



Key Dates

23/04/24	St George's Day - Children to wear red or white
24/04/24	Year 6 Residential to Alton Castle
06/05/24	Bank Holiday - School closed to all
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
24/05/24	Inset Day - School closed to pupils
03/06/24	School open for all



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

What a busy week at Guardian Angels. On Wednesday Year 3 made their First Confession. Thank you to all that families that attended this event. The children thought about the times when they didn't show love to others and asked God to forgive them.

Science week went with a blast with assemblies, workshops and class activities. It was wonderful to see each class sharing their experience with us in celebration assembly today.

Guardian Angels was awash with colourful socks and crazy hair on Thursday when children and staff took part in celebrating differences day. Please see page 8 of the newsletter for images of Science week and celebrating differences day.

Online Safety Guidance

This week you will have received a letter about access to the National College. This is a fantastic resource for you to be able to access hundreds of courses and online safety guides to support the safety of your child at home. To sign up please visit:

<https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/guardian-angels-catholic-primary-school>

This Week's Gospel



Today we hear about how the risen Jesus called himself the good shepherd, who carefully looks after his sheep. Why do you think Jesus calls himself a shepherd? Jesus wants us to follow his example. He asks us to care for all our brothers and sisters around the world, no matter who they are or where they come from. And he doesn't want us to run away when things are difficult. He wants us to stand up for what we believe in and know to be right.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd, who is willing to die for the sheep. When the hired man, who is not a shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees a wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away; so the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them. The hired man runs away because he is only a hired man and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd. As the Father knows me and I know the Father, in the same way I know my sheep and they know me. And I am willing to die for them. There are other sheep which belong to me that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them, too; they will listen to my voice, and they will become one flock with one shepherd.

"The Father loves me because I am willing to give up my life, in order that I may receive it back again. No one takes my life away from me. I give it up of my own free will. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it back. This is what my Father has commanded me to do."



This Week's Awards



Virtues Award

EYFS - Elsie-Mai
Year 1 - Hunter
Year 2 - Imogen
Year 3 - Connor
Year 4 - Ruby-Lou
Year 5 - Kairo
Year 6 - Liam



Reader of the Week

EYFS - Joshua
Year 1 - Alicja
Year 2 - Max
Year 3 - Phoebe
Year 4 - Jessica
Year 5 - Miguel
Year 6 - Arshad



PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Larna
Year 1 - Sidney
Year 2 - Darcie
Year 3 - Bonnie
Year 4 - Jolie
Year 5 - Jacob
Year 6 - Hanniel

Star Pupils

EYFS

Graciemae and Noah

Year 3

Mason and Jude C

Year 1

Adonis and Lilly-Paige

Year 4

Elijah and Frankie

Year 2

Reign and Ella

Year 5

Lilly and Finn

Year 6

Holly and Evie

This Week's Attendance



Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	88.7
Year 1	93.4
Year 2	91.7
Year 3	96.1
Year 4	98.4
Year 5	95.1
Year 6	91.7

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 9 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.

Attendance Ladder





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 retake 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

St. Hildegard



- St. Hildegard, also called Hildegard of Bingen or Hildegard von Bingen, she was a German Nun, saint, composer and poet.
- She was canonized May 10, 2012
- Feast day September 17
- Hildegard was born of noble parents
- Hildegard was 15 years old when she began wearing the Benedictine habit and pursuing a religious life
- As a child, she experienced visions.

Transport for West Midlands – Road Safety Action Plan Survey

During 2024 Transport for West Midlands will be updating the Road Safety Action Plan, setting out the actions they will take to halve road deaths and serious injuries by 2030. Parents and carers can share their views on how road safety could be improved across the region by completing the Home Road Safety Action Plan Survey which closes at 5pm on Friday, 10 May 2024

<https://wmroadsafety.commonplace.is/>



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Stranger Danger Tips

This week our safeguarding focus is on danger from strangers.. Evidence shows that children are in fact often in greater danger from people they know, from other children, or on the internet, but abuse and dangerous situations do continue to happen outside the home and it is important to teach your child how to stay safe. It helps to teach your children how to identify and respond to threatening situations. Children need to understand the difference between strangers who could hurt them and strangers who may help them. Let them know who they can trust if they need help. Explain that they must tell a trusted adult if they have been approached by someone they do not know or if they feel uncomfortable about a situation. Ensure your child is aware of their surroundings, and alert to potential danger when walking or playing outside.

