **"Move It Monday"** is also taking place next week and these are all great opportunities to encourage children to try and make time to exercise every day and enjoy the health benefits this brings.



Mr Pat McNicholas

We were very sad to hear of the recent death of a former colleague at The Annunciation Schools, Mr Pat McNicholas, known to everyone at school as Mr Mc. His funeral took place at St. Anthony's Church in Edgware today. Mr McNicholas was a Deputy Head and Year 6 teacher for 33 years at the Junior School (when it was formerly known as St. Martin's Junior School) until he retired in the mid-nineties.

During his many years at the Junior school, Mr McNicholas worked with hundreds of children and their families, as many colleagues and other members of our school community. He was a very valued, respected and loved member of staff and is fondly remembered by current and former staff who worked alongside him or who were taught by Mr Mc themselves as Junior School pupils!

Mr McNicholas also enjoyed promoting all types of sport with the children, especially football, and the Junior School football teams won so many trophies each year under his coaching and leadership. He continued to help our schools after his retirement by organising a golf day and sponsoring the prizes.

We offer our deepest sympathy to his family and friends on their loss and pray for them today and in the coming days. We also offer our thanks for the incredible work carried out by Mr McNicholas over so many years to support all members of our school community and the difference he made to the lives of so many children.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

Have a very enjoyable weekend and the **schools finish at the usual times of 3.15pm (Infants) and 3.25pm (Juniors) next week** as we break for May half-term.

Miss J. O'Prey
Headteacher



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

Year 1	Volodymyr & Enzo	Year 4	Jason & Bernard
Year 2	Sophie & Eleanor	Year 5	Salome & Daniel
Year 3	Mandy & Thomas	Year 6	The whole of Year 6



STAR OF THE WEEK



N	Chiemeka	1A	Ayan
RA	Piruthvik	1B	Kiara
RB	Aodha	2A	Olivia
		2B	Jason



STAR OF THE WEEK



Juniors

3A	Olivia H	5A	Alana
3B	Mahan	5B	Amelia
4A	Semilore	6A	The whole of 6A
4B	Kayden	6B	The whole of 6B

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations
to **6B**
for having the
highest



attendance!

Class	%
R1	94
R2	94
1A	86
1B	98
2A	98
2B	97
3A	95
3B	96
4A	98
4B	97
5A	97
5B	97
6A	98
6B	100

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 17th May 2026

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is telling his Father in heaven that he has now completed the work that was asked of him. Then, Jesus prays for his friends. This reminds us that Jesus prays for all his friends, which includes you and me too. This takes place after the Last Supper and, very soon, Jesus will be arrested. Before leaving his friends he is preparing them for the difficult time to come. Jesus wants his friends to stay united with one another and with God - forever. **The Word** we are celebrating this week is **Friendship**.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and prayed: 'Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. I have made your name known to those you gave me. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have obeyed your word. I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted it. They know that I came from you and believed that it was you who sent me. I pray for them; for those you have given me, because they belong to you.'

Adapted from The Gospel of John 17:1-11

The 7th Sunday of Easter, Year A

AIS and AIS VALUES

Tolerance	6a	David R
Respect	3b	Suhas
Commitment	5b	Ellis
Respect	6b	Asan
Excellence	4b	Vlad
Safety	5a	Lindzey
Courage	3a	Hollie
Justice	4a	Keyner
Courage	N	Elsa
	RA	Joy
	RB	Yoosan
	1A	Zeynab
	1B	Kye
	2A	Ella
	2B	Xing

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Samuel & Patryk
Year 4	Jayden C & Mattias
Year 5	Oliwia & Harper
Year 6	The whole of Year 6

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
01-07-26	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

The Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Odoi

Miss Martin

Mrs Stanley Ms Bourke

Miss O'Prey

Mr McCreadie

Miss Brennan

Mrs Griffin





The Federation of The Annunciation Catholic Schools

Archdiocese of Westminster

London Borough of Barnet

15 May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Full Governing Board, I am delighted to confirm the appointment of our current Junior School Deputy Headteacher, Mr Daniel McCreadie, as the new Headteacher of The Annunciation Infant and Junior Schools from September 2026.

Following a thorough recruitment process, Mr McCreadie was interviewed by the Full Governing Board, a representative from Westminster Diocese and Barnet Local Authority. After careful consideration, the panel unanimously agreed that he was the outstanding candidate to lead our schools forward.

Throughout his time at The Annunciation Schools, Mr McCreadie has demonstrated exceptional commitment, strong leadership, and a deep dedication to the Catholic ethos and values of our school community. His passion for ensuring the very best outcome for all the pupils, together with his care and support for staff and families has been evident to all who work alongside him.

The Governing Board is extremely excited about his appointment and looks forward to working with Mr McCreadie in his new role. We are confident that under his leadership our Annunciation Schools family will continue to flourish, grow in faith, excellence and service. We will '*Be who God meant us to be and we will set the world on fire*'.

Please join us in congratulating Mr McCreadie on this well-deserved appointment.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Mwangi

Chair of Governors on behalf of the Full Governing Board.