

Key Dates

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| Mon 24th June | Y1 trip to Sealife Centre |
| Mon 24th- 28th June | Y3 Bikeability |
| Tues 25th June | Year 4 Flute concert at 2:15pm |
| Wed 26th June | Y6 Library Visit |
| Thurs 27th June | Dress as your favourite Sports Star |
| Wed 3rd July | NO Mass |
| Thurs 4th July | Year 4 Think Tank trip |
| Frid 5th July | Summer Fayre during school time - pupils can bring some money to school- please see poster on page 9 and a Summer picnic for all pupils at lunchtime- please order a picnic meal on ParentPay ASAP |
| Mon 8th July | EYFS/Year 1 and Year 2 Sports day at 9:30am - parents welcome |



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 we have had at Guardian Angels! This week was refugee week and in school we used texts, wrote prayers and had an assembly all based around refugees and their struggle. A big thank you for Miss Hickey for leading our whole school assembly on this and Miss Hulme for organising class prayer sessions.

Classes also celebrated the upcoming Olympics with dance workshops where children used dance to act out different sporting events - all children really enjoyed this and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm.

Our summer celebrations also kicked off with our disco's on Wednesday. All children looked amazing in their party clothes and it was a fantastic opportunity for children and staff to show their skills on the dance floor.

Holy Communion

Well done to our Year 3 pupils, who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. We are so proud of the reverence and faith that you showed.



Refugee Week

This week, we focused our attention to Refugees across the world. We used stories to gain understanding of issues and vocabulary that we may encounter in the news, as well as joining live webinars led by authors. We celebrated diversity and inclusion in your school in a whole school assembly where we shared our knowledge and prayed together for the protection of refugees across the world.

This Week's Gospel



Today we hear about how in the middle of a great storm Jesus calmed the wind and the sea. He tells the disciples to have courage and to have faith. Let's think a bit more about this now.

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

On the evening of that same day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they left the crowd; the disciples got into the boat in which Jesus was already sitting, and they took him with them. Other boats were there too. Suddenly a strong wind blew up, and the waves began to spill over into the boat, so that it was about to fill with water. Jesus was in the back of the boat, sleeping with his head on a pillow. The disciples woke him up and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we are about to die?"

Jesus stood up and commanded the wind, "Be quiet!" and he said to the waves, "Be still!" The wind died down and there was a great calm. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Why are you frightened? Have you still no faith?"

But they were terribly afraid and said to one another, "Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"



This Week's Awards



Virtues Award

EYFS - Paisley
Year 1 - Jaymin
Year 2 - Jax
Year 3 - Jack
Year 4 - Layla-Rose
Year 5 - Finn
Year 6 - Amelia



Reader of the Week

EYFS - Arlena
Year 1 - Sidney
Year 2 - Darius
Year 3 - Troy
Year 4 - Olivia
Year 5 - Ava-Tia
Year 6 - Colm



PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Louie
Year 1 - Maimuna
Year 2 - Elsie
Year 3 - Chae
Year 4 - Toby
Year 5 - Blake
Year 6 - Isobel

Star Pupils

EYFS

Adam and Aiyza

Year 3

All of Year 3

Year 1

Ava and Jack

Year 4

Frankie and Jacob M

Year 2

Lexi B and Oscar

Year 5

Poppy and Emily G

Year 6

Liam and Annabella

This Week's Attendance



Attendance Counts

| Year Group | |
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| EYFS | 93.4 |
| Year 1 | 93.2 |
| Year 2 | 94.8 |
| Year 3 | 92.3 |
| Year 4 | 96.8 |
| Year 5 | 92.3 |
| Year 6 | 91.4 |

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 11 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





Safeguarding Tip of the Week

PANTS Rule

This week our focus is on the PANTS rule. The talk PANTS campaign was introduced by the NSPCC to help children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. PANTS is a simple and clever acronym devised to teach children the underwear rule: **P**rivates are **p**private; **A**lways remember your **b**body belongs to **y**ou; **N**o means **n**o; **T**alk about secrets that **u**upset you and **S**peak up, **s**omeone can help. For more information watch the

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

E- Safety Tip

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators PROMOTING PHYSICAL WELLBEING

Physical activity isn't only beneficial for our bodies, it also plays a role in promoting mental wellbeing. With both the Sun and the Olympics this summer, it's an opportunity to engage young people in regular exercise which can reduce stress, improve mood and boost self-esteem. Despite these benefits, many children face barriers to participating in physical activity.