<https://safety4kids.com.au/safety-zone/stranger-danger>

E- Safety Tip

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

With more than two billion active users exchanging text, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service and is used by millions of children. This graphic aims to help parents and carers understand the risks of WhatsApp and how to keep their children safe.

...MSG ME...

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- EVOLVING SCAMS:** WhatsApp's popularity makes it a favorite for scammers. Being a parent, you should be aware of the risks of WhatsApp, including the possibility of a scammer posing as your child and requesting a money transfer from you or a scammer requesting that you pay for a service that you don't need.
- CONTACT FROM STRANGERS:** To start a chat, someone only needs your phone number. If you don't know the number and someone they don't know contacts them via WhatsApp, it's often possible that your child has given their number to a stranger who has contacted them through WhatsApp. This means users cannot see messages they've sent, received or for them on a phone, and might be able to contact them.
- FAKE NEWS:** WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use often means it's the preferred method for spreading fake news. It's important to be aware of the risks of WhatsApp, including the possibility of a scammer posing as your child and requesting a money transfer from you or a scammer requesting that you pay for a service that you don't need.

ONLINE

VIEW ONCE CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once is a popular feature of WhatsApp. However, it's important to be aware of the risks of WhatsApp, including the possibility of a scammer posing as your child and requesting a money transfer from you or a scammer requesting that you pay for a service that you don't need.

CHAT LOCK

Another recent update allows users to create certain messages or photos that are only visible to the sender. This is a useful feature for parents, but it's important to be aware of the risks of WhatsApp, including the possibility of a scammer posing as your child and requesting a money transfer from you or a scammer requesting that you pay for a service that you don't need.

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature allows users to share their current whereabouts, which can be useful for parents. However, it's important to be aware of the risks of WhatsApp, including the possibility of a scammer posing as your child and requesting a money transfer from you or a scammer requesting that you pay for a service that you don't need.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

- EMPHASISE CAUTION:** Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution. If someone is trying to contact your child, encourage them to tell you first. If you know your child is using WhatsApp, encourage them to tell you if they receive a message from someone they don't know.
- ADJUST THE SETTINGS:** It's a good idea to check your child's WhatsApp settings. Go to 'Privacy' and 'Groups' to specify which of their contacts can add them to groups. You can also give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use the location, emphasize that they should enable this function for only as long as they need - and then turn it off.
- THINKING BEFORE SHARING:** Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy - and often fun - to share photos and videos, but it's important to be aware of the risks of WhatsApp, including the possibility of a scammer posing as your child and requesting a money transfer from you or a scammer requesting that you pay for a service that you don't need.
- CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY:** Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you find a child's WhatsApp, you should talk to them about the risks of WhatsApp, including the possibility of a scammer posing as your child and requesting a money transfer from you or a scammer requesting that you pay for a service that you don't need.

...HEY OS! Wake Up Wednesday

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various evidence-based papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and learning behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

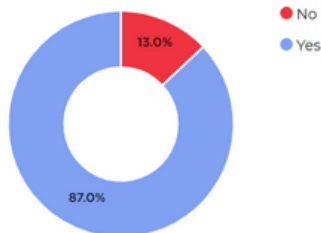
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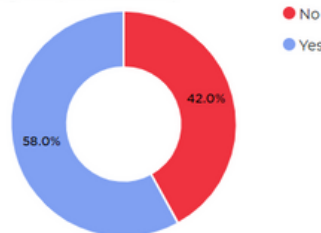
This Weeks Votes

Would you like to see more wildlife in your towns and cities?

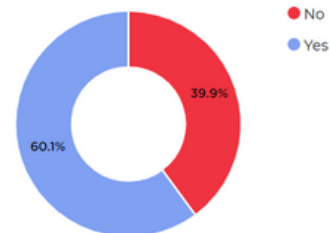
Your School



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Right of the Week

Article 6 – life survival and development



Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.

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

Michael and Winnie-Beau (Year 1), Lacey (Year 3), Parker and Amelia (Year 4) and Oliver (Year 6)

Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family



Weekly Prayer

**Loving God, help us to love and care for all your people throughout the world and to work together to make the world a better place.
Amen.**

Have a lovely weekend and God Bless,

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

We Are All Saints Children's Charter

The charter outlines the offer of all schools within the MAC and sits at the heart of our mission to provide high quality Catholic education for all our pupils.

Our charter is arranged into the following principles:

- **All Saints have a love for others,**
- **All Saints use their gifts wisely,**
- **All Saints are servants of Christ,**
- **All Saints are risk takers,**
- **All Saints have a love for the world around them.**

The five sections set out a blueprint for the overall offer of experiences that our children and young people can expect to receive as they undertake their journey through each stage of both their primary and secondary school lives, within Our Lady and All Saints Catholic MAC.

It can also be located on our website

Celebrating Events



Science Week

This week, we welcomed Science Boffins to Guardian Angels to celebrate all things Science! All classes enjoyed learning about the Solar System and taking part in activities throughout the week including decorating their own Science lab coat.



Celebrating Differences Day

On Thursday, we celebrated our differences with crazy hair and odd socks! We shared information about Autism and Downs Syndrome so that we can spread awareness and acceptance for all.



Important Information



Dear staff in early years settings

We continue to see measles cases locally including cases in babies and very young children. Some children have been very poorly and needed care in hospital. It is therefore really important that we continue to promote vaccination.

Measles is very infectious and can cause severe illness, especially in certain at-risk groups including babies and small children, pregnant women, and people with weakened immunity. Complications could mean hospitalisation, permanent disability, and in rare cases, it can even cause death.

There is no cure for measles. The best protection is through two doses of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination. We would like to ask you to promote MMR vaccination in any conversations you have with staff, children, and families and check that your staff are vaccinated. Unvaccinated staff can request MMR from their GP.

Babies under one are too young to routinely receive the vaccine, so the best way to protect them is to make sure that those around them, including parents, siblings and staff caring for them at nursery or early years settings, are vaccinated. For babies and toddlers over one, vaccinations should be done as soon as possible. Parents and carers will be called for this by their GP.

Measles symptoms include: a high temperature, a runny or blocked nose, sneezing, a cough, or red, sore, or red watery eyes followed a few days later by a rash around the head and neck area that later spreads to the rest of the body.

If you have concerns that someone may have measles, please ask them to stay away from settings where it could spread to others and to CALL their GP for advice.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Dr Justin Vamey
Director of Public Health
Birmingham City Council

Important Information



Think Measles!

What is measles?

Measles is a very infectious virus, which spreads quickly if people are not protected against it. Measles is currently continuing to spread across the West Midlands. Two doses of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR) are needed for maximum protection.

A version of MMR is available which does NOT contain pork ingredients. **Many rigorous scientific studies have confirmed there is no link between MMR and autism.**

Measles can cause severe illness in people who are not protected, especially in certain at-risk groups including babies and small children, pregnant women, and people with weakened immune systems. Complications could mean hospitalisation, permanent disability, and in rare cases, it can even cause death.

Preventing and Controlling infections

Measles is highly infectious: 9 out of 10 unprotected individuals contract the illness when exposed to it. Anyone that is not protected and exposed to measles may be asked to stay at home for a number of days. There is no specific treatment for measles.

The best protection is through two doses of the MMR vaccine. The MMR can be given at any time after a child turns 13 months and parents can book via their GP. The best way to protect babies under 1 is to ensure everyone around them is immunised.

Measles is a notifiable disease

In the event of an outbreak, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) will support in the risk assessment and advise on actions that need to be taken.

If in doubt, follow the '[Think Measles guidance](#)' and ensure that you report a case of measles to the UKHSA West Midlands Health Protection team.

Call: 0344 225 3560 (option 2)

Email: wmmeaslescell@ukhsa.gov.uk

What are the symptoms of measles?

- Cold-like symptoms such as runny or blocked nose, sneezing and cough
- Red, sore watery eyes
- High temperature (fever) which may reach around 40C / 104F
- A non-itchy, red-brown rash usually appears 3-5 days later (sometimes starts around the ears), spots may be raised and join to form blotchy patches – which may be harder to see on darker skin tones.

What to do if someone has measles symptoms?

If someone has symptoms of measles, please advise them to stay at home and not attend any setting where it could be spread to others.

If someone thinks they have measles, they should call their GP or 111. People should not go to their GP practice or any other healthcare provider without calling in advance – they should phone their GP or 111 for advice and say it could be measles.

If an early years setting is experiencing an outbreak of cases of infectious disease (2 or more cases), the setting should call the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) on 0344 225 3560 (option 2).

Advice is also available on the [NHS website](#) and [UKHSA webpages](#).

If your setting needs any further support, UKHSA will work in partnership with your local council's Public Health team and the local NHS.

For more information, scan:

