



Key Dates

Mon 30 th June	Y3 Bikeability - please ensure all slips have been signed and returned
Frid 4 th July	Non-uniform day please see flyer on the last page and kindly donate a coloured gift allocated to your child's class
Mon 7 th July	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day - 9:30am - 11:30am in the school playground
Tues 8 th July	EYFS trip - please see letter and ParentPay
Tues 8 th July	Y6 trip
Thurs 10 th July	Y6 leavers performance- parents invited at 9:30am in the school hall
Frid 11 th July	Non-uniform summer fun day - please kindly pay £1 on ParentPay and a special themed lunch can be ordered on Blue Runner. Pupils can also bring loose change for stall games
Frid 11 th July	EYFS assembly - parents invited at 9:30am in the school hall
Mon 14 th July	KS2 Sports day - 9:30am-11:30pm at Norman Chamberlain Playing Fields, Pithall Rd, Shard End
Wed 16 th July	Y6 leavers Mass at 9am in the church
Thurs 17 th July	Y6 leavers disco-after school
Frid 18 th July	Last day of term-pupils can wear their party clothes and bring NON-ELECTRONIC toys
Mon 1 st and Tues 2 nd Sept 25	Inset day and school will closed for pupils



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Mrs Milligan and Mr Spindlow's Message

This week, our Year 5 pupils have been actively engaged in Bikeability training, developing essential road safety skills and demonstrating considerable dedication to learning safe cycling practises on public roads.

We would like to extend particular recognition to our Year 4 children who participated in the MAC RE enrichment day at Our Lady of Compassion. Their conduct was exemplary, and they served as true ambassadors for Guardian Angels, representing our values with distinction.

Thursday's parishioners' tea proved to be a remarkable success, with excellent attendance from our community members. The event fostered meaningful connections and demonstrated the strong bonds within our school community. Thank you to the volunteers that organise this and make this event so special.

Please keep an eye open for upcoming non-uniform day announcements, which will be displayed on school posters and at the end of this newsletter. These fundraising initiatives are crucial in supporting our school council's objectives to buy new playground equipment and essential resources.

Finally we must emphasise the importance of our absence reporting procedures. Parents are required to contact the school absence line on the day of pupil absence. Failure to comply with this may mean we have to call alternative emergency contacts and conduct home visits.

This Week's Gospel



Today we hear how the disciple Simon recognises Jesus as the Son of God and how Jesus gives Simon a new name – Peter.

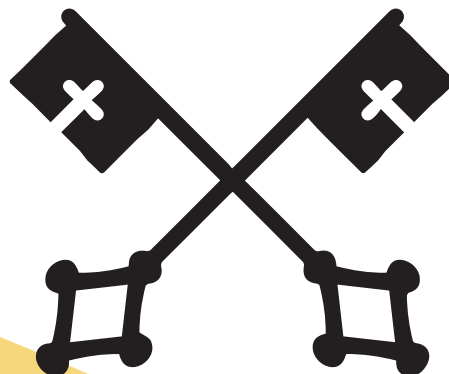
Matthew 16:13-19

Jesus went to the territory near the town of Caesarea Philippi, where he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

"Some say John the Baptist," they answered. "Others say Elijah, while others say Jeremiah or some other prophet."

"What about you?" he asked them. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

"Good for you, Simon son of John!" answered Jesus. "For this truth did not come to you from any human being, but it was given to you directly by my Father in heaven. And so I tell you, Peter: you are a rock, and on this rock foundation I will build my church, and not even death will ever be able to overcome it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven; what you prohibit on earth will be prohibited in heaven, and what you permit on earth, will be permitted in heaven."





Teaching Staff 2025-2026

Year Group	Class Teacher
EYFS	Miss Gately
Year 1	Miss Hulme
Year 2	Miss Hickey and Mrs Wall
Year 3	Mrs Wood and Mrs Burrell
Year 4	Mrs Martin - Westall and Miss Morris
Year 5	Miss Beckett
Year 6	Mr Johnson

Support staff allocation will be shared with parents over the upcoming weeks

Bikeability

Next week, our Y3 class will be taking part in Bikeability. Cycle training equips children with vital life skills. Pupils will not only learn to cycle, they will gain independence, social skills and a sense of wellbeing. Parent consent forms must be completed to take part.



