



## Key Dates

06/05/24	Bank Holiday - School closed to all
08/05/24	No Mass today
09/05/24	Mass - Ascension at 10:45am in the school hall - ALL WELCOME
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	Children break up today for May half term Year 2 Trip Cannock Chase
23/05/24	Parishioners tea in the gap room at 12:30pm
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

Year 6 SATS tests will begin on Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May. A letter has been sent home by Mr Johnson about SATs breakfast that week. This is a time to be with their friends and also to discuss any worries or concerns that they have. This is an extremely important week in the children's academic life and they MUST attend school every day.

Children are expected to come to school every day and on time and aim to have 100% attendance. Good attendance is essential to guarantee the highest possible achievement. Parents and carers have a legal responsibility to make sure their children attend school regularly and if they allow their children to stay away from school without good reason they may be prosecuted. If a child is absent, parents or carers must contact the school each day and give the reason for the absence. Home visits will be made if there is no contact. Poor attendance is monitored as a potential indicator of safeguarding issues in the home or elsewhere outside of the school.

## May - Month of Mary

The month of May is dedicated to Mary. Year 3 will be leading our May Procession this year as we crown Mary. Please spend some time in prayer this month saying the Hail Mary with your child.

**Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.**

**Blessed art thou amongst women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen**



# This Week's Gospel



Today Jesus asks us to love one another as he loves us. He talks about the importance of looking out for our friends, and how we can all be friends of Jesus. Let's think a bit more about our friends today.

## **Gospel: John 15:9-17**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love. If you obey my commands you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give his life for them. And you are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because servants do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from my Father. You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. And so the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name. This, then, is what I command you: love one another."



# This Week's Awards



## Virtues Award

EYFS - Noah  
Year 1 - Jack  
Year 2 - Scarlett  
Year 3 - Kyle  
Year 4 - Jessica  
Year 5 - Blake  
Year 6 - Frankie



## Reader of the Week

EYFS - Koa  
Year 1 - Chimamanda  
Year 2 - Anada  
Year 3 - Casey  
Year 4 - Jolie  
Year 5 - Lucas  
Year 6 - Annabella



## PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Elsie-Mai  
Year 1 - Emily  
Year 2 - Ella  
Year 3 - Ronny  
Year 4 - Toby  
Year 5 - Lilly  
Year 6 - Colm

## Star Pupils

EYFS

Harry and Millie

Year 3

Michalina and Eva

Year 1

Jaymin and Maimuna

Year 4

Layla-Rose and Ogooluwa

Year 2

Anniyah and Imogen

Year 5

Jesse and Jan

Year 6

Buddy and Saoirse

# This Week's Attendance



## Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	97.0
Year 1	94.8
Year 2	96.7
Year 3	93.2
Year 4	94.5
Year 5	93.9
Year 6	93.3

### 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 10 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 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

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## 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 Trinidad Steel Band

The Original Trinidad STEEL BAND



Steel band, also spelled steelband, Trinidadian music ensemble, particularly associated with carnival. It is primarily composed of steel idiophones—called pans or steel pans—made from the bottoms of 55-gallon oil barrels. The barrel bottoms are hammered inward, different areas being shaped to yield distinct pitches. When struck with rubber-tipped mallets, the instruments produce bell-like tones. The steel band originated on the Caribbean island of Trinidad about 1940, an invention of poor people in Port of Spain who played music during Carnival to represent their neighbourhoods and to compete with rival bands.

## Walk to School Month

During May, we are encouraging children to walk to school as many times as possible. Badges will be awarded to those who walk to school a minimum of three times a week.





## Safeguarding Tip of the Week

### Parental Conflict

There are different kinds of conflict in relationships. Not all conflict is damaging, but it's important to remember that the way it is displayed, how often it happens and how conflict is dealt with can all have a negative impact on children.

Families come in all shapes and sizes, and parental conflict can occur in all types of families: between biological parents, step parents, foster and adoptive parents, parents and grandparents and separated and divorced parents to name just a few.

There are many forms of conflict in relationships and not all are bad. Harmful parental conflict is a pattern of damaging behaviour that can include:

