



# 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*



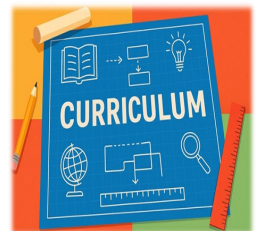
Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome to the first newsletter of the new academic year! As this is the first newsletter written by me, Mr. McCreadie, as Headteacher, I would like to begin by saying what a pleasure it has been to welcome all of our children back to both schools over this week and last week. The classrooms and corridors are once again filled with energy, enthusiasm, and bright smiles. It has been a wonderful start to the term, and we are all incredibly excited for the year ahead, which I am sure will be a very positive and rewarding one for our entire school family.

## Curriculum Meetings

Thank you to all the parents and careers who joined us for our curriculum meetings this week. I hope you found these sessions informative and that they provided a helpful overview of the year ahead, as well as a good opportunity to meet your children's new teachers and school leaders. Strong partnerships between home and school are central to everything we do, and we greatly value your time and support as we begin this new learning journey together.



## School Communication:

As I mentioned in the curriculum meetings, communication between home and school is vital. As a school and leadership team we will strive to make your experience at the Federation as collaborative as possible. Should you need to speak to me about any issues, please do make an appointment at the relevant school office. As a further reminder, our schools will no longer be using X (formerly Twitter). Instead, we have launched a new official Instagram page to share news, updates, and highlights of school life. You can find and follow us at **[annunciation\\_schools](https://www.instagram.com/annunciation_schools)**. We look forward to sharing photos and celebrating the children's achievements with you on this platform throughout the term.



### A Personal Note

On a personal note, I would like to express my sincere thanks to so many parents for your warm welcome and kind words following my appointment as Headteacher. As I have said, were it not for the staff, the children and you the families that make up our school I would not have applied for this role. It is a true privilege to lead The Annunciation Schools, and I assure you that as Head, I will do my very best to ensure the best possible education, care, and school life for your children.



As a Leadership Team—myself, Ms. Brennan (Deputy Head), Mrs. Stanley (Assistant Head, Infant School), and Ms. Horgan (Assistant Head, Junior School), look forward to deepening our collaboration with you as a school family to ensure a dynamic, supportive, and really successful year ahead.

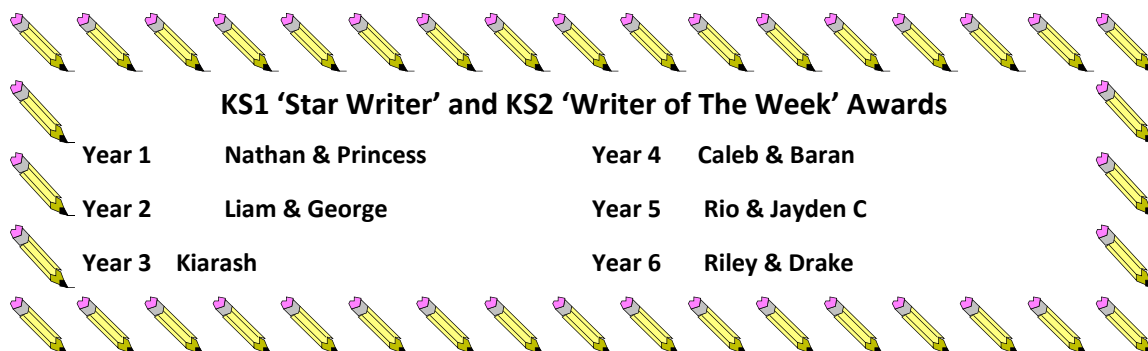
### PTA Volunteers Needed

As successful as the end of the last academic year was, it cannot have escaped your attention that one event was missing. The Summer fayre has always been a highlight of the school year, and it was a real shame that we could not run one this year. With Christmas on the horizon (sorry for mentioning that!), it would be doubly disappointing if we were unable to put on our traditional Christmas event. Therefore we are appealing again for volunteers to make up the PTA. We are incredibly grateful for those who did last year, and myself and Ms. Brennan will be in touch with you soon to move this forward. However, many hands make light work and so if you are willing to volunteer then please contact the school.



