



Key Dates

Mon 5 th May	Bank Holiday-school closed
Wed 7 th May	Year 3 First Confessions at 3:30pm
Thurs 8 th May	Height and Weight check for EYFS and Year 6 - please inform the office to opt out
Mon 12 th May	SATs week
Wed 14 th May	Mass at 9am - all welcome
Wed 21 st May	Year 3 trip
Thurs 22 nd May	Pupils break up for May half term
Frid 23 rd May	Inset day-school closed to pupils
Mon 2 nd June	School open for all
Thurs 5 th June	Year 5 trip - will be on ParentPay soon
Mon 9 th June	EYFS starting Sept 2025 induction meeting at 10am



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Mrs Milligan and Mr Spindlow’s Message

Welcome back after the Easter break! It was truly heartwarming to see our wonderful pupils returning to school with beaming smiles, ready to embark on another exciting term of learning and growth.

We are delighted to share some of the fantastic experiences our children have enjoyed recently. Our Year 1 and 2 pupils had a marvellous time on their trip to the Botanical Gardens. They participated in an engaging workshop, exploring the fascinating world of plant survival and pollination. The children were captivated by the beautiful gardens and greenhouses, and they absolutely loved the adventure playground. We’re incredibly proud to say that our pupils were a credit to Guardian Angels, demonstrating exemplary behaviour throughout the visit.

We have some wonderful news to celebrate within our school community. A huge congratulations to LJ in Year 3, who has recently signed a contract with Birmingham City Football Club. What an incredible achievement! Your Guardian Angels family is immensely proud of you, LJ, and we’re excited to see where your talent and hard work will take you.

Our Year 6 pupils will be sitting their SATs tests starting Monday 12th May. I kindly ask all Year 6 parents to ensure they have read the important letter sent home by Mr Johnson regarding these assessments.

Please also note that Monday, 5th May is a bank holiday, and the school will be closed to both staff and pupils. Additionally, we have an Inset day scheduled for Friday 23rd May, during which the school will be closed to all pupils.

As we move forward into this new term, I’m filled with excitement for the learning and experiences that lie ahead for our Guardian Angels community. Let’s continue to support and encourage one another, celebrating each step of our journey together.



This Week's Gospel



Today we hear about how Jesus appeared to the disciples while they were fishing, helped them to catch more fish and ate with them on the beach afterwards.

John 21:1-19

After this, Jesus appeared once more to his disciples at Lake Tiberias. This is how it happened. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael (the one from Cana in Galilee), the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples of Jesus were all together. Simon Peter said to the others, "I am going fishing."

"We will come with you," they told him. So they went out in a boat, but all that night they did not catch a thing. As the sun was rising, Jesus stood at the water's edge, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then he asked them, "Young men, haven't you caught anything?"

"Not a thing," they answered.

He said to them, "Throw your net out on the right side of the boat, and you will catch some." So they threw the net out and could not pull it back in because they had caught so many fish. The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Peter heard that it was the Lord, he wrapped his outer garment round him (for he had taken his clothes off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples came to shore in the boat, pulling the net full of fish. They were not very far from land, about a hundred metres away. When they stepped ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there with fish on it and some bread. Then Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."

Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net ashore full of big fish, 153 in all; even though there were so many, still the net did not tear. Jesus said to them, "Come and eat." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. So Jesus went over, took the bread, and gave it to them; he did the same with the fish.

This, then, was the third time Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from death. After they had eaten, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?"

"Yes, Lord," he answered, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Take care of my lambs." A second time Jesus said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

"Yes, Lord," he answered, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Take care of my sheep." A third time Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter became sad because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" and so he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you!"

Jesus said to him, "Take care of my sheep. I am telling you the truth: when you were young, you used to get ready and go anywhere you wanted to; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will bind you and take you where you don't want to go." (In saying this, Jesus was indicating the way in which Peter would die and bring glory to God.)

Then Jesus said to him, "Follow me!"



