



**Key Dates**

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	EYFS -eye test - please read the advice letter and if you wish to opt out, please complete and return the slip to the school office
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> -Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Scholastics book fair - 3:20-3:45pm - please enter via the front office (fair in the library)
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 3 - Stay & Pray at 2:30pm - school hall
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents' Evening - time slots will be available soon - in order to book, you must have our MyChildAtSchool app
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Mass at 9am - led by Year 4
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Non-uniform day - please pay £1 on ParentPay
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest disco - 3:20-4:20pm
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> -Frid 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 6 Residential trip
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Pupils break up for Oct half term
Frid 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Inset day - school closed for pupils
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	School open for all
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mass at 9am - led by our staff
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 5 - Stay & Pray at 2:30pm - school hall
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	EYFS new intake for Sept 2026 meeting 9am in the school hall
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 6 Confirmation - 5-6pm in the church
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mass at 9am - led by Year 5
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Year 2 - Stay & Pray at 2:30pm - school hall
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Mass at 9am - led by Year 4



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 pleased to share several highlights from this week. On Thursday, we celebrated our Guardian Angels Feast Day with great enthusiasm. Our pupils participated in class celebrations and enjoyed some delightful sweet treats. We extend our sincere gratitude to all families who contributed harvest donations, demonstrating our commitment to living out our school mission.**

**Our football team marked a significant milestone by participating in their first competitive event this week. It was a moment of pride to see our young athletes representing our school with dedication and spirit.**

**We were particularly delighted by the wonderful parental engagement at our Year 4 "Stay and Pray" event. These opportunities for families to work alongside their children in school are invaluable, and we encourage all parents to look out for future similar events.**

**We would like to specially recognise and thank the pupils who read during our Guardian Angels Feast Day Mass on Thursday evening. Their participation was exemplary, and the support from families who attended this important event in our school calendar was truly heartening.**

**These moments of community, celebration, and shared learning are what make Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School a special place of education and growth.**

# This Week's Gospel

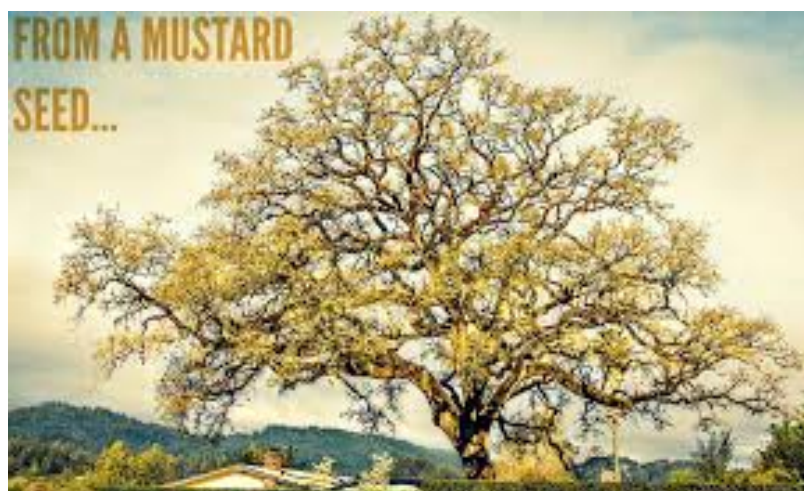


Today Jesus tells us how powerful faith is. How if we have faith we can do anything we want to, even if at first it feels impossible.

**Luke 17:5-10**

The apostles said to the Lord, “Make our faith greater.” The Lord answered, “If you had faith as big as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Pull yourself up by the roots and plant yourself in the sea!’ and it would obey you.

“Suppose one of you has a servant who is ploughing or looking after the sheep. When he comes in from the field, do you tell him to hurry and eat his meal? Of course not! Instead you say to him, ‘Get my supper ready, then put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may have your meal.’ The servant does not deserve thanks for obeying orders, does he? It is the same with you; when you have done all you have been told to do, say, ‘We are ordinary servants; we have only done our duty.’”



