



**Key Dates**

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| Tues 15th Oct  | Year 3 Pray and Stay for parents at 3pm  |
| Tues 15th Oct  | Prime VR event opportunity for pupils in school time-please pay on ParentPay for this ASAP |
| Tues 22nd Oct  | Year 6 St Chad's trip  |
| Tues 22nd Oct  | Year 1 Harvest Assembly for parents at 9:15am  |
| Wed 23rd Oct   | Year 5 Parents evening   |
| Thurs 24th Oct | Pupils break up for half term today as tomorrow is Inset day                               |
| Mon 4th Nov    | Pupils return back to school   |
| Wed 20th Nov   | Nasal Flu Vaccine  |
| Thurs 21st Nov | Year 6 Confirmation at 5:30pm-venue TBC  |



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**

**Another wonderful week within the first half term of the academic year. The week began with an opportunity to come together as a whole school to pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. October, is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and throughout the month, there are opportunities to pray together and independently.**

**On Wednesday, we had a wonderful turn out of families to our Autumn Parents Evening. It was a joy to celebrate the successes of the children with our families. Thank you all for being so supportive and engaged in your children's learning; together, we can achieve great things.**

**Tomorrow, 12th October is the Feast day of St Carlo, one of our chosen House Saints. Today, our House Captain and Vice House Captain of St Carlo, led our school in a time of prayer and learning to find out more about St Carlo and pray together. Thank you, we now know so much more!**

# This Week's Gospel



Today we hear about how Jesus asks a rich young man to sell his nice things and to give all his money to people who are poor.

**Mark 10:17-30**

As Jesus was starting on his way again, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to receive eternal life?"

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked him. "No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not accuse anyone falsely; do not cheat; respect your father and your mother.'"

"Teacher," the man said, "ever since I was young, I have obeyed all these commandments."

Jesus looked straight at him with love and said, "You need only one thing. Go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven; then come and follow me." When the man heard this, gloom spread over his face, and he went away sad, because he was very rich.

Jesus looked round at his disciples and said to them, "How hard it will be for rich people to enter the Kingdom of God!"

The disciples were shocked at these words, but Jesus went on to say, "My children, how hard it is to enter the Kingdom of God! It is much harder for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle." At this the disciples were completely amazed and asked one another, "Who, then, can be saved?"

Jesus looked straight at them and answered, "This is impossible for human beings but not for God; everything is possible for God."

Then Peter spoke up, "Look, we have left everything and followed you."

"Yes," Jesus said to them, "and I tell you that anyone who leaves home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and for the gospel, will receive much more in this present age. He will receive a hundred times more houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and fields—and persecutions as well; and in the age to come he will receive eternal life.



# This Week's Awards



## Virtues Award

EYFS - Arthur  
Year 1 - Jaxson  
Year 2 - Maggie  
Year 3 - Scarlett  
Year 4 - Toby H  
Year 5 - Leo  
Year 6 - Ava B



## Reader of the Week

EYFS - Cayson  
Year 1 - Aiyza  
Year 2 - Zane  
Year 3 - Elsie  
Year 4 - Mylo  
Year 5 - Mason L  
Year 6 - Jacob



## PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Harley  
Year 1 - Harry  
Year 2 - Layla-Maii  
Year 3 - Max  
Year 4 - Jude O  
Year 5 - Mateo  
Year 6 - Finn

## Star Pupils

EYFS

Penelope and Matilda

Year 3

Reign and Anada

Year 1

Larna and Arlena

Year 4

Blake S and Saoirse

Year 2

Ava and Chimamanda

Year 5

Jessica and Maisie

Year 6

Lily and Kairo

# This Week's Attendance



## Attendance Counts

| Year Group |      |
|------------|------|
| EYFS       | 97.0 |
| Year 1     | 92.8 |
| Year 2     | 91.4 |
| Year 3     | 90.0 |
| Year 4     | 94.7 |
| Year 5     | 98.4 |
| Year 6     | 92.3 |

