



Key Dates

15/04/24	Science Week
14/04/24	First Confessions Year 3
15/04/24	Celebrating Differences Day
23/04/24	St George's Day - Children to wear red or white
24/04/24	Year 6 Residential to Alton Castle
13/05/24	Year 6 SATs Week
15/05/24	EYFS Shard End Library Visit
21/05/24	Year 3 Trip Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens
23/05/24	Year 2 Trip Cannock Chase



Guided by the teachings of the Church we pray, work, celebrate, and care for each other and other people using the gifts we have been given by God the Father, Son and Spirit.

Mrs Milligan and Mr Spindlow's Message

Welcome back to the beginning of the Summer Term. Once again, the year seems to be moving so quickly and bringing with it a number of achievements and challenges.

This week we had the pleasure of sharing our Ofsted report with parents. This is a true reflection of the wonderful school we are all part of. Please speak to our school office or visit our website if you have not received a copy of this.

At Guardian Angels we are proud of our the knowledge rich, diverse and ambitious curriculum that we offer. This week our Summer Units of work have begun across the school. Please make sure that you visit our school website to see what your children are learning this half term. We will also be sending out Topic Webs to give you an overview of learning. Thank you all for your continued support, we look forward to continuing to offer an excellent Catholic education to your child during the Summer term.

Year 6 SATs 13th - 16th May 2024

Our children in Year 6 have been working really hard, pushing their limits in preparation for SATs week. This week the children in Year 6 had a very calming afternoon with a fantastic workshop, which looked at how to deal with the stress of exams. Thank you to the team from COMPASS Birmingham for helping our young people to de-stress.



This Week's Gospel



Today we hear about how the risen Jesus ate some fish with his friends and gave them a special job to be his witnesses. We think about the people who have shared the story of Jesus with us and how we can share it with others.

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

The two disciples then explained what had happened on the road, and how they had recognised the Lord when he broke the bread.

While the two were telling them this, suddenly the Lord himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

They were terrified, thinking that they were seeing a ghost. But he said to them, "Why are you alarmed? Why are these doubts coming up in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet, and see that it is I myself. Feel me, and you will know, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones, as you can see I have."

He said this and showed them his hands and his feet. They still could not believe, they were so full of joy and wonder; so he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of cooked fish, which he took and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are the very things I told you about while I was still with you: everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the writings of the prophets, and the Psalms had to come true."

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "This is what is written: the Messiah must suffer and must rise from death three days later, and in his name the message about repentance and the forgiveness of sins must be preached to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."



This Week's Awards



Virtues Award

EYFS - Arlena

Year 1 - Zane

Year 2 - Amelia-Lily

Year 3 - Michalina

Year 4 - Mateo

Year 5 - Jan

Year 6 -Saoirse



Reader of the Week

EYFS - Harry

Year 1 - Jaymin

Year 2 - Ella

Year 3 - Jacob

Year 4 -Davian

Year 5 - Corey-James

Year 6 -Buddy



PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Sylvie-Fae

Year 1 -Winnie

Year 2 - Millie-Mae

Year 3 - Troy

Year 4 - Leo

Year 5 - Erin

Year 6 - Erin

Star Pupils

EYFS

Baby - Queenie and Naemi

Year 3

Eden and Ella F

Year 1

Isla and Charlie

Year 4

Maisie and Parker

Year 2

Joe and Darcie

Year 5

Rayan and Jacob

Year 6

Macie - Lou and Carl

This Week's Attendance



Attendance Counts

Year Group	Attendance %
EYFS	94.7
Year 1	94.1
Year 2	95.7
Year 3	93.8
Year 4	79.7
Year 5	93.0
Year 6	86.3

Attendance Update

Schools can fine parents for the unauthorised absence of their child from school, where the child is of compulsory school age.

Guardian Angels have now had to fine 8 families following Birmingham City Council guidelines

If issued with a penalty notice, parents must pay £60 within 21 days or £120 within 28 days. The payment must be made directly to the local authority..