Enjoy the weekend!

Mr.



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

Year 1

Nathan & Princess

Year 4

Caleb & Baran

Year 2

Liam & George

Year 5

Rio & Jayden C

Year 3

Kiarash

Year 6

Riley & Drake

#### STAR OF THE WEEK



Infants



|    |          |
|----|----------|
| N  | Annie    |
| RA | Maia     |
| RB | Emilia M |

|    |         |
|----|---------|
| 1A | Saoirse |
| 1B | Tiffany |
| 2A | Lovell  |
| 2B | Neveah  |

#### STAR OF THE WEEK



Juniors



|    |         |
|----|---------|
| 3A |         |
| 3B | Jessica |
| 4A | Mandy   |
| 4B | Suhas   |

|    |       |
|----|-------|
| 5A | Neve  |
| 5B | Chloe |
| 6A | Ellis |
| 6B | Bella |

# ATTENDANCE

**Congratulations**  
to **R2 & 3B**  
for having the  
highest



**attendance!**

| Class | %   |
|-------|-----|
| R1    | 96  |
| R2    | 100 |
| 1A    | 96  |
| 1B    | 97  |
| 2A    | 97  |
| 2B    | 98  |
| 3A    | 98  |
| 3B    | 100 |
| 4A    | 99  |
| 4B    | 98  |
| 5A    | 99  |
| 5B    | 98  |
| 6A    | 98  |
| 6B    | 99  |

## Celebration of The Word

Peter went up to Jesus and said, "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?" Jesus answered, "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times." Then Jesus told them this story:

"There was a king with many servants. One of them owed the king an enormous amount of money. The servant could not pay so he begged for more time to pay his debt. The king felt so sorry for him that he let him go and even cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him a very small amount of money; but he would not give him time to pay and instead had him thrown into prison. When the news reached the king, he sent for the unforgiving servant. 'You wicked servant,' the king said, 'I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?' Then the king sent the unforgiving servant to prison to be punished."

Adapted from Matthew 18:21-35 The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
Year A

*In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains one of God's greatest gifts to us—his forgiveness for those times we make mistakes. However, in my opinion he also sets out what at times can be one of the challenges of being Catholic, that we must forgive others too. I am sure we can all think of times when this has been hard for us. However, as Jesus tells us, without doing this we will struggle to find our own peace. And so we pray that God will grant us the compassion and strength to forgive others, especially at times we find it difficult to do so.*

## AIS and AJS VALUES

| Tolerance  |                                       |                                                              |
|------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Respect    | 3b                                    | Louie                                                        |
| Commitment | 6b                                    | Salome                                                       |
| Truth      | 4b                                    | Sarah                                                        |
| Excellence | 5b                                    | Josiah                                                       |
| Safety     | 6a                                    | Owen                                                         |
| Courage    | 4a                                    | Poppy                                                        |
| Justice    | 5a                                    | Yannis                                                       |
| Commitment | N<br>RA<br>RB<br>1A<br>1B<br>2A<br>2B | Joel<br>Chiemeka<br>Lazaro<br>Soso<br>Victor<br>Enzo<br>Noah |

## Maths Superstars

|        |                   |
|--------|-------------------|
| Year 3 | Lawrence          |
| Year 4 | Bezael & Thomas   |
| Year 5 | Kayden & Micheal  |
| Year 6 | Tonye & Mohamad R |

## KEY DATES

| Date     | What                                | Where/When        |
|----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 14/09/26 | House Captains (Y2/Y6) Applications | Infants & Juniors |
| 18/09/26 | House Captain Elections             | Infants & Juniors |
| 22/9/26  | Infant Welcome Mass                 | Church—AM         |
| 22/9/26  | Junior Welcome Mass                 | School—PM         |
| 23/9/26  | National Fitness Day                |                   |
| 25/9/26  | History Day                         |                   |

Miss Odoi



## The Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Martin



Mrs Stanley



Mr McCreddie



Miss Brennan