# You Said We Did



Thank you to all the parents who took time to answer our recent parental questionnaire. We have analysed the responses and over the forthcoming weeks want to share

<p>1. My child is happy at this school. (0 point)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strongly agree 16</li> <li>Agree 22</li> <li>Neutral 2</li> <li>Disagree 0</li> <li>Strongly disagree 2</li> </ul>	<p>Most parents said that their children feel happy. We would love all children to feel happy all the time however we realise that children (and adults) will also feel sad sometimes too. If your child is feeling sad sometimes, we appreciate that this is a normal human emotion that we all have, however if they are feeling sad most of the time or all of the time, we recommend that you talk to us and other professionals such as your GP for help. These services may be able to help:</p> <p>Forward Thinking Birmingham:  <a href="https://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.nhs.uk/pause/event/pause-over-12-art-workshop-1pm-230pm-698/">https://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.nhs.uk/pause/event/pause-over-12-art-workshop-1pm-230pm-698/</a></p> <p>Compass: <a href="https://compass-uk.org/services/compass-birmingham-mhst/">https://compass-uk.org/services/compass-birmingham-mhst/</a></p> <p>Please do come and talk to us if you need help or advice.</p>
<p>2. My child feels safe at this school. (0 point)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strongly agree 21</li> <li>Agree 17</li> <li>Neutral 2</li> <li>Disagree 0</li> <li>Strongly disagree 2</li> </ul>	<p>Most parents said that their children feel safe, however we want every child to feel safe at school.</p> <p>Next week in school, all teachers will be talking to the children about what to do if they do not feel safe again and helping them to understand that it is okay to talk about this.</p> <p>As the two responses were anonymous, we cannot contact the families to see how we can help. If this was you and you would like to discuss further, please do call to make an appointment with our Executive Headteacher, Mrs Milligan, or pop in to see her at the parents evening event on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October.</p>
<p>3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved. (0 point)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strongly agree 16</li> <li>Agree 19</li> <li>Neutral 5</li> <li>Disagree 1</li> <li>Strongly disagree 1</li> </ul>	<p>We are in the process of reviewing our Positive Behaviour Policy following our consultation with pupils, parents and staff at the end of the last academic year. As soon as we can, we will send this to you all, along with our new pupil and parents code of conduct. Thank you for most parents who support our behaviour standards.</p> <p>A reminder to all that when you choose Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School, you are automatically agreeing to abide by and support as parents our code of conduct and all policies and procedures. Children thrive with consistency and when we work together.</p>

**Following careful consultation with local police authorities, we are pleased to confirm that the back gate will be reopened after the October half term. This decision has been made after thorough consideration of pupil and staff safety, which remains our paramount concern.**

**The reopening will be closely monitored by our Senior Leadership Team and local police to assess its effectiveness and potential for long-term implementation. This approach will allow us to evaluate the impact on pupil movement and overall school security systematically.**

**Also, we understand that a small number of parents have expressed concerns about the current entry and exit arrangements, particularly the congestion at the front gate. In response to this, we are simultaneously exploring options to increase the size of the pedestrian gate at the front of the school. These potential improvements stem directly from parental feedback about current access arrangements.**

**We appreciate the constructive dialogue from parents who have raised these important considerations about school access. Your ongoing engagement helps us continually refine our operational procedures to best serve our pupils and staff.**

# This Week's Attendance



## Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	97.0%
Year 1	94.4%
Year 2	93.9%
Year 3	93.2%
Year 4	96.4%
Year 5	94.3%
Year 6	95.2%

**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

# PAUSE

Pause is a service delivered by The Children's Society, in partnership with Forward Thinking Birmingham:

They provide access to immediate support & speak to an Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner.

They listen to you and help you find solutions.

There are no referrals or waiting lists - you choose when and how to use our service.

Pause drop-ins happen at different places or 'Hubs' each day.

Each week, they publish the Pause drop-in dates, times and locations on their page.

If you struggle with forms/don't have access to the internet?

You can also register by leaving a message on their registration line: 020 784 14470 (Please note local call charges apply), one of the team will call you back and get you signed up for support.

