



Key Dates

Mon 17th March	Science week - Science Forensic workshops and the Animal Man attending - payable on ParentPay (per family)
Wed 19th March	Parents Evening-bookable on MyChildAtSchool app only
Wed 19th March	Mass in the school hall - all invited led by Year 3
Frid 21st March	Downs Syndrome Day-pupils may wear odd sock with their uniform
Thurs 27th March	World Book Day - pupils may dress up
Thurs 27th March	Year 5 - Reading workshop for parents at 2:45pm in the school hall
Wed 2nd April	Mass in the school hall - all invited led by Year 5
Frid 4th April	Non-uniform day-Pledge a Pound for Father Hudson's charity, please kindly donate on ParentPay
Frid 11th April	Class Photos - all pupils to dress smartly (Y6 bring PE kit to school in a bag and Y4-swimming lesson-please wear full uniform to school)
Frid 11th April	End of term-pupils break up for school
Mon 28th April	School open for all



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Mrs Milligan and Mr Spindlow's Message

As we approach the end of another bustling week, I'm delighted to share with you the wonderful happenings and achievements that have taken place in our school. Our pupils continue to amaze us with their enthusiasm for learning and their willingness to embrace new experiences.

Year 5 pupils had a marvellous time with Aspens, our school caterers, learning about the art of bread-making. It was a hands-on session that not only taught them about the process but also allowed them to create their own delicious loaves. Speaking of our school meals, we were thrilled to welcome parents to our taster session on Thursday. It was a fantastic opportunity for you to sample the nutritious and tasty meals we provide for your children daily.

Our Year 6 pupils have been engaged in some important learning experiences. They participated in the Precious Lives workshop, which addressed the serious issue of knife crime. This workshop is part of our commitment to ensuring our pupils are well-informed and prepared for the challenges they may face as they grow older. On a more spiritual note, we held our Year 6 Stay and Pray session. I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the parents who attended. It was truly special to see families coming together in prayer, strengthening the bond between home and school.

A highlight of the week was undoubtedly the Year 6 trip to the National Memorial Arboretum. Our pupils found it to be a moving and educational experience, deepening their understanding of remembrance and sacrifice.

Looking ahead, I'd like to remind you of some important dates and events. Parents' evening is scheduled for next Wednesday. If you haven't already done so, please book your slot via the My Child At School APP by Monday 17th March. We're also excited to offer another opportunity for parents to sample our school menu during Science Week is just around the corner, promising a wealth of engaging activities for our pupils. Please remember to log onto ParentPay to cover the costs of these special events. Your support ensures we can continue to offer these enriching experiences.

Lastly, on Friday 21st March, we'll be marking Downs Syndrome Day. Pupils are invited to wear odd socks with their uniform as a fun way to celebrate diversity and raise awareness.

As always, I'm immensely proud of our school community and the way we come together to support our pupils' growth and learning. Thank you for your continued partnership in education.

This Week's Gospel



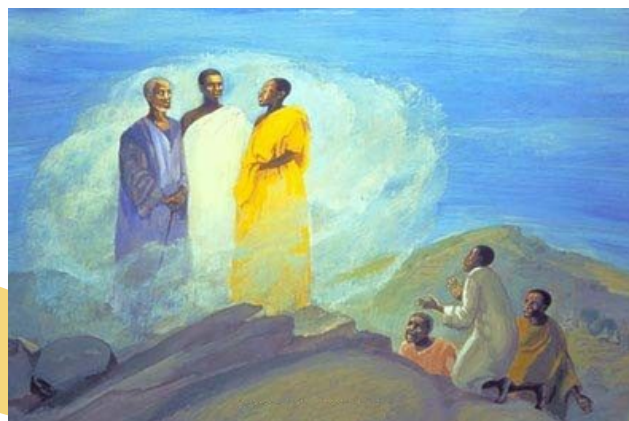
In today's gospel we hear about an amazing thing that happened to Jesus, which showed the disciples just how important he was. A great change came over him.

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took Peter, John, and James with him and went up a hill to pray. While he was praying, his face changed its appearance, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly two men were there talking with him. They were Moses and Elijah, who appeared in heavenly glory and talked with Jesus about the way in which he would soon fulfill God's purpose by dying in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were sound asleep, but they woke up and saw Jesus' glory and the two men who were standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, how good it is that we are here! We will make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (He did not really know what he was saying.)

While he was still speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them with its shadow; and the disciples were afraid as the cloud came over them. A voice said from the cloud, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen – listen to him!"

When the voice stopped, there was Jesus all alone. The disciples kept quiet about all this and told no one at that time anything they had seen.





THE BIG LENT WALK

WHAT IS THE BIG LENT WALK?

The Big Lent Walk is a challenge where we are asking our children to walk at least 200 miles combined over the 40 days of Lent and get sponsored to raise money to help people fighting extreme poverty globally.

WHY ARE WE WALKING THIS LENT?