### 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 17 families following Birmingham City Council guidelines**

If issued with a penalty notice, parents must pay £80 within 21 days or £160 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

### 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://spurgeons.org/how-we-help/family-life/early-years-and-family-support/birmingham-childrens-centres-and-family-hubs/>



## E- Safety Tip

**10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY**

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

- BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS**  
Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with risks. Always supervise children around bonfires and fireworks. Make sure they are wearing eye protection. Children should not be allowed to play with fireworks or sparklers. If you have a bonfire, make sure it is safe and supervised. Keep children at a safe distance. Do not let children play with fireworks or sparklers. Supervisors should always supervise children during these activities.
- SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE**  
Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are trained in their use. Children should not be allowed to handle fireworks. If you have fireworks, make sure they are stored safely. Children should not be allowed to play with fireworks. Supervisors should always supervise children during these activities.
- SPARKLER SAFETY**  
Sparklers are often used during Bonfire Night, but they can burn extremely hot temperatures (over 1,000°C) and can cause serious eye injury. Always use sparklers and make sure they are used safely. Supervisors should always supervise children during these activities.
- ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER**  
If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than lighting their own. These tend to be far safer as they are supervised by professionals. Organised displays are usually held in open spaces and are supervised by professionals. Organised displays are usually held in open spaces and are supervised by professionals.
- KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME**  
If you are having your own fireworks, always use them off well away from buildings, trees or other structures. Children should not be allowed to play with fireworks. Supervisors should always supervise children during these activities.
- BONFIRE SAFETY**  
If you're having a bonfire, please make sure it's safe. Bonfires should be built on a non-flammable surface. Make sure it's 5m away from buildings, trees and other structures. Children should not be allowed to play with bonfires. Supervisors should always supervise children during these activities.
- 'STOP, DROP AND ROLL'**  
Teach children how to react if they are caught in a fire. Teach them the simple 'STOP, DROP AND ROLL' technique. Practice this with children. Children should not be allowed to play with fires. Supervisors should always supervise children during these activities.
- SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES**  
Always supervise children around open flames. Candles can be a common fire hazard. Supervisors should always supervise children during these activities.
- EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS**  
Make sure children understand the risks of fireworks. Children should not be allowed to play with fireworks. Supervisors should always supervise children during these activities.
- FIRST AID FOR BURNS**  
If you have the best possible preparation to prevent, minimise and treat burns, there is a good chance of recovery. Burns are a common fire hazard. Supervisors should always supervise children during these activities.

Meet Our Expert: James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.

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Source: See full reference on page 10 of: <https://www.nationalcollege.org.uk/10-top-tips-for-parents-and-educators-teaching-children-fire-safety/>

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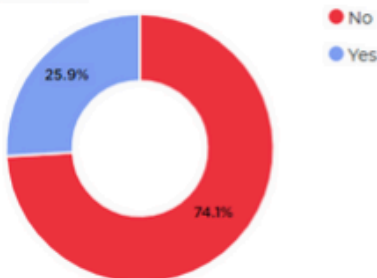
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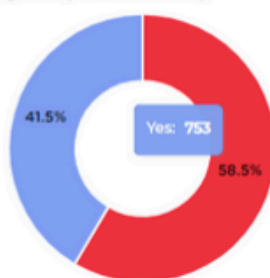
## This Weeks Votes

Would you prefer to use an under-16s phone? (KS2)  
Do you have too much screen time? (KS1)

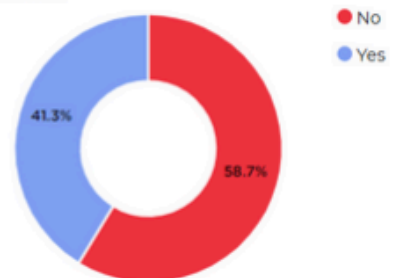
Your School



Regional (West Midlands)



National



# Other News



Black History Month 2024 is a momentous occasion to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of black people to British society. Find out more by clicking here: <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

## Virtues of the Half Term Curious and Active



**Pupils in our school are growing to be Curious about everything; and active in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.**

**Our school helps our pupils to grow** By leading pupils to be curious about the universe and all human activity, and to take increasing responsibility for their own learning, and by providing opportunities for them to be active in the life of the school, the Church, and the wider community.