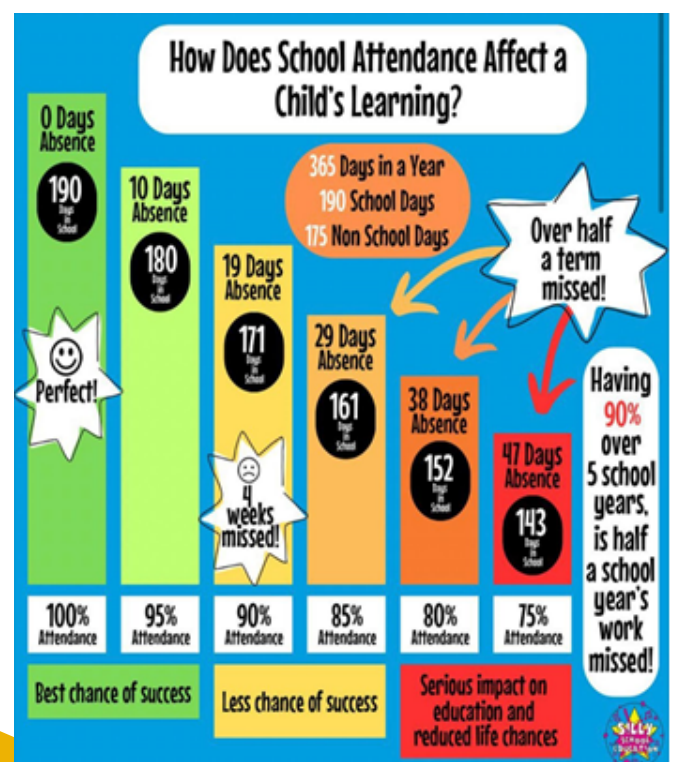
If the payment has not been made after 28 days, the local authority can decide whether to prosecute the parent.

Attendance Support

Mrs Tennant and the attendance team are always available to offer advice and support to help ensure your child is able to attend every day and reach their full potential. To book an appointment, please call the office on: 0121 747 2782

Every Day Counts

Just before the holiday, all schools in England received a message from the Secretary of State for Education, outlining the concerns linked to attendance nationwide. Whilst our attendance has improved and the number of children below 90% attendance has decreased, there is still work to be done. Our teachers are providing an excellent education in every classroom, everyday - every day missed is a missed learning opportunity. Attendance will remain a huge focus for the whole school this year.





KS2 Year 4 MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK 2024

WHAT

- Pupils are tested on their ability to answer multiplication questions up to 12 with an emphasis on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 (these are considered to be the most difficult)
- The tests are online and on-screen
- The check contains 25 questions with 6 seconds to answer each one
- There is a 3 second pause in-between each question, before the next one appears on screen
- Before the test, schools can access a practice area for children to become familiar with the style of check
- Each check takes less than 5 minutes per child
- There are multiple versions of the test. The version each pupil gets is selected at random
- There is no expected pass rate or threshold

WHO

- The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is a statutory test for Year 4 pupils
- Children will not be required to retit the test if they do not get a high enough score
- Schools will be required to report the results of each child to their parents or carers

WHY

- The purpose of the Multiplication Tables Check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12
- The check will help schools to identify pupils who require additional support

WHEN

- 3rd - 19th June: Schools can choose a day within these 2 weeks to complete the test
- The test can take place on one day or across several days
- 17th - 21st June: Timetable variation week for pupils who were absent during the MTC weeks

