



Key Dates

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 Reception class ONLY may wear party clothes to school for their Tea Party!
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
Mon 9 th June	EYFS starting Sept 2025 induction meeting at 10am
Mon 9 th June	Year 3 Reading workshop for parents in the school hall at 2:45pm



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Mrs Milligan and Mr Spindlow's Message

What a bustling week we've had at our school! It's been filled with moments of reflection, celebration, and anticipation, truly embodying the spirit of our vibrant learning community.

On Thursday, we were awash with a sea of red, white, and blue as we commemorated VE Day. Our pupils looked absolutely splendid in their patriotic attire, bringing history to life in a most colourful way. The special assembly and classroom activities helped our children connect with this significant moment in our nation's past, fostering a deeper understanding of sacrifice and unity.

This week, our pupils have also been captivated by the historic events unfolding in Rome. Eyes have been glued to screens, waiting with bated breath for that telltale white smoke to billow from the Sistine Chapel. We're thrilled to share in the global excitement of welcoming Pope Leo XIV to lead the Catholic Church.

Amidst these global events, we've had our own special moments closer to home. Wednesday evening saw our Year 3 pupils take a significant step in their faith journey as they participated in their first confessions at Guardian Angels Church. It was a beautiful and moving occasion for all involved.

Looking ahead, we're gearing up for SATs week, which begins next week. To our wonderful Year 6 pupils: remember, these tests are just a small part of your incredible journey with us. To support you, we're offering a free breakfast from 8am each morning of the tests. This will ensure you're well-fuelled and ready to showcase your brilliant minds.

As always, we're immensely proud of how our pupils engage with both world events and personal milestones. Your curiosity, empathy, and enthusiasm continue to inspire us all

This Week's Gospel



Today Jesus talks about how important it is to listen to him. And how he knows and cares about every one of us, no matter who we are.

John 10:27-30

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never die. No one can snatch them away from me. What my Father has given me is greater than everything, and no one can snatch them away from the Father's care. The Father and I are one.





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

Class Photos

Please order by 15th May for free P&P to school, you may still order after this date and have it delivered to your home address. Please call the school office to have the link resent out if needed.

Uniform

We've noticed an increasing number of pupils not adhering to the correct dress code. Our class teachers will be addressing this with both children and parents.

We understand that there may be challenges in obtaining the proper uniform. To assist, we invite you to make use of our pre-loved uniform rail. If you're experiencing any difficulties, please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs Tennant.

Additionally, we kindly remind you that, in line with our school policy, pupils wearing makeup will be asked to remove it. Your support in maintaining our uniform standards is greatly appreciated.



Pope Leo XIV

We're excited to share the news that the Cardinals have elected a new pope. This election, which saw Cardinals from every corner of the world voting, reflected the global Church, one which walks alongside vulnerable communities everywhere. Cardinal Robert Prevost has been elected as Pope Leo XIV. He is the first pope from the USA but he has spent many years working in Peru.

Leo XIV will be a voice of wisdom in a fractured and divided world, as he continues the important work of leading the Church and providing spiritual and moral guidance to the global community. In our work we understand the need for this voice more than ever.



**Faithful God,
You guide us on the path of life
and your goodness is our constant companion.
Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV,
in his service of the Church.
Fill him with the power of your Spirit,
the peace of your presence
and the compassion of Christ.
May he walk with you,
in wisdom and humility,
and lead us, together with all God's people,
to embody your love for the world.
Amen.**

Volunteer Opportunity at Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School

Are you passionate about working with children and making a positive impact in your community? We are looking for dedicated volunteers to support children aged 4–11 across all areas of school life.

Opportunities include:

- Supporting reading and learning across the curriculum
- Engaging with children during playtimes and lunchtimes
- Helping with afterschool clubs and breakfast club

This voluntary role is ideal for individuals looking to gain experience in a school setting – particularly those completing an external Teaching Assistant (TA) course.

Key Information:

- Minimum commitment: 1 hour per week
- Unpaid, voluntary role
- Enhanced DBS check required (provided by the school)
- Start dates and times are flexible and negotiable

We're looking for individuals who are: Confident with spoken English Compassionate and team-oriented Hardworking and eager to learn new skills Respectful of confidentiality Professional and aligned with school policies and safeguarding procedures

To apply: You will need to provide a reference and complete our Application form. Your time could make a lasting difference. enquiry@grdangel.bham.sch.uk or 0121 747 2782



EYFS Tea Party



You are invited to a

Royal Tea Party

Reception have been learning lots about Kings and Queens!

In school, we will be making sandwiches and will hold a tea party to celebrate our learning. The children have been asked to come to school in their party clothes as they will be treated like royalty on this day!

Thursday 22nd May

**Any questions, please see
Miss Gately or Mrs Wall**

This Week's Awards



Virtues Award

EYFS - Medley
Year 1 - Naemi
Year 2 - Emily S
Year 3 - Darcie
Year 4 - Eva J
Year 5 - Layla-Rose
Year 6 - Olivia



Reader of the Week

EYFS - Arthur
Year 1 - Millie
Year 2 - Sidney
Year 3 - Lexi
Year 4 - Eden
Year 5 - Frankie
Year 6 - Dolce



PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Za'rae
Year 1 - Harry W
Year 2 - Adonis
Year 3 - Darius
Year 4 - Harry
Year 5 - Royale
Year 6 - Firefunmi

Star Pupils

EYFS

Jaxon and Luna

Year 3

Abigail and Aoife

Year 1

Paisley and Erin

Year 4

Frankie H and Connor

Year 2

Winnie and Alicja

Year 5

Mylah and Connor

Year 6

Ava B and Blake

This Week's Attendance



Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	93.9
Year 1	88.7
Year 2	88.9
Year 3	87.9
Year 4	96.4
Year 5	97.5
Year 6	96.3

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.



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

**Royale (EYFS) Baby-Queenie (Year 1)
Ayanne (Year 2) Eden (Year 4)
Leo & Jessica (Year 5)**



Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family



Lord Jesus, help us to listen to and follow you and to care for each other, so that all members of our global family may live together in peace. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend and God Bless

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

Composer of the Week



Bach

Listen here:





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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FOOD
FESTIVAL
By Aspens

OUT OF THIS WORLD



15th May

Mini Planet Meatballs
with out of this World tomato
sauce & pasta

**Big Bang Bangers
and Cosmic Mash**

And

Rocket Lolly

