



Key Dates

Frid 14th Feb	Break up for Half Term
Mon 24th Feb	INSET Day- School closed to all pupils
Tues 25th Feb	School open for all pupils - new afterschool clubs start
Mon 3rd March	Year 4 Trip - payable on ParentPay
Wed 5th March	Ash Wednesday- Mass in the school hall-led by Year 6



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 wonderful week we've had at our school! It's been heartening to see the positive changes in our pupils' behaviour and uniforms. We've introduced a new system to keep you informed about any uniform items that need attention, and we're grateful for your support in this matter. While we're making great strides, there's still some work to be done, particularly with ties.

This week, we've been focusing on Children's Mental Health Week. We've engaged our pupils in important conversations about caring for their mental wellbeing, emphasising its significance alongside physical health.

I'm thrilled to share that we've concluded our special project to create a school prayer, commemorating 70 years of Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School. Every single pupil has contributed to this meaningful endeavour, and we're excited to unveil the final prayer next week. This project truly embodies the spirit of our school community.

On a practical note, I'd like to remind all parents to ensure your children wear their school ties daily. If you need to purchase a tie, they're available from Clive Mark in Sheldon or online at www.clivemark.co.uk and a limited supply on ParentPay

As we continue to work together, I'm filled with pride at the progress we're making and the strong sense of community we're fostering. Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation in making Guardian Angels a place where our pupils can thrive.

This Week's Gospel



Today we hear something special that happened when Jesus borrowed a fishing boat, and how the fishermen left everything to follow him.

Luke 5:1-11

One day Jesus was standing on the shore of Lake Gennesaret while the people pushed their way up to him to listen to the word of God. He saw two boats pulled up on the beach; the fishermen had left them and were washing the nets. Jesus got into one of the boats—it belonged to Simon—and asked him to push off a little from the shore. Jesus sat in the boat and taught the crowd.

When he finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Push the boat out further to the deep water, and you and your partners let down your nets for a catch.”

“Master,” Simon answered, “we worked hard all night long and caught nothing. But if you say so, I will let down the nets.” They let them down and caught such a large number of fish that the nets were about to break. So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats so full of fish that the boats were about to sink. When Simon Peter saw what had happened, he fell on his knees before Jesus and said, “Go away from me, Lord! I am a sinful man!”

He and the others with him were all amazed at the large number of fish they had caught. The same was true of Simon's partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. Jesus said to Simon, “Don't be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.”

They pulled the boats up on the beach, left everything, and followed Jesus.





Charity Boot Campaign

Our MAC are currently collecting for a charity boot campaign. If you have any old football boots or football boots that no longer fit, please consider sending them into school to support this initiative.



SEND Mass

A quick reminder that the next SEND Mass will be at St Thomas More Church in Sheldon on 1st March at 11am

February RE Homework

Thank you for all the wonderful homework sent in during January looking at celebrations in other faiths. Our Liturgy Leaders will select the best pieces next week to receive a prize. Next month's homework is all about hope as we continue our celebrations in school for the Year of Jubilee

Building the Kingdom Homework

February's Big Question - Is being a messenger of hope Easy?

Design your own cross of hope to share with the school.

Pope Francis has decreed that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, a holy year which happens every 25 years in the Catholic Church. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope".

This Week's Awards



Virtues Award

EYFS - Royale
Year 1 - Millie
Year 2 - Natalia
Year 3 - Amelia-Lily
Year 4 - Saoirse
Year 5 - Niamh
Year 6 - Oriane



Reader of the Week

EYFS - Melody
Year 1 - Elsie-Mai
Year 2 - Adonis
Year 3 - Imogen
Year 4 - Harry
Year 5 - Lexi
Year 6 - Ava-Tia

PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Matilda
Year 1 - Holly-Bee
Year 2 - Daniel
Year 3 - Scarlett
Year 4 - Ella F
Year 5 - Frankie
Year 6 - Jesse

Star Pupils

EYFS

Muhammad and Medley

Year 3

Anada and Anniyah

Year 1

Baby-Queenie and Noah

Year 4

Casey and Eden

Year 2

Sidney and Kenzo

Year 5

Oliver and Jolie

Year 6

Kairo and Corey-James

This Week's Attendance



Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	86.3
Year 1	94.8
Year 2	89.6
Year 3	93.0
Year 4	90.3
Year 5	90.0
Year 6	90.7

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

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 25 families following Birmingham City Council guidelines

If issued with a penalty notice, both 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 parents.

Minor sickness and school attendance

There has been a steady increase in the number of children missing school on account of assumed illness. We need the support of all parents and carers to tackle this trend.

Is my child well enough?

High temperature

If your child looks or feels shivery or is unusually cold or hot, he or she may have a high temperature. There may be various reasons for this. A child with a high temperature should not be in school. However after feeling and looking better for 24 hours, a child should be able to return to school.

Cold and cough

A cold and a cough does not disable a child from attending school. However children with heavy colds or persistent coughs should stay at home. A child whose cough is disappearing and who is feeling better should return to school.

Rashes

A rash could be the first sign of one of childhood's many illnesses, such as chicken pox or measles. The rash or spots may cover the entire body or appear in only one area. Do not send a child to school with an unexplained rash or skin eruption until you have contacted NHS 111 or your GP surgery for advice.