Year 6 SATs Week

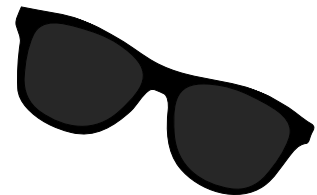
Our children in Year 6 have been working really hard, pushing their limits in preparation for SATs week. Tests will begin on Monday 12th May—Thursday 15th May.

This is an extremely important week in the children's academic life and they MUST attend school everyday in order to show off their true capabilities and reflect all the hard work they have put in this year.

Monday 12 th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 13 th may	English Reading
Wednesday 14 th May	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 15 th May	Mathematics paper 3

Sun Safety

As we enter the summer months, we recommend children have sun cream applied BEFORE they come to school in the morning and are encouraged to bring a labelled bottle (not aerosol) or roller of sun cream to reapply THEMSELVES at breaktime and lunchtime. Sun hats and sunglasses are also recommended.



Please ensure that your child brings a bottle of water with them everyday to keep them hydrated.





Pope Francis

The sad news of the death of Pope Francis has been announced, giving rise to prayers and reflection across our schools and communities.

In his 12 years as our Pope and spiritual father, Pope Francis achieved a great deal. He promoted Gospel values, championed education and encouraged us all to do more to support one another, particularly the most vulnerable.

It is fitting that as part of his last blessing on Easter Sunday he said: "I would like all of us to hope anew and to revive our trust in others, including those who are different than ourselves, or who come from distant lands...for all of us are children of God!"

His teaching and legacy will not be lost, and we will cherish all that he stood for and all that he asked. His compassion, kindness and his caring leadership was an inspiration to us all.

Prayer for Eternal Rest

**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.**



This Week's Awards



Virtues Award

EYFS - Amelia A
Year 1 - Louie
Year 2 - Jack
Year 3 - Imogen
Year 4 - Troy
Year 5 - Royale
Year 6 - Kairo



Reader of the Week

EYFS - Medley
Year 1 - Noah
Year 2 - Jaymin
Year 3 - Ayanne
Year 4 - Mylo
Year 5 - Jacob M
Year 6 - Beau

PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Lily-Mae
Year 1 - Elsie-Mai
Year 2 - Sidney
Year 3 - Reign
Year 4 - Saoirse
Year 5 - Joey
Year 6 - Cassius

Star Pupils

EYFS

Jack and Harley

Year 3

Max and Edie-Rose

Year 1

All of Year 1

Year 4

Summer and Jude C

Year 2

Natalia and Jarvis

Year 5

Mila'rai and Davian

Year 6

Lilly and Nicola

This Week's Attendance



Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	98.2
Year 1	92.2
Year 2	96.8
Year 3	88.8
Year 4	96.6
Year 5	97.2
Year 6	99.3

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 29 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

At Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School, we take sun safety seriously. As the summer months approach, we want to remind all our pupils and families to be sun-smart when at school.

It's important that everyone wears a suitable sun hat to protect their face, neck, and ears from the sun's harmful UV rays. Additionally, we encourage all pupils to apply sunscreen before outdoor activities, such as playtime and sports.

By working together, we can ensure our pupils stay safe and healthy while enjoying the sunshine. ☀️ If you have any questions or concerns about sun safety, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office.



E- Safety Tip

Because children deserve a safe digital world

Internet Matters has information to help you keep your child safe online.

Find information and safety settings for your child's devices and apps, along with guidance to tackle online issues they may face.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>





Virtues this Half Term

Compassionate and Loving

Pupils in our school are growing to be . . .

Compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and loving by their just actions and forgiving words.

Our school helps our pupils to grow . . .

By being compassionate and loving in the way pupils are treated, especially when a pupil is in trouble; and by opening pupils' eyes to those who suffer poverty, injustice or violence.



Birthday Celebrations

**Lilly (EYFS) Aminah (Year 2)
Emmie-Rose and Finn (Year 6)**



Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family



Creator God, you made a world of plenty with enough food for everyone. As we break bread together, fill us with your love and lead us to share whatever we are able. Amen.

Composer of the Week Trinidad Steel Band



Listen here:



Have a lovely weekend and God Bless

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



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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May 2025

May begins and we are still in the season of Eastertide. As we continue to celebrate the Risen Jesus, we are invited to get to know Him; to recognise Jesus in our lives, listen to His voice and follow Him.

