



### Key Dates

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| Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept                            | Mass at 9am - led by Year 6 - all welcome   |
| Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept                            | SEND parent coffee morning at 9am   |
| Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept                          | Year 6 - Stay & Pray and residential meeting at 2:30pm in the school hall                     |
| Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct                            | Year 4 - Stay & Pray at 2:30pm - school hall  |
| Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct                             | Individual and sibling photos (siblings in school only)                                       |
| Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct                              | Mass at 9am - led by Year 5   |
| Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> -<br>Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Scholastics book fair - 3:20-3:45pm - please enter via the front office (fair in the library) |
| Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct                           | Year 3 - Stay & Pray at 2:30pm - school hall  |
| Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct                             | Mass at 9am - led by Year 4   |
| Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> -Frid<br>24 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | Year 6 Residential trip   |



Guided by the teachings of the Church we pray, work, celebrate, and care for each other and other people using the gifts we have been given by God the Father, Son and Spirit.

### Mrs Milligan and Mr Spindlow's Message

We are delighted to share several important updates from our school this week.

Firstly, congratulations to our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) class who have successfully completed their first full week with us. This is a significant milestone for our youngest pupils, and we are incredibly proud of their resilience and enthusiasm.

We extend a warm welcome to all new families who have joined the Guardian Angels family, whether in EYFS or other year groups. We are thrilled to have you with us and look forward to supporting your educational journey.

Following consultation with parents and our academy partners, we have made a strategic decision to transition our social media presence. We have moved away from X and are now active on Instagram - please follow us at @guardianangelscp to stay connected with school activities and updates.

Our school feast day is approaching on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025. We will celebrate in school, and Father Paul will hold a special Mass on 2nd October at 6pm in Mother of God and Guardian Angels Church, with refreshments afterwards in the GAP room.

Our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) coffee morning is scheduled for Wednesday 24th September at 9am. This is an excellent opportunity to meet other parents and seek advice from our dedicated team.

Finally, Year 6 parents are invited to a crucial meeting about the residential trip and a pray and stay session on Thursday 25th September at 2.30pm. Representatives from John Henry Newman will also be present to provide information about secondary school choices.

# This Week's Gospel



Today we hear about a dishonest manager and about how we cannot love God and money equally. God must come first in our lives.

## Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples, “There once was a rich man who had a servant who managed his property. The rich man was told that the manager was wasting his master’s money, so he called him in and said, ‘What is this I hear about you? Hand in a complete account of your handling of my property, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ The servant said to himself, ‘My master is going to dismiss me from my job. What shall I do? I am not strong enough to dig ditches, and I am ashamed to beg. Now I know what I will do! Then when my job is gone, I shall have friends who will welcome me in their homes.’ So he called in all the people who were in debt to his master. He asked the first one, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ‘100 barrels of olive oil,’ he answered. ‘Here is your account,’ the manager told him; ‘sit down and write fifty.’ Then he asked another one, ‘And you – how much do you owe?’ ‘A thousand sacks of wheat,’ he answered. ‘Here is your account,’ the manager told him, ‘write 800.’ As a result the master of this dishonest manager praised him for doing such a shrewd thing; because the people of this world are much more shrewd in handling their affairs than the people who belong to the light.”

And Jesus went on to say, “And so I tell you: make friends for yourself with worldly wealth, so that when it gives out, you will be welcomed in the eternal home. Whoever is faithful in small matters will be faithful in large ones; whoever is dishonest in small matters will be dishonest in large ones. If, then, you have not been faithful in handling worldly wealth, how can you be trusted with true wealth? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to someone else, who will give you what belongs to you?

“No servant can be the slave of two masters; such a servant will hate one and love the other or will be loyal to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

# This Week's Attendance



## Attendance Counts

| Year Group |       |
|------------|-------|
| EYFS       | 99.3% |
| Year 1     | 97.3% |
| Year 2     | 95.7% |
| Year 3     | 96.4% |
| Year 4     | 97.3% |
| Year 5     | 93.3% |
| Year 6     | 91.9% |

**Our school attendance target is 95%. The overall attendance for last year was 92.4%.**

**It is really important that we continue to work together to do all we can to prioritise the children's attendance at school.**

### 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**

### SPOTLIGHT ON PERSISTENT ABSENCE

**What is persistent absence?**

**If your child takes too much time off school they will become categorised as PA or persistently absent. (Attendance below 90% = persistent absence).**