Minor aches and pains

A child whose complaint is a minor headache, aches or pains does not usually need to be kept at home. Keep the school informed and the staff can monitor your child.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

If vomiting occurs, your child should stay at home for 48 hours and until he or she can keep food down. A child with diarrhoea should also be kept at home for 48 hours after the last episode. If your child does not improve as you expect, contact NHS 111 or your GP surgery for advice.

Common sense

Use this when deciding whether your child needs to stay at home. Work on the basis that an extremely sick children belong at home and well children belong in class!

Please remember that early morning aches often pass, so don't keep your child at home "just in case" when he or she could be learning in class. For further advice, you could talk to a member of the school staff, your local pharmacy, GP surgery or NHS 111.



Virtues of the Half Term

Grateful and Generous



Pupils in our school are **Grateful**: We are grateful for the gifts God has given to us, for the gifts of other people and the blessings of each new day. We are thankful for what we have and for the people around us. **Generous**: We are generous with our gifts and use them in the service of others. We are generous with our time and give of ourselves to serve others as God wants us to. We are generous with our actions, doing things to help other people and make a difference in the world.

Birthday Celebrations

Za'rae (EYFS) Billy (Year 3) Rayan (Year 6)

Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family



Loving God, may we try our best to follow your Son and to serve you faithfully each day, in what we do and how we treat others, especially our brothers and sisters who are poor. Amen

Have a lovely weekend and God Bless,

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

Composer of the Week Gong Kebyar



Gamelan gong kebyar is a style or genre of Balinese gamelan music of Indonesia.

Kebyar means "to flare up or burst open", and refers to the explosive changes in tempo and dynamics characteristic of the style

Gong kebyar music is based on a five-tone scale called pelog selisir



Communication and Autism



Access to
Education

Primary Age - Spring Term 2025 CAT PAC – Thornton Primary School Birmingham B8 2LQ

We would like to invite you to a CAT PAC course, our parent awareness course designed to support parent carers of children with a diagnosis of autism or children who are on the neurodevelopmental pathway for assessment.

- The course has been designed for parents who want to increase their understanding of autism.
 - The sessions will take place at Thornton Primary School B8 2LQ

SPRING TERM 2025

Session1 – An introduction to Autism	27 th January 2025: 9.30-11.30am
Session 2 – Communication and Interaction	3 rd February 2025: 9.30-11.30am
Session 3 – Sensory differences	10 th February 2025: 9.30-11.30am
HALF TERM	
Session 4 – Eating, sleeping, personal care	24 th February 2025: 9.30-11.30am
Session 5 – Autism and Anxiety	3 rd March 2025: 9.30-11.30am
Session 6 – Parent/ carer choice & signposting services	10 th March 2025: 9.30-11.30am

The subject or title of your email needs to state that it is for the :

Spring 2025 Primary CAT PAC – Thornton Primary School.

In your email please include:

- Your name – Parent carer
- Your Child's name
- Your Child's school (Add your child's CAT worker if known)
- *Due to limited places, the course will be offered to the first families to contact us.*
- *There is an expectation that parents try to attend all sessions if possible.*
- *There are no childcare facilities at the venue.*
- Please email A2EGeneral@birmingham.gov.uk to reserve a place.

You will receive an email response to confirm your place or to tell you that the course is full.

Yours sincerely, Julie Watchorn Brennan and Dawn fisher



 **Communication and Autism**



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**Spring Term 2025 CAT PAC – Early Years
To be delivered Online via Microsoft TEAM's**

We would like to invite you to a CAT PAC awareness course, course for parent carers of autistic children or of children on the Neurodevelopmental pathway.

- The course has been designed for parents who want to increase their understanding of autism.
- The sessions will be delivered virtually via Microsoft TEAMS, a link will be sent to you a few days before each session.
 - Each session will last for 2 hours

SPRING TERM 2025

Session1 – An introduction to Autism	28 th January 2025: 9.30-11.15am
Session 2 – Communication and Interaction	4 th February 2025: 9.30-11.15am
Session 3 – Sensory differences	11 th February 2025: 9.30-11.15am
HALF TERM	
Session 4 – Eating, sleeping and toileting	25 th February 2025: 9.30-11.15am
Session 5 – Emotional regulation	4 th March 2025: 9.30-11.15am
Session 6 – Parental choice & Signposting services	11 th March 2025: 9.30-11.15am

The subject or title of your email needs to state that it is for the:

Spring 2025 Early Years Online CAT PAC

In your email please include:

- Your name and email address
- Your Child / young person's name and school
- Your child / young person's CAT worker (*if known*)
- Due to limited places, the course will be offered to the first families to contact us.
- *There is an expectation that parents endeavour to attend all sessions if possible.*
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Yours sincerely,

Dawn Fisher and Julie Watchorn Brennan

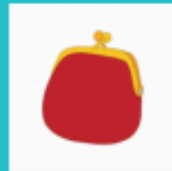


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Catholic Multi Academy Company
Strong in Faith

A new way to order your child's lunch called Blue Runner is coming soon!

This will ensure pupils get their first and favourite choice of meal, reducing waste and making it easier and safer for everyone. This new system will send your orders straight to our kitchen. Once we go live, you will be able to:

Order Meals



Top up your
Account on
ParentPay



Allergens

Please ensure you let the School Office know about your child's allergens. You will be asked to complete a form that will be passed onto our new caterer Aspens.

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to a free school meal, you can choose their meal on Blue Runner

<https://olaas.myschoolmealorders.com/login>

To apply for Free School Meals:

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/School-meals>

www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham