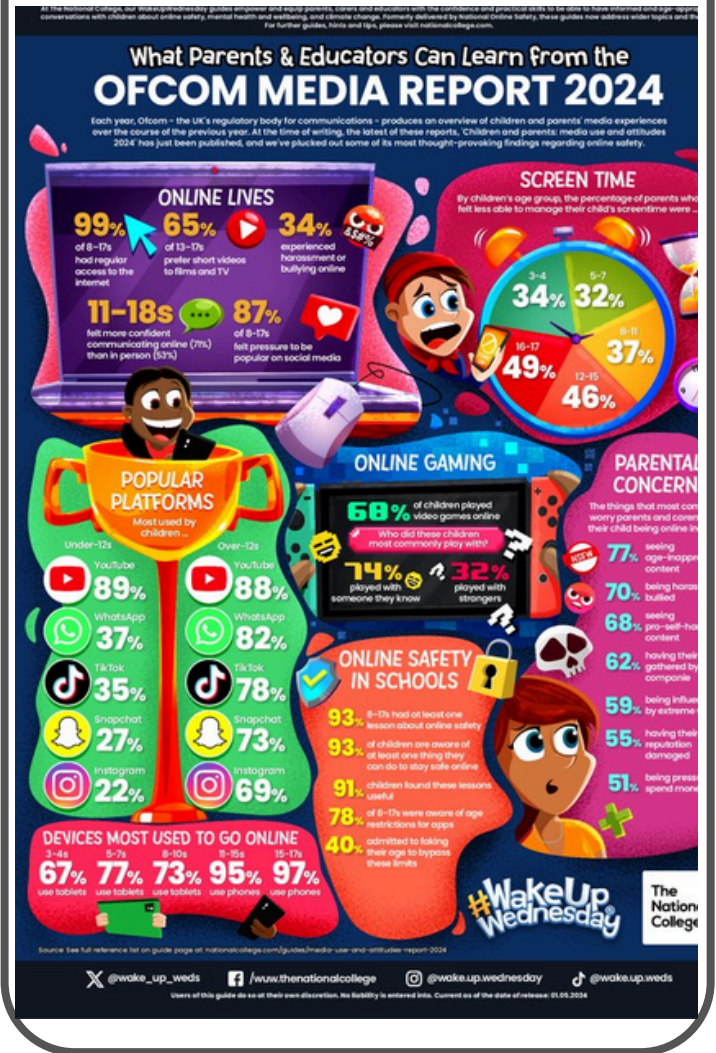
1. Shouting or aggressive arguments
2. Not speaking to each other regularly or for long periods
3. Being disrespectful
4. Letting issues linger rather than sorting things out

What is most important is how we approach conflict. As adults, we are role models for our children so if we can remain calm and respectful whilst addressing any disagreements, it provides our children with important life skills for future interactions with others.

Please see link attached

<https://families.barnardos.org.uk/families/parental-conflicts>

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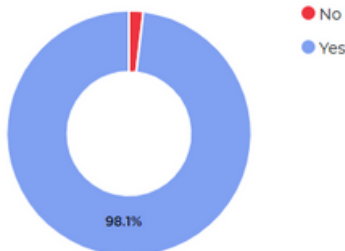


## VOTES FOR SCHOOLS

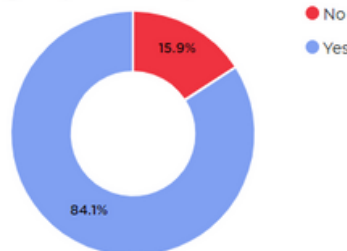
### This Weeks Votes

Do you know how to spot an online scam? (Key Stage 2)  
Do you know how to keep your information safe? (Key Stage 1)

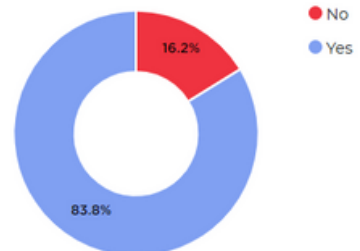
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## Right of the Week

### 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.

**Task: What are all the things that you need to survive and to develop? Think and write down some ideas to share with Mr Spindlow and Mrs Milligan**

## 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

**Aminah (Year 1)**

**Emmie-Rose & Finn (Year 5) and Macie-Lou (Year 6)**

Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family



## Weekly Prayer



Generous God, we give thanks for our friends and the joy they bring us. Help us to be generous, loving and kind to all people around the world, so that they may know we are their friends. Amen.

## John Henry Newman Mass

Some of Year 5 attended a wonderful thanksgiving Mass at John Henry Newman Catholic College this week. This was led by Bishop David and it was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate Mass with so many of the primary school pupils from our academy.

**Have a lovely weekend and God Bless,**

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



ASCENSION OF THE  
LORD - HOLY DAY OF  
OBLIGATION



Please join us for Mass at Guardian  
Angels School

**MAY**

**9** th

**10.45AM**

Behold, I am with you always even unto  
the end of the age.





## BE PART OF SHAPING THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH

### *Mission Planning Meeting*

<b>23</b>	May 2024	7.00pm
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WE ARE ALL INVITED TO A MEETING AT **GUARDIAN ANGELS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, HURST LANE, SHARD END, B34 7NH.**

WE WILL LOOK AT WHAT WE ARE DOING WELL IN OUR FIVE CATHOLIC PARISH CLUSTER, TO THE EAST OF BIRMINGHAM AND HOW WE COULD WORK TOGETHER IN THE FUTURE, TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES AND SHARE GOD'S LOVE.

PLEASE COME ALONG AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS.