



**Key Dates**

Tues 19th Nov	Year 5 Stay and Pray - parents invited at 2:45pm-3:15pm
Wed 20th Nov	Nasal Flu Vaccine
Wed 20th Nov	Red Wednesday-wear red-non uniform day and you may donate. Full information on ParentPay
Thurs 21st Nov	Year 6 Confirmation at 5:30pm St Wilfrid's Church
Frid 22nd Nov	Our 2nd non uniform day for Christmas celebrations-please donate a tombola gift for your class hamper
Tues 26th Nov	EYFS reading workshop - parents invited at 9:30am in the school hall



**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**

On Monday, our Year 6 pupils led a poignant Remembrance assembly, demonstrating their understanding and respect for this significant occasion. Their thoughtful presentation reminded us all of the importance of remembrance and reflection.

This week, we've been focusing on Anti-Bullying Week, a crucial initiative that reinforces our commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all our pupils. As part of this, we embraced the fun and meaningful 'Odd Sock Day', celebrating our differences and uniqueness. It was wonderful to see our pupils and staff express themselves through this simple yet powerful gesture.

On Wednesday, Year 3 pupils led a fantastic Mass. Their reverence, enthusiasm, and preparation shone through, making it a truly special celebration for our school community. Thank you to all those parents that could attend.

Looking ahead, we have several important events and notices to bring to your attention:

Our Year 6 pupils will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next Thursday at St Wilfrid's Church. The Mass begins at 5:30pm, but I encourage those wishing to take photographs to arrive earlier. This is a momentous occasion in our pupils' faith journey, and we look forward to celebrating with them.

On the 20th, we'll be observing 'Red Wednesday'. Pupils are invited to wear red to school for a £1 donation. This initiative helps raise awareness and support for an important cause, and we appreciate your participation.

Lastly, we're holding a non uniform day next Friday. We are asking for a gift appropriate for a child or an adult, your contributions will be greatly appreciated and will help make our event a success.

As always, we are immensely proud of our school community and the way we come together for these events and initiatives. Your continued support and engagement make Guardian Angels not just a place of learning, but a true family.

22nd November	29th November	6th December
Children / Adult tombola prizes	Bottles	Cakes

# This Week's Gospel



**Today we hear about the time when Jesus will come again. We do not know when this will be, but we must try to be ready.**

**Mark 13:24-32**

**“In the days after that time of trouble the sun will grow dark, the moon will no longer shine, the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers in space will be driven from their courses. Then the Son of Man will appear, coming in the clouds with great power and glory. He will send the angels out to the four corners of the earth to gather God's chosen people from one end of the world to the other.**

**“Let the fig tree teach you a lesson. When its branches become green and tender and it starts putting out leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, you will know that the time is near, ready to begin. Remember that all these things will happen before the people now living have all died. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.**

**“No one knows, however, when that day or hour will come—neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son; only the Father knows.”**



**Red Wednesday - 20th November 2024**

**Red Wednesday, is a day where we remember all those persecuted for their faith. This is a non uniform day at Guardian Angels where children are asked to wear red for a donation on ParentPay**



## Open Day for Prospective Parents

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding an open day session for new perspective parents (September 2025 intake) on Monday 18th November at 10.00am in the school hall. Please tell your friends and family, who have children currently in nursery about this opportunity.

## Reception Place for September 2025

**Deadline to submitted an application for a Reception Place for September 2025 is Wednesday 15th January 2025**

Please apply via the council that you pay your council tax to.

A Supplementary Information Form will also need to be completed. Upon request - this form can be emailed to you or your can collect one from the school office. Please ensure that this form is completed and returned to the school office before the deadline as above

## Phonics—Little Wandle

The resources accessed by following the link below will help you support your child with saying their sounds and writing their letters. There are also some useful videos so you can see how they are taught at school and feel confident about supporting their reading at home. EYFS and Year 1 parents please have a look!

[Click here to access the Little Wandle Parent Page](#)



## Catholic Life and Mission Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all the parents that responded to our questionnaire. Please see below a summary of the findings

### Strengths:

**Curriculum and Catholic Identity:** According to the parental survey, 100% of respondents feel that their child receives a broad and balanced RE curriculum, which is a strong indicator that the school is effectively delivering the Catholic curriculum and nurturing the Catholic identity of the school.

**Relationships and Values:** 98% of parents feel that the Catholic life of the school has a positive impact on relationships, and 100% are happy with the values and attitudes the school teaches. This suggests that the school's Catholic ethos is being successfully integrated into the daily life and culture of the school.

