



Key Dates

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
21/05/24	Year 2 assembly at 9:15am - parents invited
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
03/06/24	Year 6 Bikeability
06/06/24	Year 5 Trip to Black Country Living Museum



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

OUR NEW WEBSITE HAS NOW GONE LIVE. PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT: <https://www.grdangel.bham.sch.uk/>

Thank you to all the parents and parishioners who could join us on Thursday for our Ascension Mass. This was wonderful, led by Year 4 who read beautifully. May is the month of honouring Mary the mother of God in a special way. In school, children of all year groups have the opportunity to pray a decade of the Rosary in honour of Mary. They have also worked hard creating prayer focuses in their classrooms.



Good Luck to Year 6 who will be taking their SATs tests next week. Please make sure they have an early night and are well rested, pupils can arrive from 8am.

Prayer Garden Regeneration



Thank you to Frances Murphy from our MAC central team who has donated a lovely water fountain and benches for our peace garden. If families have any plants / bushes that they would like to donate to help us with the further regeneration of the prayer garden, please send these into school with your child - Thank You!

This Week's Gospel



In today's gospel Jesus is talking to God. He is praying. Do you pray? What do you pray for or about? Jesus is asking God to help his friends – the disciples – when he is gone. Jesus knows it will be hard for them to be without him. But he has also given his disciples a very special job to do and he wants them to carry on doing this, even after he has gone away. So he wants God to keep them safe.

Gospel: John 17:11-19

Jesus looked up to heaven and said:

“And now I am coming to you; I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world. Holy Father! Keep them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one just as you and I are one. While I was with them, I kept them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me. I protected them, and not one of them was lost, except the man who was bound to be lost – so that the scripture might come true. And now I am coming to you, and I say these things in the world so that they might have my joy in their hearts in all its fullness. I gave them your message, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I do not ask you to take them out of the world, but I do ask you to keep them safe from the Evil One. Just as I do not belong to the world, they do not belong to the world. Dedicate them to yourself by means of the truth; your word is truth. I sent them into the world, just as you sent me into the world. And for their sake I dedicate myself to you, in order that they, too, may be truly dedicated to you.”



This Week's Awards



Virtues Award

EYFS - Erin
Year 1 - Billy
Year 2 - Brianna
Year 3 - Jacob
Year 4 - Jolie
Year 5 - Nicola
Year 6 - Hanniel



Reader of the Week

EYFS - Charlie
Year 1 - Kenzo
Year 2 - Ava
Year 3 - Michalina
Year 4 - Joshua
Year 5 - Ava B
Year 6 - D'or



PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Adam
Year 1 - Natalia
Year 2 - Abigail
Year 3 - Toby
Year 4 - Mia
Year 5 - Jesse
Year 6 - Holly

Star Pupils

EYFS

Esme and Sophia

Year 3

Saoirse and Connor

Year 1

Isabella and Layla

Year 4

Amelia N and Ruby-Lou

Year 2

Jax and Elsie

Year 5

Firefunmi and Oriane

Year 6

Oliver and Isabella

This Week's Attendance



Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	95.3
Year 1	93.1
Year 2	88.7
Year 3	90.0
Year 4	89.4
Year 5	88.4
Year 6	81.3

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 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

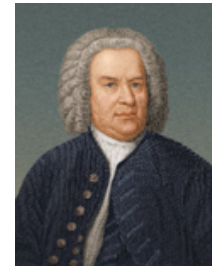
- The phonics screening test is a statutory assessment that confirms whether or not pupils have met the expected standard in phonic decoding
- It reveals which pupils may need additional support

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

Bach



Bach was a German composer, organist, harpsichordist, violist, and violinist of the Baroque Era.

The young Bach was offered a choral scholarship to the prestigious St Michael's School in 1699.

With the notable exception of opera, Bach composed towering masterpieces in every major Baroque genre: sonatas, concertos, suites and cantatas, as well as innumerable keyboard, organ and choral works.

Bach died on July 28th 1750 in Leipzig. It is still disputed whether it was a botched eye operation or a stroke caused by pneumonia were to blame for his death.

Bach's popularity was decaying until 1829, when Mendelssohn performed the St Matthew Passion and rescued Bach from oblivion.

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

Staying at home alone

This week, our safeguarding focus is on children being left alone at home. There is no legal age a child can be left at home alone, but it's against the law to leave a child alone if it puts them at risk. Every child matures differently, and because of this, it would be almost impossible to have a "one size fits all" law. As your child gets older, talk to them about how they feel about being left home alone. If they're worried, work out what parts of being home alone worry them. Do they feel safe in the neighbourhood? Are they afraid of the dark? Talk about anything that's bothering them and discuss a solution. Understanding why they don't feel comfortable will give you an idea of how to help – or why they might not be ready to be left alone. Don't do it if they are not comfortable. For more

information visit the NSPCC.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/in-the-home/home-alone/>

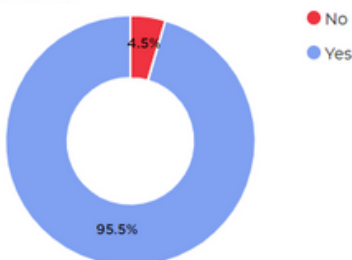
E- Safety Tip

VOTES FOR SCHOOLS

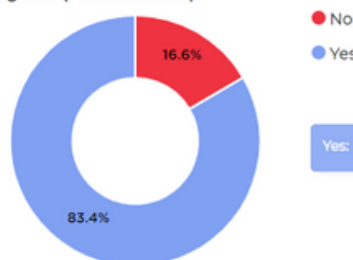
This Weeks Votes

Should tourists be more respectful when they travel? (Key Stage 2)
Is it easy to be a visitor? (Key Stage 1)

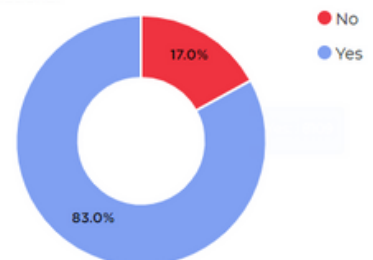
Your School



Regional (West Midlands)



National



Yes: 1234



Right of the Week

Article 22 (refugee children)



If a child is seeking refuge or has refugee status, governments must provide them with appropriate protection and assistance to help them enjoy all the rights in the Convention. Governments must help refugee children who are separated from their parents to be reunited with them.

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

**Baby-Queenie (EYFS) Ayanne (Year 2) Eden & Mylo (Year 3)
Leo & Jessica (Year 4) and Aiden, Dylan, Saoirse & Zara (Year 6)**



Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family

Weekly Prayer



Loving God, move us to follow your Son, to share your love with others and to work together to protect our beautiful world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

EYFS Induction Meeting

On Monday 10th June we look forward to welcoming the families of the children who will be joining Guardian Angels next academic year for our induction meeting.

This meeting will be held at 10.00am in the school hall where they will receive all information needed for a smooth transition into school and start dates for September.

Have a lovely weekend and God Bless,

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



BE PART OF SHAPING THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH

Mission Planning Meeting

23	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.