Your sponsorship can and will change lives. Every £1 raised by Guardian Angels through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally.



Scan or click on the QR code to donate to to donate to our JustGiving page

£28

can buy 10 metres of shade netting to protect young plants from the scorching sun until they are strong enough to grow on their own

£148

can pay the labour costs to build a plant nursery out of anti-greenhouse netting, including installing steel beams and concrete foundations to keep crops safe for years to come.

£737

can build a 5000ltr water tank and platform to store rainwater for use in growing crops



Pop Up Bookshop

Guardian Angels have been lucky enough to be awarded a free bookshop in a box from Children's Book Project. This will allow us to set up a temporary bookshop in school where children can browse for and take home two books of their own.



We are thrilled to be able to offer this exciting initiative to our pupils. Reading is a fundamental skill that we strive to nurture and develop in all our young people, and this pop-up bookshop will provide them with the chance to explore a wide range of high-quality literature.

This is a fantastic way to encourage reading for pleasure and to build your child's home library.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



Year 6 Trip to Memorial Arboretum

Our Year 6 trip to the National Memorial Arboretum took place on Tuesday. The pupils had a truly enriching experience, engaging in a range of activities that deepened their understanding of life during World War II.

The children completed two workshops, one exploring the experiences of children who remained in cities during the war, and another examining the lives of those who were evacuated. These sessions provided valuable insights and brought the historical events to life in a meaningful way for our pupils.

Following the workshops, the group enjoyed a guided tour, examining some of the memorials connected to World War II. This allowed the pupils to reflect on the sacrifices made and the lasting impact of the conflict.

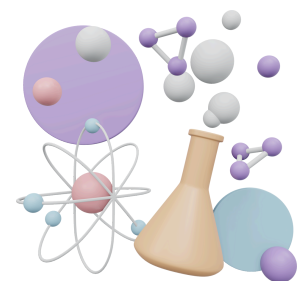
The day culminated in a lovely liturgy held in the chapel, which was a poignant and reflective way to conclude the visit. The pupils demonstrated great maturity and reverence throughout the day, and I am incredibly proud of their thoughtful engagement.

Parent's Evening

We'd like to remind you that Parents' Evening is scheduled for March 19th. To ensure a smooth booking process, please make sure you have the My Child at School APP installed on your device, this will be essential for booking your appointments

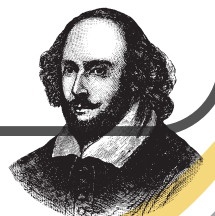
If you encounter any difficulties or have questions, please don't hesitate to contact our school office. We're here to help and want to make this process as straightforward as possible for you.

Science Week
Next week, our school will explore the wonderful world of Science. Children will take part in workshops and even get to visit the Animal Man and his friends! Pupils are welcome to bring in a white shirt to decorate as their very own lab coat.



Shakespeare Week

On the 24th March, Guardian Angels will be going back in time to be immersed into all things Shakespeare. We look forward to seeing what fun the children have!





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> Artwork: 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> Poem of Hope: 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> Sound of Hope: 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> Letters of Hope: 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> People of Hope: 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> Holiday of Hope: 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> Story of Hope: Can you create a short story, of no longer than 400 words, which explores the theme of hope?</p>	<p><u>October</u> Scene of Hope: Could you take a photo of something which represents hope to you, or makes you feel hopeful?</p>	<p><u>November</u> Heroes of Hope: Design an icon for your favourite Saint, or Saint who represents hope to you.</p>	<p><u>December</u> Wreath of Hope: 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 F
Year 1 - Joshua
Year 2 - Daniel
Year 3 - Levi
Year 4 - Summer
Year 5 - Mia
Year 6 - Lilly



Reader of the Week

EYFS - Joshua
Year 1 - Esme
Year 2 - Ameer
Year 3 - Anada
Year 4 - Bonnie
Year 5 - Jolie
Year 6 - Ariela



PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Amelia G
Year 1 - Koa
Year 2 - Natalia & Jaymin
Year 3 - Ayanne
Year 4 - Mylo
Year 5 - Amelia B
Year 6 - Dolce

Star Pupils

EYFS

Daisy and Arthur

Year 3

Luna and Joe

Year 1

Millie and Sylvie-Fae

Year 4

Mason and Toby

Year 2

Layla-Mai and Zane

Year 5

Niamh and Evan

Year 6

Jacob and Cassius

This Week's Attendance



Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	92.1
Year 1	87.8
Year 2	90.7
Year 3	89.4
Year 4	94.6
Year 5	93.1
Year 6	97.0

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.



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

We all want children to grow up in a safe, loving environment and become happy, confident adults.

It's important that every child has someone they trust that they can ask for help. You might need to start a difficult conversation because you have to:

- break some bad news
- ask about something you're worried about
- ask your child if they're worried or scared by something
- ask your child about a new behaviour

But whatever the subject, and however old the child you're talking to, you can make it easier for you both.

Why it's good to talk

There'll be times when children need advice or support.