## Birthday Celebrations

Joe (Year 3) Saoirse & Ella F (Year 4) and Ava-Tia (Year 6)

Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family



### Weekly Prayer



**Generous God, we thank you for all the gifts that you have given us. Teach us to share these gifts with others, so all people may have enough. Amen.**

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

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

### Composer of the Week Florence Price



#### Interesting facts:

- Florence Price was the first African American woman to have her music performed by a major symphony orchestra – in 1933
- Her mother encouraged her talented daughter in her musical studies and Florence eventually went on to study at the new England Conservatory of Music, majoring in piano and organ
- She graduated with honors – and by 1910 she was the head of the music department at Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia
- She was a deeply religious person, so brought the music of the African American church into her music, as well as influences from the likes of Dvořák, Tchaikovsky and other European Romantic composers
- The Lincoln Memorial Concerto- see accompanying notes



## Future of our faith

Dear Parents and Carers, As you may be aware Archbishop Longley has asked all parishes to reflect on the future of our Church here in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. For us here in the Birmingham East Deanery this is pertinent given that we already as you may be aware have some churches that are currently not used. Your child / children benefit from a Catholic education and as key stakeholders we would really value your opinions and views as we plan for the future. If you could take a few minutes to complete the form it would be really valuable for us. The survey is anonymous and we ask for your honest feedback.

Future of our faith - Parents



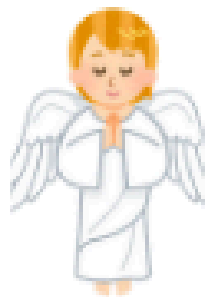
## Year 7 Secondary School Applications

Year 6 Parents, we hope that you have managed to look around some Secondary Schools for your child, please remember the deadline to apply is Thursday 31st October 2024.

Birmingham residents apply here:

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school\\_admissions/1778/apply\\_for\\_a\\_secondary\\_school\\_year\\_7\\_place/3](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/apply_for_a_secondary_school_year_7_place/3)

Solihull residents apply here: <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/School-admissions>



Take part in our Guardian Angel competition to get your piece of artwork displayed in school forever as part of our 70th anniversary



**In the space below, create an image of an angel.  
All entries will be judged by our parish and school council**



Our ref: AA/CP/Rec25

October 2024

Parent/Carer of

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Apply online for your child to start Reception class in September 2025**

I am writing to you because I understand that your child is able to start school soon. By law, parents/carers must ensure that their child is receiving suitable full-time education at the beginning of the term after their fifth birthday. In Birmingham, however, your child can go to school in the September after his or her fourth birthday.

We would ask you to visit [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) and submit an online application from 1 October 2024 and by **15 January 2025** (the final closing date). We would strongly recommend that you ensure you read the 'Primary Admission Arrangements 2025' information prior to submitting your application. In addition to this, most schools will hold open sessions where parents/carers can talk to teachers or view the school's own prospectus etc. Please visit your preferred school's website for further details.

Online applicants will receive an immediate email confirmation when the application is submitted. Those online applicants who have not provided an email address will not receive an acknowledgement, so it is very important that you include an email address. If you have not received an acknowledgement by 15 January 2025, then you should call Children's Services on 0121 303 1888 to confirm that your application has been received.

Online applicants that submit their application with a valid email address will be sent an offer by email on 16 April 2025. Parents/carers that submitted an online application without a valid email address will be sent an offer letter by first class post which should arrive from 16 April 2025 and should be delivered by the end of that week. Finally, please remember, you do not need to have the internet at home. You can apply online from any device with internet access or if you are able from a computer whilst at work.

If you have any questions about your child starting school, please do not hesitate to contact a member of Children's Services on 0121 303 1888 where staff will be pleased to offer their assistance.

Yours sincerely,



Alan Michell  
Head of Schools Admissions, Attendance, Exclusions and Pupil Tracking

