



Key Dates

Wed 22 nd Oct	Mass at 9am - led by Year 4
Wed 22 nd Oct	Non-uniform day - please pay £1 on ParentPay
Wed 22 nd Oct	Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest disco - 3:20-4:20pm
Wed 22 nd -Frid 24 th Oct	Year 6 Residential trip
Thurs 23 rd Oct	Year 1 - Harvest assembly at 9am in the school hall
Thurs 23 rd Oct	Pupils break up for Oct half term
Frid 24 th Oct	Inset day - school closed for pupils
Mon 3 rd Nov	School open for all
Wed 5 th Nov	Mass at 9am - led by our staff
Wed 5 th Nov	Year 5 - Stay & Pray at 2:30pm - school hall
Tues 11 th Nov	EYFS new intake for Sept 2026 meeting 9am in the school hall
Thurs 13 th Nov	Year 6 Confirmation - 5-6pm in the church
Wed 19 th Nov	Mass at 9am - led by Year 5
Mon 1 st Dec	Flu Vaccine- only if consented
Tues 2 nd Dec	Year 2 - Stay & Pray at 2:30pm - school hall
Wed 3 rd Dec	Mass at 9am - led by Year 4 - 1 st week of Advent



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. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parents who attended our recent parents' evening. Your engagement in your child's education is invaluable.

We are tremendously appreciative of the families who supported our book fair. Through your purchases, Guardian Angels will receive a percentage of sales, which will directly contribute to acquiring new books for our pupils.

This week has been filled with wonderful moments of community and faith. Our Year 3 Stay and Pray session was particularly special, providing an excellent opportunity for parents to participate in the prayer life of our school. The sense of spiritual connection was truly inspiring.

We were also impressed by the turnout at our Parents and Friends of Guardian Angels meeting on Monday. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed ideas for our upcoming Christmas events. Your creativity and enthusiasm are remarkable.

Some important notices require your attention: Year 6 pupils will be attending their residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes next Wednesday through Friday.

Please note that Friday, 24th October, is a teacher training day, and the school will be closed to all pupils.

We kindly request that all families remain considerate of our neighbours during drop-off and collection times. To support with the large amount of traffic at the start and end of the school day, after half term, we will reopen the back gate to help alleviate traffic and parking challenges at the front of the school.

This Week's Gospel



Today we hear about a bad judge and a widow who would not give up. Jesus teaches us the importance of justice, of praying and of never giving up hope.

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to teach them that they should always pray and never become discouraged. “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people. And there was a widow in that same town who kept coming to him and pleading for her rights, saying, ‘Help me against my opponent!’ For a long time the judge refused to act, but at last he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or respect people, yet because of all the trouble this widow is giving me, I will see to it that she gets her rights. If I don’t, she will keep on coming and finally wear me out!’”

And the Lord continued, “Listen to what the corrupt judge said. Now, will God not judge in favour of his own people who cry to him night and day for help? Will he be slow to help them? I tell you, he will judge in their favour and do it quickly. But will the Son of Man find faith in the earth when he comes?”

This Week's Attendance



Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	93.3
Year 1	94.4
Year 2	89.5
Year 3	87.9
Year 4	95.7
Year 5	93.0
Year 6	96.1

Our school attendance target is 95%. The overall attendance for last week was 92.9%.

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

Helping Children When They Worry

As Children grow, they face many new things. Starting school. Meeting new friends. Learning to swim. Competing in sports. Each new thing can feel like a big step forward.

When children face new things, they often feel a mix of emotions. Facing something new – even when it's a good thing – can be stressful. It's natural to feel excited about what's ahead – and to worry about whether they're ready to handle it. Worry isn't all bad. It can be helpful as long as it doesn't last too long, become too intense, or happen too often.

Worry is a caution signal. It's a natural response to a big event, change, or challenge. Worry is a way of thinking and feeling ahead: "Am I ready for this?"

What's going to happen? Is it safe to go ahead?
What do I need to do to get ready? How will I do it?
What if I feel nervous?"

How Adults Can Help

Spend time with your children
Ask what's on their minds
Listen with patience
Validate

Help children think of how to handle things.

What if My Child Worries too Much?

Sometimes worries become worse with time. When kids worry too much, it's hard to enjoy school, activities or friends. Worries can start to affect sleeping or eating. They can lead kids to feel anxious or afraid, and to avoid things they might enjoy.