This Week's Awards



Virtues Award

EYFS - Lilly Z
Year 1 - Aiyza
Year 2 - Sidney
Year 3 - Levi
Year 4 - Jacob W
Year 5 - Maisie
Year 6 - All of Year 6



Reader of the Week

EYFS - Zyon
Year 1 - Larna
Year 2 - Jack
Year 3 - Edie-Rose
Year 4 - Freddie
Year 5 - Royale
Year 6 - Rayan



PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Arlo F
Year 1 - Joshua
Year 2 - Ameer
Year 3 - Ava N
Year 4 - Chae
Year 5 - Layla-Rose
Year 6 - pupils who attended
our MAC Athletics Comp

Star Pupils

EYFS

Jigarjeet and Za'rae

Year 3

Hosanna and Luna

Year 1

Charlie and Noah

Year 4

Phoebe and Ronny

Year 2

Chimamanda and Lilly-Paige

Year 5

Jacob M and Joey

Year 6

Pupils that attended football

This Week's Attendance



Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	93.0
Year 1	81.0
Year 2	88.0
Year 3	95.0
Year 4	90.7
Year 5	97.0
Year 6	95.0

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 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

Bring it on Brum! Holiday Clubs are Back for Summer 2025!

Get ready for another fantastic year of Department for Education-funded holiday clubs! Thanks to the Holiday Activity and Food Programme, known in Birmingham as Bring it on Brum!, your child can enjoy holiday clubs packed with fun, learning, and healthy meals – all at no cost to you!

If your child is aged between 4-16 years and eligible for benefits-related free school meals, they can join the Bring it on Brum! holiday clubs throughout the spring, summer, and winter holidays (excluding half-terms). Full eligibility criteria can be found here: [Eligibility Criteria](#).

What's in Store?

With a diverse range of activities like sports, arts and crafts, cooking, dance, music, and more, there's something for everyone! Plus, every session includes a nutritious meal to keep them energised and happy throughout the day.

Each club offers a unique programme based on its location and type – there's so much to explore!

Not Eligible?

No worries! Many clubs also offer paid places, so every child has the chance to join the fun.

HOW TO BOOK

- GET YOUR CODE**
1 Get your BIOB code from your child's school.
If you haven't received your code, but believe you are eligible for the programme, please contact your child's school.
- CHOOSE YOUR CLUBS**
2 Go to bringitonbrum.co.uk and click **BOOK NOW**
- ENTER YOUR CRITERIA**
3 Enter your criteria (e.g. Location, participant age, date and click **SEARCH**)
To view the session details click **MORE INFORMATION**
- CHOOSE A CLUB**
4 Once you've found a holiday club you like, click **BOOK NOW** and choose a date and time that works for you.
- ENTER YOUR CHILD'S DETAILS**
5 Enter your child's details- you can add more than once child.
You may need to add 'Supplementary Information' Please write 'none' in any fields that do not apply.
- REPEAT**
6 Repeat to add more sessions.
- CREATE A LOG-IN**
7 Once you have chosen all your sessions, go to your cart and click **CHECKOUT**
- CREATE A LOG-IN**
8 To complete your booking you will need to create a log-in. You can then view/edit and add any additional bookings at any time by logging in.
Create a Log-in
 - ✓ Add your details
 - ✓ Sign up for session reminders
 - ✓ Enter your child/ children's details
 - ✓ Sign up for the Bring it on Brum! Newsletter
- COMPLETE BOOKING**
9 Click **COMPLETE BOOKING**

MORE INFORMATION:
www.bringitonbrum.co.uk

Why not take a photo of these instructions?

E- Safety Tip

Nintendo Switch 2: A Quick Guide to Safety for Parents

The new Nintendo Switch 2 is here, offering upgraded features for a new generation of gaming. For parents, this means new safety tools to ensure a positive experience for your children. Nintendo's enhanced parental controls, managed through a dedicated smartphone app, are key to a safe gaming environment.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. Switch 2 builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games. It also offers powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and AI+ AI-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

- WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**
- EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT** (18+)
The new Nintendo Switch 2 console has a new parental control system. It allows parents to restrict their child's access to games with higher age ratings. However, this system is designed to be more flexible than previous generations, meaning that some games may be accessible to children who are not yet 18.
- IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES**
The Nintendo Switch 2 console has a new parental control system. It allows parents to restrict their child's access to in-app purchases and game store purchases. However, this system is designed to be more flexible than previous generations, meaning that some purchases may be accessible to children who are not yet 18.
- UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES** (18+)
The Nintendo Switch 2 console has a new parental control system. It allows parents to restrict their child's access to online play in some games. However, this system is designed to be more flexible than previous generations, meaning that some online play may be accessible to children who are not yet 18.
- GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION** (18+)
The Nintendo Switch 2 console has a new parental control system. It allows parents to restrict their child's access to game chat and real-time voice communication. However, this system is designed to be more flexible than previous generations, meaning that some chat and voice communication may be accessible to children who are not yet 18.
- CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS**
The Nintendo Switch 2 console has a new parental control system. It allows parents to restrict their child's access to camera features. However, this system is designed to be more flexible than previous generations, meaning that some camera features may be accessible to children who are not yet 18.
- POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS** (18+)
The Nintendo Switch 2 console has a new parental control system. It allows parents to restrict their child's access to games featuring familiar characters. However, this system is designed to be more flexible than previous generations, meaning that some games featuring familiar characters may be accessible to children who are not yet 18.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS**
Check the age rating of the game and use the parental controls to restrict access to games with higher age ratings.
- REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS**
Review the friend lists and chat permissions for the games your child is playing to ensure they are appropriate.
- REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS**
Remove or restrict payment methods to prevent your child from making in-app purchases or game store purchases.
- ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS**
Encourage your child to talk to you about their gaming experiences and any concerns they may have.

Meet Our Expert
Lizzy Coleman is the National Officer of Daily Star and has been working on the ground with schools, clubs and community groups to help them understand the risks of online gaming. She has been published on other including the National College.

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Virtues this Half Term

Faith-filled and Hopeful



Faith-filled: We are faith-filled when we are living life as God inspires us to live it, putting the Gospel into action through our deeds. Faith gives us belief and trust in God and in other people. We have to build on it every day through prayer, being part of a faith community and living out the gospel values. Faith gives us hope.

Hopeful: We are hopeful when we are optimistic about the future, we trust ourselves and others, and we don't give up. Our faith teaches us that God is hope – that Christ walks before us and gives us the courage to follow. Hope makes us unafraid to step into the unknown and face challenges. Hope can deepen or restore our faith.

Birthday Celebrations

**Charlie (Year 1) Charlie (Year 2) Levi (Year 3)
Ronny (Year 4) and Dolce (Year 6)**



Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family



Christ Jesus, may our hearts be filled with joy as we honour Simon Peter, our leader and rock in the faith. May we be inspired to be like him, serving others both here and around the world and speaking up for what we believe. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend and God Bless

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

Composer of the Week

Ladysmith Black Mambazo



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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Mass for children and young people with special needs and disabilities



Saturday 12th July
11am

St Thomas More Church,
130 Horse Shoes Lane,
Sheldon,
Birmingham
B26 3HU



All are welcome to our special
mass - from all parishes

All volunteers are
DBS checked

Wheelchair
accessible



Please join us after mass in the
parish centre for refreshments



GUARDIAN ANGELS SUMMER EVENTS

NON UNIFORM DAYS - Friday 27th June and Friday 4th July

Each class will be creating a 'class hamper' for our summer raffle. We kindly ask each child to bring in a coloured gift on Friday 27th June and Friday 4th July. Both days will be non-uniform for the children who bring in coloured gifts.

EYFS: Red

Year 1: Blue

Year 2: Green

Year 3: Yellow

Year 4: Purple

Year 5: Orange

Year 6: White

Raffle tickets will be sold in classes and during the of end of year assemblies.
Winners will be announced during the final week of term.

Friday 11th July

On Friday 11th July, children will enjoy a Summer Fun Day during school hours. Classes will run games stalls in the playground and refreshments will be available for children to purchase. A special themed lunch will also be available for pupils (please order on Blue Runner). Pupils can wear non-uniform on this day for a cost of £1 per child (please pay on ParentPay). Children are welcome to bring additional money into school to take part in the games.



Friday 18th July

On Friday 18th July, children are welcome to come to school in their party clothes and bring in their favourite toy for our end of year party day (no electronics). This is a free event, but donations of party food are welcomed.