**Missing school will make your child fall behind in lessons and will impact on their academic progress and achievement.  
Don't allow your child to become a PA student.**

**This table shows how many days missed each half-term will make your child a PA student:**

| How many days will make my child a persistent absent student? |  |
|---|--|
| Half-term 1   | 3 ½ days off school from September until October half-term holiday will make your child a PA student.                      |
| Half-term 1-2   | 7 days off school from September until the Christmas holiday will make your child a PA student.                            |
| Half term 1-3   | 10 days of absence from September until February half-term will make your child a PA student.                              |
| Half term 1-4   | 12 ½ days of absence from September until the Easter holidays will make your child a PA student.                           |
| Half-term 1-5   | 15 ½ days of absence from September until May half-term will make your child a PA student.                                 |
| Half-term 1-6   | 19 days of absence for the full academic year (September to end of summer term in July) will make your child a PA student. |



## Safeguarding Tip of the Week

### Talking To Strangers

This week our safeguarding focus is on danger from strangers.. Evidence shows that children are in fact often in greater danger from people they know, from other children, or on the internet, but abuse and dangerous situations do continue to happen outside the home and it is important to teach your child how to stay safe. It helps to teach your children how to identify and respond to threatening situations. Children need to understand the difference between strangers who could hurt them and strangers who may help them. Let them know who they can trust if they need help. Explain that they must tell a trusted adult if they have been approached by someone they do not know or if they feel uncomfortable about a situation. Ensure your child is aware of their surroundings, and alert to potential danger when walking or playing outside.

## E- Safety Tip



### Tips for parents

- Familiarize Yourself with Snapchat's Features:
- Beware of Third-Party Apps
- Talk About Online Strangers
- Reporting and Support
- Set a Good Example
- Regular Check-ins (Age-Appropriate)
- Utilize Parental Control Tools

# This Week's Awards



## Virtues Award

EYFS - Princess  
Year 1 - Melody  
Year 2 - Larna  
Year 3 - George  
Year 4 - Reign  
Year 5 - Lacey R  
Year 6 - Mateo



## Reader of the Week

EYFS - Ella-Rose  
Year 1 - Amelia A  
Year 2 - Joshua  
Year 3 - Sidney  
Year 4 - Darcie  
Year 5 - Lacey-Mai  
Year 6 - Evan



## PE Star of the Week

EYFS -Eden  
Year 1 - Arlo-Jay  
Year 2 - Leo-James  
Year 3 - Natalia  
Year 4 - Anniyah  
Year 5 - Jenson-River  
Year 6 - Layla-Rose

## Star Pupils

EYFS

All of EYFS

Year 3

Isla and Marnie

Year 1

Hudhayfah and Medley

Year 4

Bisrat and Imogen

Year 2

Erin and Harry

Year 5

Delilah and Jack

Year 6

Nadia and Lola



## Virtues this Half Term

### Eloquent and Truthful



**Eloquent:** the ability to speak or write fluently, persuasively and appropriately. We are eloquent when we use language to express our ideas or opinions clearly and with conviction. When we choose our words, we should do so carefully so they are kind and compassionate, and don't hurt others. Eloquence isn't limited to speaking and writing. We can express ourselves in other ways like music, drama, painting or dance. We should use our creative gifts to say things in a way that is interesting, truthful, memorable and faithful.

**Truthful:** God wants us to be truthful in all we do. Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life', so being honest and truthful means we are following in his footsteps and living life the way God wants us to. Being truthful is being faithful to ourselves and to Jesus. We should stand up for the truth.

## Birthday Celebrations

Leo-James (Year 2) and Davian (Year 6)



Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family



God of plenty, we thank you for all that you have given us. Help us to remember what is really important in our lives and to be generous in all that we do. Amen.

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



## Scholastic Book Fair

We are excited to welcome back Scholastic Book Fair on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct–Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 3:20–3:45 in the school library. This year, all sales will be cashless via a QR code that we will display in the library during Book Fair opening times.

**SCHOLASTIC**

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**BOOK FAIR**

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*Mass for children and young people  
with special needs and disabilities*

**Saturday 4th October**

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



# SEND Parent Coffee morning



## Meet our school specialist agencies

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 9am  
Come along for a hot drink. Meet other  
parents and seek advice from our team.

