



Key Dates

Tues 26th Nov	EYFS reading workshop - parents invited at 9:30am in the school hall
Tues 26th Nov	Y2 Stay and Pray - parents invited at 2:45pm in the school hall
Frid 29th Nov	Non uniform day for Christmas celebrations-please donate a bottle gift
Wed 4th Dec	PJ day for all pupils
Wed 4th Dec	Christmas Film night from 3:30pm-4:30pm-pupils may stay if £1.50 is paid on ParentPay-all other pupils must be collected at normal home time
Frid 6th Dec	Non uniform day for Christmas celebrations-please donate a cake gift
Frid 6th Dec	School finishes at 1:15pm Christmas Fayre
Thurs 12th Dec	EYFS/Y1 Nativity at 9:30am - parents invited
Mon 16th Dec	Carol Concert at 2:15pm - Y4, Y5 and Y6 parents invited
Tues 17th Dec	Christmas Jumper and Christmas lunch
Wed 18th Dec	Y2/Y3 Nativity at 2:15pm - parents invited
Frid 20th Dec	Last day at school-break up for Christmas
Mon 6th January	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

As we approach the festive season, I’m delighted to share with you the vibrant happenings at Guardian Angels. Our school community has been bustling with activity, and I’m eager to highlight some of the remarkable events that have taken place.

Thank you to all the parents that attended our EYFS 2025 induction meeting, a significant milestone for our youngest pupils and their families. It’s always a joy to welcome new faces to our school family and to begin the exciting journey of education together.

This week we marked Red Wednesday, a day of great importance in our calendar where we remember all those who died for their faith. Our pupils engaged wholeheartedly in a variety of class activities and assemblies, all designed to deepen their understanding of this event. The enthusiasm and compassion shown by our children were truly heartwarming. I’d like to extend my sincere thanks to all who made donations – your generosity is greatly appreciated and makes a real difference.

Our Year 6 pupils participated in their confirmation on Thursday. The ceremony, led by Father Paul Smith, was a beautiful and moving occasion. It’s always a privilege to witness our pupils taking this important step in their faith journey, and I’m sure it will remain a cherished memory for them and their families.

Looking ahead, please remember upcoming non-uniform days in the run-up to Christmas. We invite all pupils to come to school in their own clothes on these days, but we kindly ask for appropriate donations for our Christmas Fayre in return.

Please note that school will close early at 1.15 pm on 6th December to allow for the Christmas Fayre. We warmly encourage all parents and carers to collect their children at this time and join us for what promises to be a festive and fun-filled afternoon.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. It’s this partnership between home and school that enables us to provide the best possible education and experiences for our pupils.

29th November	6th December
Bottles	Cakes

This Week's Gospel



This week marks the feast of Christ the King. Jesus didn't live in a palace or wear a gold crown, so what kind of king is he?

John 18:33-37

Pilate went back into the palace and called Jesus. "Are you the King of the Jews?" he asked him.

Jesus answered, "Does this question come from you or have others told you about me?"

Pilate replied, "Do you think I am a Jew? It was your own people and the chief priests who handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus said, "My kingdom does not belong to this world; if my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish authorities. No, my kingdom does not belong here!"

So Pilate asked him, "Are you a king, then?"

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this one purpose, to speak about the truth. Whoever belongs to the truth listens to me."

JESUS CHRIST, OUR KING





Red Wednesday – 20th November 2024

This week, children and staff remembered all those persecuted for their faith. Thank you for your kind donations which will go to Aid to the Church in Need.



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

Feed Your Family for £5.00 – Roast Sweet Potato and Chicken Traybake

INGREDIENTS

Main Ingredients	Cost £	Veggie Switch	Cost £
1kg Chicken Legs	£2.50	300g Quorn Chicken style pieces	£2.50
2 x Sweet Potatoes	£0.84		
1 1/2 x Red Onions	£0.30		
2g Dried Thyme	£0.11		
2 X Lemons	£0.34		
10g Parsley	£0.12		
30ml Vegetable oil	£0.06		
120g Cauliflower Florets	£0.50		
TOTAL COST	£4.77		£4.77

Prices correct at time of printing and may vary. All items available from leading supermarkets.

Please observe the allergen information on the product packaging.

Based on a family of four.

View our video online



1.
Pre heat the oven to 180°C

PREPARE THE VEGETABLES

2.
Wash the sweet potatoes and peel the onion. Dice both into bite-sized pieces.

3.
Add to a large bowl with the cauliflower florets and season with half the thyme, salt, pepper and juice of half a lemon. Mix well to combine.

PREPARE THE CHICKEN

4.
Cut each chicken leg in half to separate the thigh and drumstick. Score the chicken pieces with a knife and place them in another bowl.

5.
Season with the rest of the thyme, salt, pepper and juice of half the lemon. Add a splash of olive oil and mix well to marinate.



COOK THE DISH

6.
Arrange the seasoned vegetables and marinated chicken pieces on a baking tray. Place the tray in the preheated oven and roast for 20 minutes.

7.
After 20 minutes, remove the tray from the oven and stir the ingredients to ensure even cooking. Return to the oven and continue roasting until the chicken is fully cooked and golden brown.