**Parental Engagement:** 95% of parents feel that their family is valued and welcomed, which demonstrates that the school has strong partnerships with parents and the wider community in supporting the Catholic life and mission of the school.

### Areas for Development:

**Parish and Community Links:** A small but significant number of parents (7) indicated that they did not know about the school's links with the parish and wider community. This suggests that the school could improve its communication and engagement with parents in this area, to ensure that all families are aware of and can participate in the school's Catholic life and mission - this is something we will be working on in coming weeks so please ensure you are reading our newsletter and accessing X to find out more.

# This Week's Awards



## Virtues Award

EYFS - Lily-Mae

Year 1 - Naemi

Year 2 - Lilly-Paige

Year 3 - Oscar

Year 4 - Ella F

Year 5 - Nadia

Year 6 - Jan



## Reader of the Week

EYFS - Lilly

Year 1 - Larna

Year 2 - Adonis

Year 3 - Darcie

Year 4 - Saoirse

Year 5 - Ogooluwa

Year 6 - Emily G



## PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Cayson

Year 1 - Baby-Queenie

Year 2 - Natalia

Year 3 - Imogen

Year 4 - Phoebe

Year 5 - Jolie

Year 6 - Beau

## Star Pupils

EYFS

Jaxon and Royale

Year 3

Darius and Elsie

Year 1

Harry and Erin

Year 4

Toby and Lacey R

Year 2

Alicja and Billy

Year 5

Mia and Amelia N

Year 6

Emmie-Rose and Corey-James

# This Week's Attendance



## Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	92.6
Year 1	87.0
Year 2	97.6
Year 3	93.1
Year 4	92.7
Year 5	95.4
Year 6	85.3

### 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 20 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



This year's theme was 'CHOOSE RESPECT' which took place this week. The week kicked off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 12th November, where staff and children wore odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. During the week children completed activities and had discussions about bullying and how it impacts on others. For more advice on bullying,

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2024-choose-respect/anti-bullying-week-2024-choose-respect>

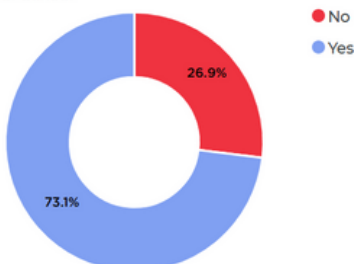
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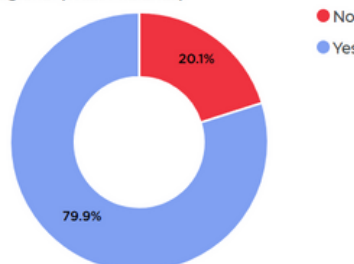
# VOTES FOR SCHOOLS

## Can you disagree with someone respectfully?

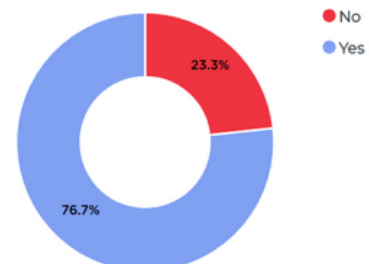
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# Other News

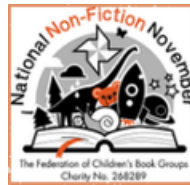


## Non-Fiction November

This month, we are celebrating reading for information, to expand knowledge, and to explore individual interests.

This year's theme is **Why Don't You? (Hobbies and Leisure)**.

Scan the code to find out more ways your child can get involved.



## Virtues of the Half Term

### Intentional and Prophetic

Pupils in our school are



**Intentional:** Planning our actions and choosing to live how God wants us to. Every action we make has an impact on other people and the world around us. We think about the choices we make and care for God's creation.

**Prophetic:** Spreading the word of God through how we live our lives. As we choose to act intentionally and make good decisions, we encourage others to do the same. We set a good example and try to be role models for others.

## Birthday Celebrations

**Anniyah (Y3)**

**Jacob & Poppy-Rae (Y6)**



Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family

## Weekly Prayer



God of power, show us how to live in peace and harmony with each other, so that we may be ready to welcome your Son Jesus when he comes again in glory. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend and God Bless,

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

## Composer of the Week

**Chic**



- Chic, currently called Nile Rodgers & Chic, is an American band that was formed in 1972 by guitarist Nile Rodgers and bassist Bernard Edwards
- Chic are widely considered to be one of the most creative and innovative bands of the 'Disco Era'.
- Nile was born on September 19, 1952 in the Lower East Side of New York.
- After learning to play guitar at 16, Rodgers teamed up with bassist Edwards to form Chic in 1972. The band broke up in 1983, but Rodgers went on to work with a number of different artists

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  
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