Year 6 KS2 SATS 2024

	Date	Test	Duration	Marks	Details
English	Monday 13th May	Grammar & Punctuation (Paper 1)	45 Minutes	50	A written test with a mixture of grammar and punctuation questions.
		Spellings (Paper 2)	Approx 20 mins (not timed)	20	An oral spelling test consisting of 20 words. This score is added to the grammar & punctuation paper score to give a final mark.
	Tuesday 14th May	English Reading	60 Minutes	50	One paper with questions that are based on 3 different texts of increasing difficulty (fiction & non-fiction).
Mathematics	Wednesday 15th May	Mathematics Arithmetic (Paper 1)	30 Minutes	40	Involves mathematical calculations covering all four operations (+, -, x, ÷) including fractions, decimals and percentages.
		Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 2)	40 Minutes	35	Both of these papers assess mathematical fluency, with word problems and reasoning. All 3 maths paper's scores are added together to give a final mark.
	Thursday 16th May	Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 3)	40 Minutes	35	

- There are 6 tests over a course of 4 days (3 x English and 3 x Maths)
- Writing and Science are teacher assessed using evidence gathered throughout Year 6
- Schools can test anytime between 7am and 7pm on the day of each test
- All test papers are sent off to be externally marked
- Results will be made available to schools in July

Silly School Education

KS1 PHONICS SCREENING CHECK 2024

WHAT

- The test is administered 1:1 to each pupil in school by a teacher
- The check contains 40 words divided into two sections of 20 words
- Both sections contain a mixture of real words and nonsense words (nonsense words are phonically decodable but are not actual words)
- Each pupil is awarded a mark between 0 and 40
- There is no formal time limit, but each check takes about 10 minutes

WHO

- The phonics screening check (PSC) is a test for Year 1 pupils
- The school will report each child's results by the end of the summer term
- If a pupil does not meet the expected standard at the end of Year 1, a programme of support should be put in place
- The teacher will consider a re-take for the pupil in Year 2

WHY

- The phonics screening test is a statutory assessment that confirms whether or not pupils have met the expected standard in phonic decoding
- It reveals which pupils may need additional support

WHEN

- 10th - 19th June: Schools can choose a day within this week to complete the test
- The test can take place on one day or across several days
- 17th - 21st June: Timetable variation week for pupils who were absent during PSC week

Composer of the Week

Bhujhangy Group



- Bhujhangy Group are the world's longest-running bhangra band.
- The group was founded in Smethwick, near Birmingham, England, in 1967 by brothers Dalbir Singh Khanpur and Balbir Singh Khanpur,
- They came to the United Kingdom in the mid 1950s and been joined by their families in 1964, initially working as labourers in the West Midlands' factories
- Their music gradually incorporated wider influences including modern western rhythms and sounds from Hindi-speaking Bollywood culture
- Bhujhangy received an award from the House of Commons of the United Kingdom for Punjabi cultural and Bhangra music in 2009 [citation needed] and a Lifetime Achievement Award from Brit Asia TV Music Awards in 2011.

Summer Uniforms

Please be aware that all children can wear their summer uniforms now we have returned to school after Easter. This consists of a yellow collared polo shirts instead of a shirt and tie and plain grey school shorts. Girls may wear a yellow gingham/stripe summer dress instead of the shirt, tie and skirt.



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

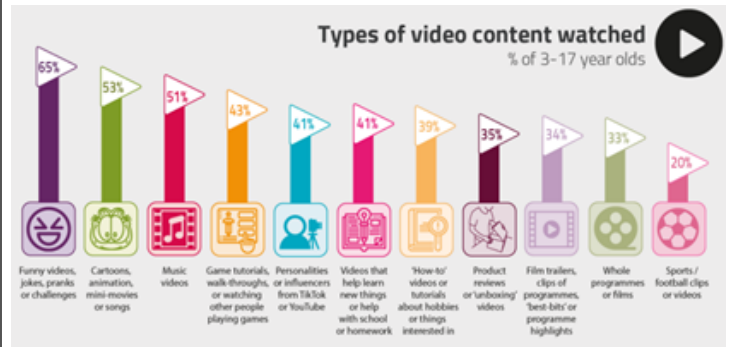
Young Carers

This week our safeguarding focus is on young carers. The term young carer is used to describe someone aged under 18, who helps look after a relative who has a disability, illness, mental health condition or a drug or alcohol problem. Most young carers look after one of their parents or care for a brother or sister. They do extra jobs around the house such as cooking, cleaning or helping someone to get dressed or move around. The pressure of looking after a family member can affect the young carer academically and socially, as they know they have extra responsibilities. If you feel that your child is a young carer or you know of another child who may be one, please make us aware so that we can help and support. There are many organisations locally and nationally that can also provide support, for example spurgeons in Birmingham.