We also celebrate Mary our Mother, as May is traditionally the month of Mary. Many parishes and schools will be honouring Our Lady with spring flowers in May Processions and opportunities to pray the Rosary.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout May, and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

NEEDS AND FEEDS

This assembly for the first week in May celebrates our ongoing friendship with the risen Jesus. Children start with a food quiz and consider why we need food. Then our focus is turned to Jesus, our friend, who wants to feed us and give us all we need.

Through the Gospel story of Jesus sharing a miraculous breakfast with His disciples, children will learn that they can trust Jesus to provide for their needs— because He loves them!

With your child/ren, you might like to...

- *Prepare a favourite family meal and talk about how food provides energy, helps us to grow and keeps us healthy.*
- *Talk about the Eucharist with older children, and the spiritual energy, growth and health Jesus provides. You might want to share your thoughts and ask children about their understanding of this spiritual food.*
- *Encourage children to bring their needs to Jesus in a family prayer time.*

PRAYING THE ROSARY

The Rosary is a meditative prayer that uses beads (Rosary beads) to help us to keep track of the various repeated prayers. The repetitive nature of the prayers allows us to reflect on the life, ministry, and death of Jesus and also on His Blessed Mother, Mary.



Praying the whole Rosary, including focussing on each of the four parts or 'mysteries' can seem daunting, especially for younger children but the prayer can be easily simplified by focusing on one mystery or even one focus event within the mystery and limiting the prayer to one decade.

We've created a Rosary resource that we hope will support families with this prayer.

With your child/ren, you might like to...

- *Access our Rosary Resource in the **Parent Portal** which gives full explanations and guidance to help you pray the Rosary at home with your child(ren).*
- *Focus on one of the Mysteries and talk to your child about the stories and events that make up each of the five elements. Perhaps a good place to start would be the Joyful Mysteries which contain stories and events that may be the most familiar to children e.g. the Annunciation and Jesus' birth.*
- *Share the prayers between members of your family or split each Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be into two parts with different voices saying each part.*

PILGRIMS WHO PRAY

In the Sunday Gospel for the week beginning 19th May, Jesus gives His new commandment - to love others as He has loved us. Jesus loves us as much as it's possible to love someone - He gave His very life out of love for each of us.

These prayers remind children, especially in this Jubilee year, that one of the most loving and powerful things we can do for others is pray for them. Through these intercessory prayers, children reach out to the sick, the homeless and those in situations of war and conflict.

As a family, you might like to make up your own prayers of intercession using the prayer guide below:

We pray for those who
Help them to
Give them comfort/courage/hope to...

We pray to the Lord.
Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen**



FOOD FESTIVAL
By Aspens

LUNCH TIME

TRADITIONAL
Week 1

Spring Summer
2025

21/04/25, 12/05/25,
02/06/25, 23/06/25,
14/07/25, 04/08/25,
25/08/25, 15/09/25,
06/10/25

THE MAIN EVENT	MEAT-FREE MAGIC <small>veggie dish</small>	RAINBOW ALLEY <small>Vegetables and salads</small>	BIG TOPPING <small>Filled Jacket</small>	DESSERT TROLLEY
<p>MONDAY</p> <p>All Day Breakfast</p> <p>Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice</p> <p>Roast Pork, Roasties and Gravy</p> <p>Tomato Chicken Pasta Bake</p> <p>Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips</p>	<p>Margherita Pizza Slice and Wedges</p> <p>Sweet Potato and Chickpea Balti with Rice</p> <p>Vegetable and Stuffing Loaf with Roasties</p> <p>Veggie Noodle Stir Fry</p> <p>Cheesy Bean Wrap with Chips</p>	<p>Baked Beans</p> <p>Sweetcorn</p> <p>Carrots and Cabbage</p> <p>Green Salad</p> <p>Peas</p>	<p>Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo</p> <p>Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo</p> <p>Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo</p> <p>Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo</p> <p>Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo</p>	<p>Toffee Biscuit Bars</p> <p>Classic Trifle</p> <p>Banana Loaf Cake</p> <p>Carrot Cake</p> <p>Coconut Crisp Bar</p>
<p>TUESDAY</p>				
<p>WEDNESDAY</p>				
<p>THURSDAY</p>				
<p>FRIDAY</p>				