- 1. MAKE IT FUN**
Your children will be more likely to engage in physical activity if they find it enjoyable. Encourage them to try different activities and to play with friends.
- 2. MIX MOVEMENT WITH LEARNING**
Physical activity can be a great way to learn. Encourage your children to learn through play, such as using a ball to learn multiplication or using a map to learn geography.
- 3. CREATE OPPORTUNITIES**
Encourage your children to be active during their school day. Encourage them to walk or cycle to school, use the stairs, and take short breaks to stretch.
- 4. PROVIDE POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT**
Praise and encourage your children for their efforts and achievements. Encourage them to set their own goals and to celebrate their progress.
- 5. VARIETY IS KEY**
Introduce a variety of physical activities to your children. Encourage them to try different sports and to mix up their exercise routine.
- 6. ENJOYMENT OVER COMPETITION**
Encourage your children to enjoy the activity for its own sake. Avoid putting too much emphasis on winning or competition.
- 7. SET REALISTIC GOALS**
Encourage your children to set realistic goals for themselves. Celebrate their progress and achievements.
- 8. MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE**
Ensure that physical activity is accessible to all children. Encourage them to be active in their own homes, in their schools, and in their communities.
- 9. LEAD BY EXAMPLE**
Encourage your children to be active by leading by example. Encourage them to be active with you and to see you being active.
- 10. ENCOURAGE PERSISTENCE**
Encourage your children to be persistent. Encourage them to keep trying even if they find an activity difficult at first.

Meet Our Expert
Adam is a leading expert in physical activity and mental health. He has worked with schools, parents, and young people to promote physical activity and mental health. He is a member of the NSPCC's Physical Activity and Mental Health Working Group.

Wake Up Wednesday The National College

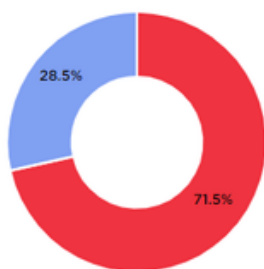
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VOTES FOR SCHOOLS

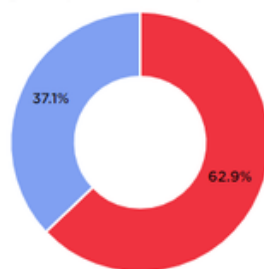
This week's vote:

Should compulsory volunteering be introduced for 18-year olds? (Key Stage 2)
Should adults choose whether you join in with activities? (Key Stage 1)

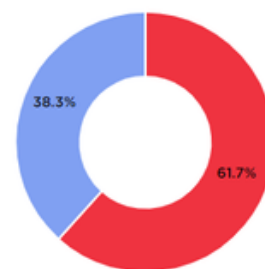
Your School



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Bring it on Brum!



Did you know that as well as free school meals during term time, you are also entitled to access FREE holiday clubs during spring, summer and winter holidays?

Bring it on Brum! is a FREE Holiday Activity and Food Programme funded by the Department for Education, designed for children and young people across Birmingham to have healthy, active, fun-filled school holidays. Bring it on Brum! believe that everyone deserves a good break and that school holidays are better when children and young people are active, having fun, being entertained and learning new things.

If your child is aged between 4-16 and is eligible for benefits-related free school meals, then they are entitled to access the Bring it on Brum! holiday clubs for free! There are a huge range of activities available including sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music. Programmes vary depending on the type and location of each local club and each holiday club will give your child a nutritious meal too!

We hope you will take advantage of these fantastic FREE holiday clubs across Birmingham so your child/children can have a fun-filled and safe holiday! To book your activities and to find out more information go to www.bringitonbrum.co.uk or speak to Mrs Tennant.

The summer holiday clubs will take place from Wednesday 24th July- Tuesday 3rd September (excludes Bank Holidays and weekends).
Bookings open from Monday 1st July.

As many of you are already aware, The Mother of God and Guardian Angels Parish Church has been closed due to concerns regarding the building being unsafe.