### Registration Form

[https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=SOAKNBzYq06lpLdJH6ikCDVqnhizGkpBkKhY\\_xjQ-tVUQTZKSEZWU0cwSj1tWDFNE1BUkxYNVNaOC4u](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=SOAKNBzYq06lpLdJH6ikCDVqnhizGkpBkKhY_xjQ-tVUQTZKSEZWU0cwSj1tWDFNE1BUkxYNVNaOC4u)

### Website

<https://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.nhs.uk/pause>

## E- Safety Tip

- **Understand the Game:**
  - **Check Age Rating:** Always confirm the official age rating (PEGI, ESRB) for FC 26.
  - **In-Game Purchases:** Be aware of "Ultimate Team" mode, which involves spending real money on virtual player packs. Discuss this openly and set limits.
- **Time Limits & Supervision:**
  - **Set Limits:** Establish clear daily/weekly time limits for gaming to balance with other activities.
  - **Common Areas:** Keep gaming devices in shared family spaces for easier oversight.
  - **Observe:** Occasionally watch them play to understand interactions and the game environment.
- **Manage Online Communication:**
- **Disable Voice Chat:** Strongly consider disabling voice chat for strangers to prevent inappropriate language or contact.
- **"Friends Only":** Encourage play and communication only with real-life friends.
- **No Personal Info:** Teach your child to *never* share personal details (name, address, school) online.

# This Week's Awards



## Virtues Award

EYFS - Luther  
Year 1 - Lexie  
Year 2 - Elsie-Mai  
Year 3 - All of Year 3  
Year 4 - Amelia-Lily  
Year 5 - Ella  
Year 6 - Royale



## Reader of the Week

EYFS - Olly  
Year 1 - Matilda  
Year 2 - Holly-Bee  
Year 3 - N/A  
Year 4 - Millie Mae  
Year 5 - Frankie  
Year 6 - Chloe



## PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Melvin  
Year 1 - Cayson  
Year 2 - Arlena  
Year 3 - N/A  
Year 4 - Anada  
Year 5 - Troy  
Year 6 - Mila'rai

## Star Pupils

EYFS

Miley Mae and Freddie

Year 3

All of Year 3

Year 1

Jaxon and Arlo F

Year 4

Anniyah and Luna

Year 2

Aiyza and Sophia

Year 5

Eden and Casey

Year 6

Jolie and Frankie



## 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

**Elsie-Mai (Year 2)**  
**Marnie (Year 3)**



Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family



**God of life, give us the courage to try to make a change to our world and the faith to know that with you all things are possible. Amen.**

During the month of October, we ask for donations of tinned food and snacks. All donations are greatly received and will be sent to our local food bank to help those in the community who need it most. If you are able to donate, please send items into school with your child. We thank you in advance for your generous contributions.

**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**

**COME TO THE**

**BOOK FAIR**

FILL YOUR SCHOOL WITH FREE BOOKS WHEN YOU BUY FROM THE BOOK FAIR\*

READING GIVES YOU SUPERPOWERS!

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER **£5.3M** IN BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

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We are looking for enthusiastic parent helpers to support setting up and running stalls during our Christmas fair this year.

If you have your own Christmas crafts to sell, we are also offering stall spaces for just £5 each.

If you would like to volunteer your time (and festive cheer) please speak to your child's class teacher or the office to express your interest.





# SEND Community Day

## EVENT DETAILS

**Thursday 9 October 2025**  
**SUTTON COLDFIELD**  
**TOWN HALL, UPPER**  
**CLIFTON ROAD, B73 6DA**

The Day will be split into two sessions:  
**09:30- 11.30 AM**  
**12:30 - 2:30 PM**

Grow Family Services would like to invite you to come and meet SEND services. Chat with service providers and get more information on what is available in Birmingham

This event is free of charge to attend

On the day there will be services from the Local Authority, NHS and Social Care, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language, Senar, Local Charities, Early Help, Private Professionals and an Autism Awareness Bus.

## To Book:

[www.growfamilyservices.org/whatwedo](http://www.growfamilyservices.org/whatwedo)

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/grow-family-services](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/grow-family-services)



**13TH**

**OCTOBER AT  
2.30PM**

*Parent and  
friends*

**OF GUARDIAN ANGELS**

**MEETING**

We are inviting all parents to join us and learn how you can make a difference to your child's school. Connect with other parents and create a community that supports and inspires others.



**COME ALONG FOR  
A CUPPA AND A  
CHAT!**