There'll also be times when you need to explain something that might upset them.

As their parent or carer, it's up to you to talk to them when you think they need a nudge in the right direction. And to share news or information that'll affect their lives.

Remember that **Childline** is always available when they need someone to listen.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

E- Safety Tip

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

ONLINE PLAY RISKS
Because Roblox caters to random players from all over the world, it isn't clear whether players will be safe or not. Some players may be able to use the game to harass or bully others. For example, some role-play games are used for sexual abuse and harassment role-play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages or images from strangers.

ANONYMOUS PLAYERS
The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls in place, it's easy for children to be contacted by strangers. Parents should search other role-play games or things that they might be interested in to see what a website's community is like and what online words are used.

MATURE CONTENT
Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox. It is a platform for users to create and share their own games and experiences. Some of the games and experiences on the platform contain mature content that is not suitable for young players.

RISK OF ADDICTION
Roblox games can feature rewarding or addictive gameplay mechanics that encourage players to play for long periods of time. They have an immersive, well-developed world that can be addictive and encourage players to spend more time playing.

IN-GAME SPENDING
The majority of games within Roblox have virtual currencies that can be purchased through real-world money. Some games offer in-game items for sale, which can be used to purchase virtual items. Some games offer real-world money, meaning that children can be exposed to real-world money.

SCAMS
Many of the games on Roblox feature sophisticated scams, traps, or distractions. These scams are designed to lure children into real-world purchases or to steal their personal information. Parents should be aware of these risks and teach children to be cautious when interacting with other players.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR THE CONTENT
While Roblox does offer a variety of moderation tools and parental controls, it is up to parents and educators to monitor the types of games or items on their children's devices. It is important to check the game's content and to ensure that it is appropriate for the child's age and interests.

PLAY TOGETHER
Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few better ways to see how Roblox works and to ensure that the game is safe and appropriate for your child. Parents should be aware of the risks of playing Roblox and should teach children to be cautious when interacting with other players.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS
Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Encourage the parents to use the game's reporting tools to report inappropriate behaviour. Parents should also be aware of the risks of playing Roblox and should teach children to be cautious when interacting with other players.

TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS
Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to report inappropriate behaviour. Encourage children to be cautious when interacting with other players. Parents should be aware of the risks of playing Roblox and should teach children to be cautious when interacting with other players.

Meet Our Expert
Dr. David Livingstone is a video game journalist and author of over 20 books on gaming. He has been writing about the risks of playing Roblox for many years. He has been writing about the risks of playing Roblox for many years. He has been writing about the risks of playing Roblox for many years.

Wake Up Wednesday
The National College

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Virtues of the Half Term

Attentive and Discerning



Pupils in our school are **Attentive**: We are attentive when we listen to our calling from God to love and serve one another in all that we do. We are attentive to our experiences and can see where they will take us in our future vocations.

Discerning: We are discerning when we decide to do the right thing in the interest of the needs of others because we know the positive impact that will have on their lives.

Birthday Celebrations

Scarlett (Year 3) Ava B (Year 6)

Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family



God our Father, help us to see your Son in all people and to treat them as we would wish to be treated ourselves. Help us to listen and to live our lives as you ask us to. Amen.

Composer of the Week

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Listen here:



Have a lovely weekend and God Bless,

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



WORLD BOOK DAY

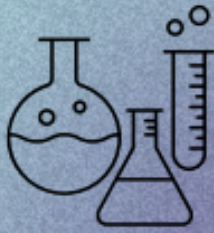
We will now be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 27th March 2025. This years theme is a World of Stories.



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.

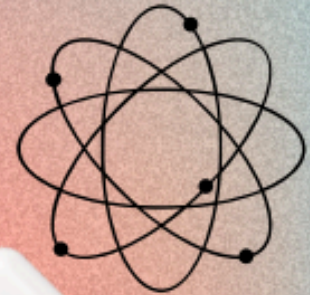
Story in a Jar competition is back this year! A winner will be chosen from each class to win a prize. Year 2 - 6 pupils will also have the chance to win their very own Amazon Fire7. All they need to do is read as many books as they can over half term and complete the book's Accelerated Reader quizzes. (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!



SCIENCE WEEK 2025

W/C MONDAY 17TH MARCH



FORENSIC WORKSHOPS
A CRIME HAS BEEN COMMITTED AND
CLASSES MUST WORK TOGETHER TO PIECE
TOGETHER THE EVIDENCE!

BRING IN A WHITE SHIRT
SO YOU CAN DECORATE
YOUR OWN SCIENCE LAB
COAT.

DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES IN
CLASS TO BUILD ON YOUR
SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE!

ANIMAL MAN
AN EXCITING VISIT WHERE YOU WILL GET
TO SEE, HOLD AND LEARN ABOUT
DIFFERENT EXOTIC CREATURES!



ROCK YOUR SOCKS

IT'S WORLD **DOWN** SYNDROME DAY!

Friday 21st March
come to school in your odd
socks!



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