8.
Once cooked, remove from the oven. Slice the remaining lemon into wedges and roughly chop the fresh parsley.

9.
Plate the roasted chicken and vegetables, garnishing and serve!



This Week's Awards



Virtues Award

EYFS - Michael
Year 1 - Arlena
Year 2 - Hunter
Year 3 - Millie-Mae
Year 4 - Lacey R
Year 5 - Toby
Year 6 - Firefunmi



Reader of the Week

EYFS - Jack
Year 1 - Millie
Year 2 - Sidney
Year 3 - Reign
Year 4 - Kyle
Year 5 - Oliver
Year 6 - Lexie



PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Amelia
Year 1 - Paisley-Jane
Year 2 - Ava
Year 3 - Anada
Year 4 - Eva J
Year 5 - Elijah
Year 6 - Jesse

Star Pupils

EYFS

Joshua and Arlo F

Year 3

Harry and Edie-Rose

Year 1

Elsie-Mai and Holly-Bee

Year 4

Ronny and Ella F

Year 2

Adonis and Zane

Year 5

Ogooluwa and Ruby-Lou

Year 6

Emily S and Dolce

This Week's Attendance



Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	91.1
Year 1	93.5
Year 2	93.9
Year 3	95.3
Year 4	94.1
Year 5	95.0
Year 6	85.0

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 22 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 week our safeguarding focus is emotional abuse

Emotional abuse is any type of abuse that involves the continual emotional mistreatment of a child. It is sometimes called psychological abuse. Emotional abuse can involve deliberately trying to scare, humiliate, isolate or ignore a child. Other examples are: constantly criticising a child; blaming or scapegoating a child or exposing a child to upsetting events or situations. Because of the nature of emotional abuse, a child might not realise what is happening to them or might even blame themselves.

For more information visit:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/emotional-abuse/>

E- Safety Tip

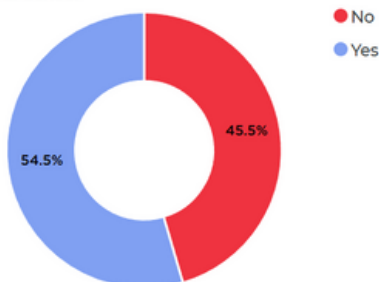
The infographic features the WhatsApp logo and the text 'WhatsApp safety guide for parents' with the Internet Matters logo. It includes three statistics: '13+' (WhatsApp's minimum age in the UK), '58%' (Kids aged 3-17 who use WhatsApp), and '37%' (Kids under 13 who use WhatsApp). Below these is a list of '5 tips to keep kids safe on WhatsApp' with icons for each tip: 1. Review privacy settings, 2. Customise contacts, 3. Talk about personal information, 4. Show them where to get support, and 5. Check in regularly. Social media handles for Internet Matters are listed at the bottom.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/#whatsapp-safety-tips>

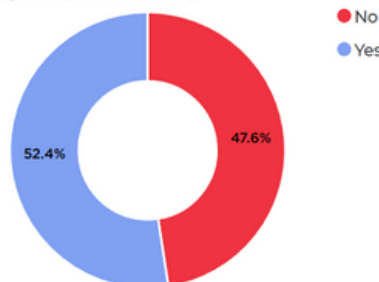


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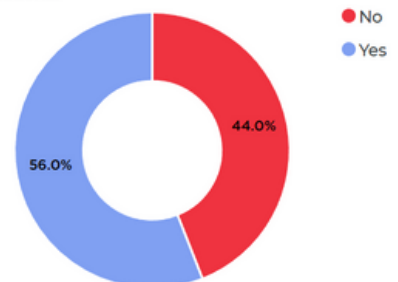
Your School



Regional (West Midlands)



National



Other News

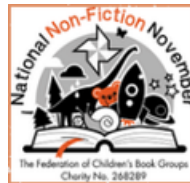


Non-Fiction November

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

Reuben (Y2) Luna (Y3)
Royale (Y5)



Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family

Weekly Prayer



Christ our King, help us to be like you, to listen to your truth and to see that all people are important, no matter who they are or where they come from. Amen.

Composer of the Week

Ravel



- Born in 1875 in the Basque region of France, Ravel began music lessons when he was six
- At 14, he gave his earliest public piano recital
- Ravel's father Joseph was an inventor
- Ravel studied composition with Gabriel Fauré
- Ravel generally had strong opinions on music and musicians. He famously described Beethoven's music as 'exasperating'!
- Debussy and Ravel admired each other's music. However, Ravel did criticize Debussy sometimes

Have a lovely weekend and God Bless,

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

Christmas events 2024

*Wed 4th Dec

PJ Day-all pupils can wear PJ's
Christmas Film Night
3:30-4:30pm

£1.50 (must be paid if pupils want to stay-otherwise they must be collected at normal home time)



Frid 6th Dec

Christmas Fayre at 1:15pm

All pupils must be collected at 1:15pm
Non uniform day-please donate cakes



*Tues 10th Dec

Christmas Pantomime Dance Workshop
(during school day) please pay £2.50 for your child to join in

Tuesday 17th Dec

Christmas lunch is served-please order this on ParentPay-no later than 1st Dec
Pupils may also wear their Christmas Jumpers with their school uniform

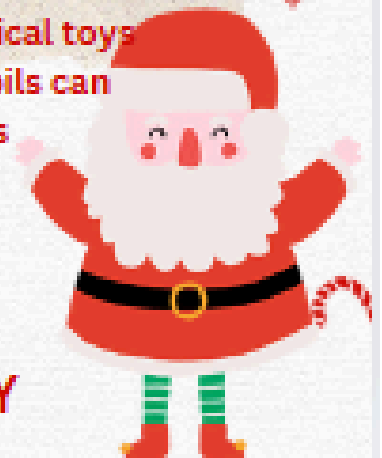


Frid 20th Dec

Toy and Party Day-no electrical toys or consoles NOT allowed. Pupils can wear their party clothes



***PAYABLE ON PARENTPAY**



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 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

