



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,

It has been another exciting and busy week across both schools as we get into the full swing of the autumn term. The children have been working extremely well in their classes, and we are really proud of their focus, effort, and positive attitude toward their learning.

I would also like to thank parents and carers for your ongoing efforts with attendance and punctuality. Good attendance makes such a vital difference to your child's progress, and we encourage you to continue with this strong start. As the autumn weather brings the usual seasonal colds and sniffles, we kindly remind families that, provided children are able and well enough, they should still come to school. Every day in the classroom counts!



Start of Year Masses



On Tuesday, we gathered as a faith community for our Start of Year Masses. The Infant School celebrated Mass at The Annunciation Church, while the Junior School gathered together in the school hall. We extend our sincere thanks to Fr. Ako for presiding over these special services and guiding us as we begin the new academic year in prayer. Thank you also to the pupils involved for their beautiful readings, and to Ms. Toal and Ms. Gimmi for all their hard work in organizing these wonderful services.

Fitness Day 2026

On Wednesday, we marked National Fitness Day across the Federation. Both schools took part in special active lessons designed to encourage healthy lifestyles and wellbeing. Great fun was had by children and staff alike—please do take a look at our Instagram page (@annunciation_schools) for proof of all the energetic activities! A big thank you to Ms. Finnigan and Ms. Rioux for their hard work in making the day so exciting for everyone.



House Captain Election Results

The votes from last week's House Captain elections have now been counted, and we are pleased to announce our newly elected House Captains:

St Catherine: HC – Pietra, VC - Alana
St Martin HC – Autumn, VC-Elias
St Dominic HC – Oliwia, VC - Harper
St Rose: HC - Naomi VC - Riley

HC—Tala, VC— Benjamin
HC—Noah, VC—Jenarisa
HC—George, VC—Brendon
HC—Hazel, VC— Gloria



Congratulations to our new leaders! Once again, thank you to all the pupils who stood for election; you demonstrated fantastic confidence and school spirit.

Reminders—

School Governors' Fund

To repeat the message from last week—contributions to our School Governors' Fund can now be made on Arbor under the 'Trips' section. A huge thank you to those families who have already made this donation. We really do understand that this is not a small amount, but we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £60 for individual pupils and £80 for families with more than one child. If you have children attending both the Infant and Junior schools, please split this contribution at £40 for each school. To help make this manageable for families, there is an option to pay in flexible installments from as little as £2 at a time between now and April.



PTA Volunteers Meeting

We will be holding a meeting for all PTA volunteers on Wednesday 7th October at 2.45pm. The PTA plays an invaluable role in organizing community events and raising vital funds for our schools. Further details regarding the location and agenda will follow nearer the time, but please save the date if you are interested in getting involved.



RSHE Consultation

We will soon be sharing important information on the RSHE curriculum that is delivered across the school. This is an important chance for your voice to be heard and to deepen the collaboration and understanding between the school and home on what is being taught to the children. Please keep checking on Dojo for further information on this.



Have a great weekend.

Mr. D. McCreadie

KS1 'Star Writer' and KS2 'Writer of The Week' Awards											
Year 1	Yoosan & Karavi				Year 4	Olivia H & Aliyana					
Year 2	Brendon & Tala				Year 5	Sofia & Saoirse					
Year 3	Idil & Elenor				Year 6	Solange & Edward					



STAR OF THE WEEK

Infants

N	Amelia
RA	Maddison
RB	Emilia K

1A	Nathan
1B	Piruthvik
2A	Sienna A
2B	Tala



STAR OF THE WEEK

Juniors

3A	Samuel
3B	Orneala
4A	Acacia
4B	Catia

5A	Jessie
5B	Livia
6A	Tonye
6B	



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations

to

1B & 4B

for having the
highest attendance!



Class	
RA	98%
RB	95%
1A	95%
1B	99%
2A	98%
2B	91%
3A	99%
3B	97%
4A	96%
4B	99%
5A	97%
5B	96%
6A	98%
6B	98%

Celebration of The Word

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, "What do you think about this? A man had two sons. He went to one and said, 'My son, go and work in my vineyard today.' 'I will not

go,' his son replied – but later he changed his mind and went. The man said the same thing to his other son, and the son replied, 'Yes, I will' – but he did not go. Which of the two sons did the will of their father?" "The first," they said. Then Jesus said to them, "I tell you truly that those we consider outcasts are going ahead of you into the kingdom of God. Did not John the Baptist come to you, teaching what is right and true, and you did not believe him? Yet the outcasts believed him. And even then you did not change your minds and believe him."

Adapted from Matthew 21:28-32

The 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses the parable to discuss the ways in which people can change—in some ways for good and in some ways for worse. I'm sure we can all think of times we have resolved to do something or to make a change, only to give up or forget about it. However, Jesus reminds us that the possibility to do the right thing, to step towards the hard work of being his follower, is always open to us. We are not set in stone—the opportunity for change and growth is always with us. We hope that as a school community we keep this in our minds daily as we strive towards being who God meant us to be...

AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	4a	Sofia
Tolerance	4b	Ethan
Commitment	3b	Praise
Truth	5b	Jason
Excellence	6b	Lindzey
Safety	3a	Jaida
Courage	5a	Blessing
Justice	6a	Autumn
	N	Fiadh
	RA	James
	RB	Emmanuella
	1A	Sana
	1B	Delilah
	2A	Kiara
	2B	Doron

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Ella & Leona
Year 4	Bezetal & Mahan
Year 5	Tobias & Jaden O
Year 6	Vida & Prince P

KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/When
28/09/26	Diddy Dom Elections	Juniors
30/09/26	Year 5 Trip	Juniors
1/10/26	Start of Black History Month	
1/10/26	National Poetry Day	
2/10/26	6A Assembly	
5/10/26	Book Fair—both schools	
5/10/26	Space Week	
7/10/26	Reception Phonics Workshop	Infant School
7/10/26	Year 4 Timestables Workshop	Junior School
7/10/26	PTA Meetings—at Both Schools	
9/10/26	Mental Health Day	
9/10/26	6B Assembly	
16/10	5A Assembly	

Miss Odoi



The Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Martin



Mrs Stanley



Mr McCreddie



Miss Brennan

