

**Key Dates**

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 at 9:05am-led by Year 6
Wed 5th March	Year 5 Reading workshop for parents at 2:45pm
Thurs 6th March	World Book day-pupils can dress up
Tues 11th March	Year 6 trip - payable on ParentPay



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**Mrs Milligan and Mr Spindlow's Message**

**As we journey through this term together, we're delighted to share with you the wonderful experiences and achievements that have been unfolding within our school walls. Our pupils have been on a remarkable spiritual adventure, participating in a school-wide pilgrimage day that truly embodied our Catholic ethos. Every step of this pilgrimage was designed to bring our children closer to understanding God's boundless love. As they moved through our school, each classroom became a station of learning and reflection, with our dedicated teachers guiding them through various activities. Children took part in art activities, dance activities, visited our church and even had the opportunity to vote for the next pope in their class learning how Pope Francis was elected. All of these activities reinforced the message that "Every step you take on this pilgrimage is a step closer to understanding the love of God."**



**We're particularly proud of our pupils who recently showcased their leadership skills and spiritual maturity. We had the pleasure of welcoming two important visitors from our MAC on Monday, and we were thoroughly impressed by the children who conducted guided tours of the school, spoke eloquently, and led prayer and liturgy. Their poise and reverence were a testament to the values we nurture here at Guardian Angels.**

**In our ongoing commitment to pupil safety, we also observed Safer Internet Day, equipping our young ones with the knowledge to navigate the digital world responsibly.**

**As we look ahead, we have a couple of important notices to share. Please note that the school will be closed to pupils on Monday, 24th February for a MAC inset day. Additionally, an important letter regarding Blue Runner, our new food ordering system, has been sent out. This change aims to improve our catering service, and we appreciate your cooperation in adapting to this new process. If you have any questions or concerns about this new system, please don't hesitate to contact our school office for assistance.**

**As we come to the end of a very busy half term, and as we continue to walk together in faith and learning, we are grateful for the support and engagement of our entire school community. Your partnership in your child's education is invaluable, and together, we are shaping young minds and hearts to embrace a future filled with God's love and guidance.**

# This Week's Gospel



**Today we hear about Jesus' special love for those who are poor, hungry, sad or badly treated.**

**Luke 6:17, 20-26**

**When Jesus had come down from the hill with the apostles, he stood on a level place with a large number of his disciples. A large crowd of people was there from all over Judea and from Jerusalem and from the coast cities of Tyre and Sidon;**

**Jesus looked at his disciples and said,**

**"Happy are you poor;  
the Kingdom of God is yours!**

**"Happy are you who are hungry now;  
you will be filled!**

**"Happy are you who weep now;  
you will laugh!**

**"Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and say that you are evil, all because of the Son of Man! Be glad when that happens and dance for joy, because a great reward is kept for you in heaven. For their ancestors did the very same things to the prophets.**

**"But how terrible for you who are rich now;  
you have had your easy life!**

**"How terrible for you who are full now;  
you will go hungry!**

**"How terrible for you who laugh now;  
you will mourn and weep!**

**"How terrible when all people speak well of you; their ancestors said the very same things about the false prophets."**





## Stay and Pray

**The Year 1 'Stay and Pray' event was a complete success, offering parents a precious opportunity to spend time in prayer and live out our mission alongside their children. These moments of connection between home and school are invaluable in strengthening our community bonds. Thank you to all that could attend.**

## SEND Mass

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

## Caritas Ambassadors

**We are thrilled to share some exciting news about our newly formed Caritas Ambassador group. The selection process was incredibly challenging, given the outstanding applications we received. A heartfelt thank you to all the children who put themselves forward.**

**Congratulations to our nine chosen ambassadors: Kairo, Oriane, Ariela, Mylah, Joey, Ogooluwa, Harry, Elsie, and Scarlett. Your dedication and passion shone through, and we're proud to have you represent our school.**

**Our first meeting, led by Emily from Father Hudson's Caritas, was a resounding success. The children explored five crucial themes: Children, Families and Schools; Refugees and Asylum Seekers; Homelessness; Disability; and Older People. After thoughtful debate, the group chose to focus on Homelessness.**

**We've already begun brainstorming ways to support this vital cause within our school community. Looking ahead, our ambassadors will visit Tabor Living in Birmingham to gain deeper insights into homelessness and explore further avenues for assistance.**

**We're immensely proud of our pupils' enthusiasm and commitment to making a difference. Together, we're nurturing compassionate, socially aware young people who embody our school's values.**





DURING THE JUBILEE YEAR, WE WILL BE HOLDING **MONTHLY COMPETITIONS** FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN.  
WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE SHARED IN OUR ASSEMBLIES.

<p><u>February</u> <b>Artwork:</b> Create a piece of artwork which represents hope to you. Entries will be sent to someone as a sign of hope afterwards (i.e. migrants, elderly, prisoners, hospitals, hospices)</p>	<p><u>March</u> <b>Poem of Hope:</b> Create a poem which fills you with hope, makes you think about something hopeful or explores something you hope for in the future.</p>	<p><u>April</u> <b>Sound of Hope:</b> could you record a sound which makes you feel hopeful, or record you singing a song which makes you full of hope? Maybe you could make up your own song?</p>	<p><u>May</u> <b>Letters of Hope:</b> Write a letter to Pope Francis telling him what you hope for and what change you want to see in the world. Could you tell him what you think you could do to make it happen?</p>	<p><u>June</u> <b>People of Hope:</b> Nominate the people of hope around you. Who makes you feel hopeful, like you can achieve what you want to achieve or makes you feel happy and loved?</p>
<p><u>July - August</u> <b>Holiday of Hope:</b> Can you share a photo of how you have shared hope in your community? Could you go on your pilgrimage with your family?</p>	<p><u>September</u> <b>Story of Hope:</b> Can you create a short story, of no longer than 400 words, which explores the theme of hope?</p>	<p><u>October</u> <b>Scene of Hope:</b> Could you take a photo of something which represents hope to you, or makes you feel hopeful?</p>	<p><u>November</u> <b>Heroes of Hope:</b> Design an icon for your favourite Saint, or Saint who represents hope to you.</p>	<p><u>December</u> <b>Wreath of Hope:</b> Create an Advent wreath for your classroom with messages of hope on the leaves.</p>



