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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've come to the end of another school year and, on behalf of the entire school community, I would like to express our sincere thanks to you for your continued support and partnership with our schools. It has been a very busy and successful year for The Annunciation Schools family as our children live out our mission statement every day to **"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."**

Today, we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. We are so proud of them and wish them every success as they move on to secondary school. They are ready to enter this new phase of their educational and faith journey and we look forward to hearing how they settle in and make the most of these new opportunities. We also say goodbye to some of our families who have been with us for many years as their Year 6 child leaves and we will keep you all in our prayers.

Our Year 2 children are also ready to take the next step in their learning journey with their transition to Year 3. We wish them every success and we are looking forward to welcoming them to the Junior school. The children had a wonderful party last Friday evening, organised by the parents. It was a fun-filled celebration and the children really enjoyed this final event together.



I would also like to thank the staff of both schools for their continued hard work and care for the children, whether that is in the classroom, the playground, first aid room, dining room or school offices. They have worked tirelessly ensure that our pupils have had the highest standard of care, support and learning offer. I could not have asked for a more committed and supportive team of colleagues who have worked alongside Mr McCreadie, Ms Bourke and I and supported us in our roles as School Leaders. Next year brings changes to the school and I am confident that the new leadership team, led by Mr McCreadie, will grow and develop in their roles and lead the schools successfully on to their next chapter.

A very big thank you also to our Governing Body and Parish for all their voluntary work to support our children having the best possible opportunities and guiding the Catholic Mission of our Schools.

Thank you also to the outgoing PTA for their work over the last four years to support the schools and we can see the results of this in the improved playground and classroom resources our children enjoy.

Finally, I would like to say a personal goodbye and thank you for your very warm welcome to me and kindness during the last three years. It has been my pleasure and privilege to have worked with you and your children during this time and to have been part of this amazing school community. I have loved getting to know the children and they are the most wonderful ambassadors for our schools. I will truly miss this very special Annunciation family where I have been blessed to complete my teaching career.

Have a very happy and safe summer break with your family and I wish you all the very best for next year and the future, whether you are returning to Annunciation Schools or moving on to secondary school.

**May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.**

Irish Blessing of good luck and fortune on life's journey.

Miss J. O'Prey

Headteacher

Year 6 End of Year Play

Junior classes watched the dress rehearsals of the Year 6 play on Tuesday before the children performed for another very special audience...their families. The children took us on a fantastic journey back over their primary school years and this included highlights and memories of their years in the Infant and Junior Schools.

It was wonderful to see how much the children have enjoyed the different experiences they have taken part in and friendships that have grown over their years in school. They used a medley of well-known songs, as well as presenting, acting and dancing. We really enjoyed the children's performance and teamwork during this wonderful celebration of their talents. It was an evening we will all remember for a long time. Year 6, you were amazing and we are all so incredibly proud of you. Thank you for sharing your memories and talents with us so confidently, you did yourselves proud! Thank you also to our audiences for your great support of the children, we know how much you enjoyed each play and really encouraged Year 6.

A huge thank you also to our Year 6 team, Miss Brennan, Miss Barry, Mrs Vara and Miss Calloni for all their work with the children this year and for giving them the opportunity to enjoy performing together one last time.



Year 5 Synagogue Visits

Years 5 classes enjoyed visits to the Synagogue in Edgware earlier this week where they received a warm welcome and had an opportunity to learn more about Jewish tradition and the importance of the synagogue within the community. The children behaved exceptionally well throughout the visit, showing respect, curiosity and enthusiasm. It was a wonderful experience that helped broaden their understanding of different faiths.

Rocksteady Concerts

We also celebrated musical performances from Rocksteady groups at each school yesterday. The Junior Rocksteady musicians performed for parents and family members in the morning and we had a great turn-out of parent and family members. Later in the afternoon, the Reception, Years 1 and 2 Rocksteady pupils performed at the Infant School and again the hall was packed with a proud audience of parents and family. Well done to all the musicians who performed and we were all very proud of the progress the children have made in the different clubs. Thank you to the Rocksteady music teacher, Natan, for arranging the end of year concerts and for his work with the children throughout the year. Thank you parents and children in each audience; we all enjoyed watching and listening as the children performed and celebrating their amazing musical talents.

New School Year Dates and Events

School **reopens for all new Years 1 to 6 children on Thursday 3rd September 2026.**

Our new Nursery and Reception children have their own starting dates.

Dates for all key events such as Masses, parent consultation meetings and workshops for the next academic year will be placed on the website from September.

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

Year 1 Zeynab & Jenarisa

Year 4 Josiah & Zion

Year 2 Giulia & Jason

Year 5 Joseph & Amelia

Year 3 Jesse & Eriola

Year 6 Thierry & Great



STAR OF THE WEEK

Infants

N	The Whole
RA	The Whole
RB	The Whole Class

1A	Ericson
1B	Khadija
2A	The Whole Class
2B	The Whole Class



STAR OF THE WEEK

Juniors

3A	Esther	5A	Drake
3B	Nicolas	5B	Freddie
4A	Shaddai	6A	Arthur
4B	Yannis & Isabelle	6B	Charles



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations

to 2A

for having the

highest

attendance!



Class	%
R1	89
R2	90
1A	97
1B	74
2A	98
2B	90
3A	89
3B	87
4A	95
4B	96
5A	92
5B	91
6A	88
6B	87

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 19th July 2026

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that the Kingdom of God is growing all around us. We live in a world where we see both good and bad and we can choose to be like the wheat or the weeds. We all make mistakes, but God is loving and patient and gives us time to grow into the people we were created to be. Each new day is an opportunity to grow in God's goodness. **The Word** we are celebrating this week is **Growing**.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep, his enemy came and sowed darnel weeds among the wheat. When the shoots sprouted the weeds appeared as well. The servants wanted to pull up the weeds but, not wanting to risk damaging the wheat, they went to the owner and said, 'Do you want us to go and weed it out?' But the owner said, 'No, because when you take out the weeds you might pull up the wheat with them.' So the owner let them grow together until harvest time when the wheat could be separated from the weeds, and then the wheat could be gathered into his barn.

Adapted from The Gospel of Matthew 13:24-30

The 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	6a	Elissa
Respect	6b	Elizabeth
Commitment	5b	Ella
Truth	3b	Paula
Excellence	5a	Anastasia
Truth	4b	Rio
Courage	3a	Mandy
Justice	4a	Andreea
Courage	N RA RB 1A 1B 2A 2B	Elsa Gabriella Noah Aodha Sienna O Scarlett Edwin

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Felisiana & Mahan
Year 4	Livia & Mikayla
Year 5	Sadie & Owen
Year 6	Megan & Bonita

KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/When
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