Fr Paul is working with the Archdiocese to consider the next steps and necessary actions needed. In the mean time, please see below for Mass times in our school hall.

Saturdays 5pm Guardian Angels School (Vigil Mass of the Sunday)
(Sundays 11am Guardian Angels School)
(Sundays 9am St John the Baptist Church)



Right of the Week

Article 10 (family reunification)



Governments must respond quickly and sympathetically if a child or their parents apply to live together in the same country. If a child's parents live apart in different countries, the child has the right to visit and keep in contact with both of them.

Virtues of the Half Term

Learned & Wise



Learned, finding God in all things; and **wise** in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

Birthday Celebrations

Charlie (Year 1) Levi (Year 2) and Cody (Year 5)

Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family



Weekly Prayer



God of courage, help us to be brave when things are difficult, and to be there for others who are facing hard times, so they may know that they are not alone. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend and God Bless,

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

Cycle to School Month



During the month of June, we will be tracking children's travel to school. Those children, who have chosen active forms of transport eg walking, scooting or cycling 3 or more times a week, will be awarded a Living Streets badge at the end of the month. With many classes taking part in Bikeability this month, why not leave the car at home and travel by bike instead.



Clean Air Day

On Thursday, we thought about ways to prevent air pollution and look after God's greatest creation. We each made a pledge to make greener choices to help look after our planet.

Online Safety



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We're delighted to let you know that Guardian Angels has become a member of The National College – an multi-award-winning online training provider for staff and parents.

What does this mean for you?

As part of our membership, The National College provides dedicated training and resources for parents and carers – particularly, around online safety and keeping children safe online.

Online safety advice on any topic

Of course, staff will continue to teach children about the risks online. But with the internet so readily accessible, the most effective approach to online safety needs everyone involved, including parents and carers.

That's why you've now got access to hundreds of courses, explainer videos and online safety guides to support your awareness of the online world. Topics range from understanding apps like TikTok and Instagram to recognising the signs of online harm and what you can do to help.

Sign up is easy

Signing up to the platform is simple. Just click on the image below or follow the link:



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

Then complete your details. Once you're set up, you'll be able to choose 'Parent/Carer' as your user type and get instant access to all training and resources.

Download the app for free

Another fantastic benefit of The National College is its National Online Safety app, which you can download for free. It gives you access to all their parent and carer resources on the go, whenever you want.

GUARDIAN ANGELS SUMMER EVENTS

Raffle

This year, each class will be creating a 'class hamper' for our raffle. We kindly ask each child to bring in a coloured item (gift) by Friday 5th July

EYFS: Red

Year 1: Blue

Year 2: Green

Year 3: Yellow

Year 4: Purple

Year 5: Orange

Year 6: White

Winners will be announced during the final week of term.

SUMMER PICNIC

Friday 5th July

As part of our Summer Fun Day, children can enjoy a special summer menu - please choose and pay on ParentPay



Options include:

Beef Burger

Hot Dog

Quorn Hot Dog

Cheese Sandwich

Jelly and Ice Cream



Friday 5th July Summer Fayre

This year, in place of an after school Summer Fayre, children will enjoy a Summer Fun Day during school hours. Classes will run games stalls in the playground and refreshments will be available for children to purchase. A special summer picnic themed lunch will also be available for pupils (please order on ParentPay). Pupils can wear non-uniform this day for a cost of **£1 per child**. Children are welcome to bring money to school to take part in games. Parent raffles will be run throughout the months of June and July (as mentioned above).

DRESS LIKE A SPORTSTAR

Thursday 27th June 2024

GUARDIAN ANGELS SPORTS DAY

Come and join us in celebrating your child's sporting gifts and talents this Sports Day 2024.

EYFS, Y1 and Y2

Monday 8th July

9:30-11:30 in the school playground

Y3, Y4 and Y5

Monday 15th July

9:30-11:30 in the school playground

Year 6

Thursday 4th July

1:45-3:00 in the school playground

*Children are to wear full school PE on the day.

ENTERPRISE WEEK

1st-5th July.

Loombands



20p

Tuck shop



20p-50p

Keychains



50p

Our School Council will be selling items during the week. Children are welcome to bring money to school during this time to purchase items. Profits will be used to fund OAP lunches and to buy gardening supplies for school.