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# This Week's Awards



## Virtues Award

EYFS - Arlo-Jay  
Year 1 - Sylvie-Fae  
Year 2 - Michael  
Year 3 - Edie-Rose  
Year 4 - Phoebe  
Year 5 - Frankie  
Year 6 - Cassius



## Reader of the Week

EYFS - Medley  
Year 1 - Charlie  
Year 2 - Isla  
Year 3 - Jax  
Year 4 - Toby  
Year 5 - Ruby-Lou  
Year 6 - Oriane



## PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Penelope  
Year 1 - Arlena  
Year 2 - George  
Year 3 - Darcie  
Year 4 - Oscar  
Year 5 - Niamh  
Year 6 - Francesca

## Star Pupils

EYFS

Lilly Z and Michael

Year 3

Alliana and Hosanna

Year 1

Jaxson and Larna

Year 4

Mason H and Lacey-Maii

Year 2

Jarvis and Jack

Year 5

Jacob C and Mason

Year 6

Dolce and Jacob

# This Week's Attendance



## Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	90.4
Year 1	94.3
Year 2	88.9
Year 3	95.8
Year 4	91.7
Year 5	91.6
Year 6	85.5

### 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

**Safa (RB) Lily-Mae (EYFS) Sidney & Ava (Year 2)**  
**Frankie (Year 3) Kairo (Year 6)**

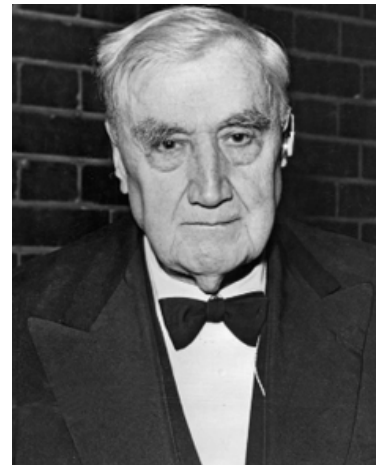


Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family



God of love, open our hearts to others, that we may bring comfort to those who are sad, and share what we have with those who are in need.  
**Amen.**

### Composer of the Week Vaughn Williams - classical

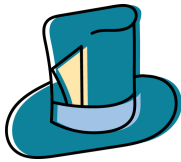


Have a lovely half term and God Bless,  
**Mrs Helen Milligan, Mr Spindlow and all the staff at Guardian Angels**



## WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March 2025. This years theme is a World of Stories.



On the day, pupils and staff will be whisked off to the world of reading with a host of fun activities. Children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Pupils will also have the opportunity to take part in a book swap - bring a book from home and swap it for a friends or for a book in our swap shop.

Story in a Jar competition is back this year! A winner will be chosen from each class to win a prize. Year 2 - 6 pupils will also have the chance to win their very own Amazon Fire7. All they need to do is read as many books as they can over half term and complete the book's Accelerated Reader quizzes. (A pass rate of 85% or more is required). The class with the highest reads will also win a set of new books to enjoy in class.

In past years, this has been a truly memorable day for our Guardian Angels family. We look forward to seeing all your efforts again this year!



# SEND coffee morning



**Wednesday 12th  
March  
at 9am**

Come along and enjoy a hot drink, biscuits and share great tips and strategies for supporting each other. NHS Speech and language therapist will also be offering training and advice.

Please call office if able to attend.



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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to thank you for your patience last term as we have transitioned to a new catering provider and the subsequent impact this has had.

After receiving feedback from our parents and carers, we have been working with the OLAAS MAC Central team to source a better solution for ordering your child's school meals. I'm pleased to say that we will be introducing 'Blue Runner'. This system will provide a quick and easy way to order meals and has received very positive feedback from parents, from other schools in our MAC, who have trialled it over the past few weeks.

Access to Blue Runner will be available on Friday 14th February after 6pm, and guidance on how to set up your account will be attached. The guidance will include the link to register and activate your account, please **only set your account up at this stage** in readiness for orders to be taken for w/c Monday 24th. All orders that are placed on Blue Runner will still need to be topped up on your ParentPay account first if you pay for dinners and Blue Runner links directly to ParentPay. Meals can then be ordered up until **9.00am** on the given day but we advise parents to order in advance wherever possible.

Essentially, you have the week from Monday 17th February to register your accounts and get ordering for the following week. **Please note any orders placed on ParentPay for week 24<sup>th</sup> February will be lost and will need to be rebooked on Blue Runner.**

It's important to note that all free school dinners, including Free School Meals and Universal Free School Meals (Reception to Year 2), will still need to be ordered on Blue Runner by parents. For families with more than one child at the School, you will be able to link them to one account, which will be easier to manage.

Further information will be supplied later this week and we pray that the process is hopefully smooth, however should you encounter any issues, do let us know. Blue Runner will be in place now for the entirety of our catering contract so once we have embedded it, it will become the only tool for meal ordering.

Thank you.

A Spindlow  
Head of School

# Other News



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