<https://spurgeonsyc.org/birmingham/>



E- Safety Tip



What Ofcom Data tells us:

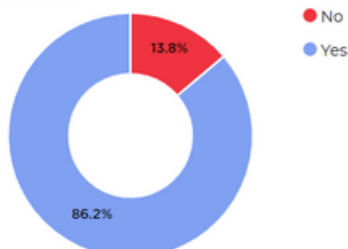
- Nearly ALL children used video sharing platforms
- TikTok used by the most children and for the greatest amount of time
- YouTube and Netflix were the most popular platforms for watching longer-form video content
- All the boys spent time gaming, ...children spoke about the 'need' to spend money on gaming
- Children were posting less, watching more and often seeking to avoid actively choosing what they watched, happy to be served a narrow range of content
- Children are struggling to pay attention to longer-form content

VOTES FOR SCHOOLS

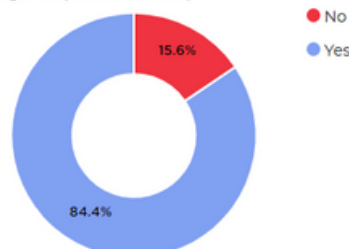
This Weeks Votes

Would playing outside more improve your mental health? (Key Stage 2))
Does playing outdoors make you happier? (Key Stage 1)

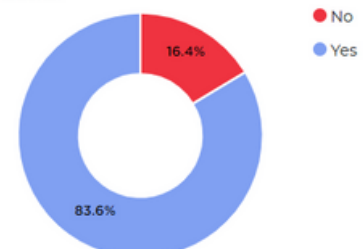
Your School



Regional (West Midlands)



National





Right of the Week

Article 24 – Every child has the right to the best possible health.



Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this

Virtues of the Half Term

Eloquent & Truthful

Pupils at Guardian Angels are growing to be eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.

We help our pupils grow by developing an eloquent language which pupils can use to understand and articulate their emotions, beliefs, and questions, encouraged by the example of their teachers to be truthful in the way they represent themselves and speak about the world.



Birthday Celebrations this Week

Sophia (EYFS) and Anada (Year 2)



Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family

Weekly Prayer

Father God, you sent your Son to share your message of love and forgiveness. Help us all to be witnesses to that love and forgiveness in our lives. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend and God Bless,

Mrs Helen Milligan, Mr Spindlow and all the staff at Guardian Angels

Topic Webs and Curriculum Overviews

Summer Term Topic Webs are now available on the school website and a link to access these was home before the Easter holiday.

Here you will be able to see the teaching and learning overview for your child's year group. This overview will inform you on what your child will be taught in the Summer Term.

Please use this link to access this term's Topic Webs:
<https://www.grdangel.bham.sch.uk/curriculum/summer-topic-webs>

Upcoming Events



Science Week 2024!

This year, we will be celebrating Science Week from Monday 15th April. The week will start with a visit from Science Boffins, who will kick start the week with an assembly and immerse classes throughout the day with Science- themed workshops. Children will be asked to bring in a spare white shirt to decorate as their very own lab coat. Throughout the week, classes will take part in a range of experiments and show case their work in Friday's assembly.

We ask kindly that each family pays £1.50 towards the activities.

Upcoming Events



**Guardian Angels declare
Thursday 18th April 2024**



and /or odd socks

Create a funky hairstyle, wear a crazy wig or cool hat to celebrate accepting differences and raising awareness for Autism and Down Syndrome. Please come in full uniform on the day. **Lets get crazy!!!**