Actions

Speak to your GP
Speak to school who can signpost to agencies who can offer support

E- Safety Tip



Parent's Guide to Memes & Kids: Quick Tips

Memes are everywhere! While often fun, some can expose kids to inappropriate content or cyberbullying. Here's how to help your child navigate them safely:

- Talk About Memes
- Know Their Online World
- Set Boundaries
- When Things Go Wrong
- Be a Role Model
- Teach Critical Thinking

This Week's Awards



Virtues Award

EYFS - Makbel
Year 1 - Remailiah
Year 2 - Paisley
Year 3 - Winnie
Year 4 - Alliana
Year 5 - Connor
Year 6 - Ruby-Lou



Reader of the Week

EYFS - Senali
Year 1 - Za'rae
Year 2 - Esme
Year 3 - Luay
Year 4 - Elsie-Mai
Year 5 - Harry
Year 6 - Mia



PE Star of the Week

EYFS - A'nayah
Year 1 - Ka'Oir
Year 2 - Naemi
Year 3 - Jaymin
Year 4 - Bisrat
Year 5 - Mylo
Year 6 - Joshua S

Star Pupils

EYFS

Jayden and Jake

Year 3

George and Reuben

Year 1

Lily-Mae and Joshua

Year 4

Joe and Ava

Year 2

Larna and Koa

Year 5

Oscar and Mason

Year 6

Davian and Jacob



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

Billie, Senali & Tiarah (EYFS)
Louie (Y2) Ameer (Y3) Darcie & Max (Y4)
Jenson-River, Jacob & Blake (Y5)
Chloe, Oliver, Lola & Layla-Rose (Y6)



Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family



God who always hears us, help us to make a change when we see something that is not right in our world. May we find strength to keep going, even if at first we are not heard. Amen

Have a lovely break and God Bless

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

Deadline for Y7 Admissions - Sept 26

Deadline to apply is **11.59 pm on 31 Oct 25**- apply through either B'ham City Council or Solihull Council website (depending on who you pay your council tax to.

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions
www.solihull.gov.uk

Further information, as well as the admission arrangements to support parents/carers with making their preferences, can be found on our website. Advice and guidance is also available from Children's Services on **0121 303 1888**.

Thank you for your support in publicising the process as parents/carers who apply late are less likely to be offered one of their preferred schools.



Academic Year 2025/2026

Immunisations Team
Children & Families Division

Website: <https://www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/patients-public/children-and-young-people/services-parent-portal/immunisation-services/>

Dear Parent/Guardian

Nasal Flu vaccination

School Name: 148081 - Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School

Your child is entitled to have the nasal flu vaccine this year. The School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) offers these vaccines in school,

About the flu vaccine

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness and may lead to serious complications for some children.

For more information about the nasal flu vaccination please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters>

How to respond

It is important to let us know whether you do or do not want your child to have this vaccination by using the link below:

Completing the consent form on-line at:

<https://www.bchcschoolagevaccs.nhs.uk>

Quoting Letter Reference - 148081-1269

Access Code - 4081

If you cannot use the online consent form please call us one of the numbers below.

If you prefer to use a paper form, please request one from school.

If you change your mind after you have sent your consent form, please contact the team:

- Birmingham schools - 0121 466 3410
- Solihull schools – 0121 466 6545

Talk to your child about what they want

We suggest you talk to your child about the vaccinations before you respond to us.

Secondary-aged children may be able to refuse or give consent for this vaccination if you do not tell us of your choice. Those who show [Gillick competence](#) have the right to consent to vaccinations themselves.

It is important you contact the immunisation team if

- Your child has this vaccination anywhere else after you return the form to us.
- If you change your mind after you fill in the form.
- Your child becomes wheezy in the three days before the immunisation is due.
- Your child increases their asthma medication in the two weeks before the immunisation is due.

(Please check with school for the exact date.)

Gelatine and Vaccines

The nasal flu vaccine contains a highly processed form of porcine gelatine. This is used in a range of many essential medicines. The gelatine helps to keep the vaccine viruses stable so that the vaccine provides the best protection against flu.

For children, the nasal vaccine can be more effective than the injected vaccine. It is easier to administer and considered better at reducing the spread of flu to others who may be more vulnerable to the complications of flu.

For those who may not accept the use of porcine gelatine in medical products, an alternative injectable vaccine that does not use gelatine may be available this year. If you would like your child to receive the injectable flu vaccine please book an appointment at a community clinic. The contact numbers are below.

Your child may need the injectable vaccine if they are at high risk from flu due to medical conditions or treatments and cannot have the nasal flu vaccine. In these cases, the injection can be given in the school session.

Your Data

A record of vaccinations given, or not given, will be stored in your child's local electronic health record. This information will be shared with their GP and other NHS bodies.

BCHC's Privacy Notice that explains how we use the data is available on our website:

[**https://www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/patient-privacy-notice-easy-read**](https://www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/patient-privacy-notice-easy-read)

Get in touch with us

Speak to a member of our team by calling 0121 466 3410 for Birmingham schools or 0121 466 6545 for Solihull schools.

or Email - [**BCHNT.BirminghamImms@nhs.net**](mailto:BCHNT.BirminghamImms@nhs.net)

or Customer Services telephone number freephone 0800 917 2855



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FREE bus travel for parents this October half term

All day, unlimited travel from
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How to claim

Applications are open from Monday 6
October until Wednesday 15 October.
Just scan the QR code (or visit tfwm.org.uk/october) to apply!

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with instructions on how to redeem your
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