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DAILY SALAD BOWL,
FRESHLY BAKED BREAD,
YOGHURTS AND
CUT FRUIT

AVAILABLE DAILY

PASTA TWIRLER

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Topped Pasta
Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese



TRADITIONAL

Week 2

LUNCH TIME

FOOD FESTIVAL
By Aspens

Spring Summer
2025
28/04/25, 19/05/25,
09/06/25, 30/06/25,
21/07/25, 11/08/25,
01/09/25, 22/09/25,
13/10/25

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



THE MAIN EVENT

- Beef Bolognese Pasta
- BBQ Chicken Wraps and Paprika Wedges
- Roast Gammon, Skin on Roasties and Gravy
- Sausage and Mash with Gravy
- Battered Fish and Chips



MEAT-FREE MAGIC
Veggie Dish

- Cheese and Potato Pie
- BBQ Veggie Wrap and Paprika Wedges
- Maple Roasted Sweet Potato Filo Pie with Skin on Roasties
- Veggie Sausage and Mash
- Cheese and Onion Burger with Chips



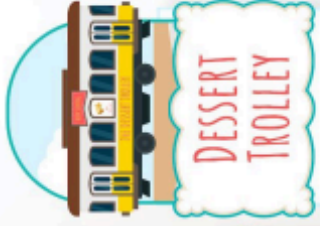
RAINBOW ALLEY
Vegetables and Salads

- Sweetcorn and Peas
- Peas
- Mixed Greens
- Carrots and Green Beans
- Baked Beans



BIG TOPPING
Filled Jockies

- Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo
- Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo
- Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo
- Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo
- Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo



DESSERT TROLLEY

- Jam Sponge and Custard
- Banana Muffin
- Oaty Cornflake Crunch Bar
- Apple Sponge Pudding with Custard
- Vanilla Cookie

DAILY SALAD BOWL,
FRESHLY BAKED BREAD,
YOGHURTS AND
CUT FRUIT
AVAILABLE DAILY

PASTA TWIRLER
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
Topped Pasta
Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese

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TRADITIONAL

Week 3

LUNCH TIME

FOOD FESTIVAL
By Aspens

Spring Summer
2025
05/05/25, 26/05/25,
15/06/25, 07/07/25,
28/07/25, 18/08/25,
08/09/25, 29/09/25,
20/10/25

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

DESSERT TROLLEY

DAILY SALAD BOWL,
FRESHLY BAKED BREAD,
YOGHURTS AND
CUT FRUIT

AVAILABLE DAILY

Strawberry
Frozen
Yoghurt

Marble
Cookie

Sweet Potato
Brownie

Toffee Apple
Crumble
and Custard

Brookie
(Brownie &
Cookie Mix)

BIG TOPPING

Filled Jacket

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

Beans,
Cheese or
Tuna Mayo

RAINBOW ALLEY

Vegetables and Salads

Green Salad

Sweetcorn

Carrots
and Peas

Sweetcorn

Baked
Beans

MEAT-FREE MAGIC

Veggie Dish

Macaroni
Cheese

Veggie Sausage
Roll with New
Potatoes

Cheese and
Onion Slice
with Skin on
Roasties

Shepherdless
Pie

Vegetable Fingers
and Chips

THE MAIN EVENT

BBQ Sweetcorn
Pizza Slice
with Wedges

Sausage Roll
with New
Potatoes

Roast Chicken,
Stuffing, Skin on
Roasties and Gravy

Lasagne

Golden Fish
Fingers
and Chips



Topped Pasta

Hot Pasta
topped with
Homemade
Tomato Sauce &
Cheese

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Building the Kingdom Homework

May's Big Question - How can we prepare for big challenges given to us?

Imagine that you suddenly find yourself in charge of the school for a day. How would you lead and change the school so that everybody has a meaningful and fun day together?

