

Key Dates

Wed 19 th Nov	Mass at 9am - led by Year 5
Tues 25 th Nov	EYFS new intake for Sept 2026 meeting 2pm
Thurs 27 th Nov	Y3 Christmas craft workshop for parents- 9:30AM
Mon 1 st Dec	Flu Vaccine- only if consented
Tues 2 nd Dec	Year 2 - Stay & Pray at 2:30pm
Wed 3 rd Dec	Mass at 9am - led by Year 4 - 1 st week of Advent
Wed 3 rd Dec	Help Your Child Love Maths Parent workshop 2:45pm- all welcome
Tues 9 th Dec	EYFS and Year 6 Height and Weight - Please inform the office to opt out
Wed 10 th Dec	Christmas lunch-please select on ParentPay
Wed 10 th Dec	Carol Concert for Year 3,4,5,6 at 2:30pm
Thurs 11 th Dec	Christmas Panto in school time Please pay for this on ParentPay
Mon 15 th Dec	EYFS and Year 1 Nativity at 2:30PM TODAY'S INVITE FOR PARENTS WITH PUSHCHAIRS ONLY
Tues 16 th Dec	EYFS and Year 1 Nativity at 9am Parents invited-WITHOUT pushchairs
Wed 17 th Dec	Mass at 9am - led by Year 6
Wed 17 th Dec	CHRISTMAS FAYRE - 3pm Please collect your child by 3pm
Frid 19 th Dec	Last day of term We wish you a Merry Christmas
Mon 5 th Jan	School reopen for all



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

This week, we celebrated the beautiful sacrament of Confirmation, a significant milestone for our children's spiritual journey. It was a deeply moving occasion that highlighted the faith and commitment of our young learners. On Remembrance Day, we took time to reflect and honour the sacrifices made by so many. Our children demonstrated remarkable respect and understanding during our school commemorations, embodying the values of peace and gratitude.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to inform you about our upcoming Christmas events. We have a series of festive activities planned that will bring joy and celebration to our school community. Please carefully review the detailed Christmas events information, ensuring you have all the important dates and details.

These moments – from spiritual milestones to community remembrance and festive celebrations – are what make our school community so special. They represent not just educational experiences, but opportunities for growth, reflection, and shared joy.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in our children's educational journey.

Please be aware, the vehicle entrance is in constant use and parents need to supervise children and not allow them to stand on the driveway- this section essentially needs to be considered a road by all.

This Week's Gospel



Today Jesus warns us that life will be difficult. The world will face wars and disasters, but we mustn't lose hope.

Luke 21:5-19

Some of the disciples were talking about the Temple, how beautiful it looked with its fine stones and the gifts offered to God.

Jesus said, "All you see – the time will come when not a single stone here will be left in its place; every one will be thrown down." "Teacher," they asked, "when will this be? And what will happen in order to show that the time has come for it to take place?"

Jesus said, "Be on guard; don't be deceived. Many men, claiming to speak for me, will come and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time has come!' But don't follow them. Don't be afraid when you hear of wars and revolutions; such things must happen first, but they do not mean that the end is near."

He went on to say, "Countries will fight each other; kingdoms will attack one another. There will be terrible earthquakes, famines, and plagues everywhere; there will be strange and terrifying things coming from the sky. Before all these things take place, however, you will be arrested and persecuted; you will be handed over to be tried in synagogues and be put in prison; you will be brought before kings and rulers for my sake. This will be your chance to tell the Good News. Make up your minds beforehand not to worry about how you will defend yourselves, because I will give you such words and wisdom that none of your enemies will be able to refute or contradict what you say. You will be handed over by your parents, your brothers, your relatives, and your friends; and some of you will be put to death. Everyone will hate you because of me. But not a single hair from your heads will be lost. Stand firm and you will save yourselves."

This Week's Attendance



Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	91.5
Year 1	94.4
Year 2	95.4
Year 3	87.9
Year 4	92.6
Year 5	95.2
Year 6	98.1

Our school attendance target is 95%. The overall attendance for last week was 93.6%.

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



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Early Help Yardley and Hodge Hill is here to support families





**HELP FOR ALL FAMILIES
IN BIRMINGHAM**

HODGE HILL and YARDLEY

We're excited to share with you that Yardley and Hodge Hill Early Help with Barnardo's have a NEW Facebook page, and we'd love to see you there!

For updates on local services, events, groups and resources, like and follow our page:
Barnardo's Early Help - Yardley and Hodge Hill




Our new page will help us support our local families more efficiently and effectively, and we can't wait to see you there.

Click the link or scan the QR code to visit our page.

YardleyHodgeHillEH@barnardos.org.uk or 0121 289 4875

E- Safety Tip

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OFCOM'S 'CHILDREN AND PARENTS: MEDIA USE AND ATTITUDES' REPORT 2023

Each year, Ofcom - Britain's regulatory body for communications - produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences across the previous year. The latest version has just been released, and we've pulled out some of the report's most thought-provoking findings which relate to online safety...

97% of children had access to the internet at home in 2022

89% of children played video games

25% played with people they didn't know

22% talked to people they didn't know

PLAYING GAMES ONLINE
Who's playing - and at which age?

Age Group	Percentage
3-4 year olds	18%
5-7 year olds	34%
8-10 year olds	67%
11-12 year olds	76%
13-17 year olds	72%

POPULAR PLATFORMS
Most used by under-18s were ...

- YouTube: 88%
- WhatsApp: 85%
- TikTok: 83%
- Instagram: 81%
- Snapchat: 48%
- Live

TALE OF THE TECH
Devices most often used to go online:

- 70% of 3-4s use tablets
- 80% of 5-7s use tablets
- 70% of 8-10s use tablets
- 89% of 12-16s use phones
- 97% of 16-17s use phones

PARENTAL CONCERNS
Parents and carers most commonly worried about their child ...

- 75%** seeing age-inappropriate content
- 70%** being cyber-bullied online
- 70%** seeing pro-self-harm content
- 65%** giving out personal details to strangers
- 65%** having their data collected by companies

3 in 10 children had experienced someone being nasty or hurtful to them on apps or platforms.

70% of 12 to 17-year-olds were confident in their ability to identify a fake profile, but 20% were unable to do so when tested.

£38 children's average monthly spend on video games

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This Week's Awards



Virtues Award

EYFS - Tiarah
Year 1 - Michael
Year 2 - Holly-Bee
Year 3 - Zane
Year 4 - Darcie
Year 5 - Herani
Year 6 - All - Confirmation



Reader of the Week

EYFS - Princess
Year 1 - Arlo F
Year 2 - Sylvie-Fae
Year 3 - Daniel
Year 4 - Imogen
Year 5 - Delilah
Year 6 - Nadia



PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Ella-Rose
Year 1 - Melody
Year 2 - Muhammad
Year 3 - Jarvis
Year 4 - Amelia-Lily
Year 5 - Casey
Year 6 - Maisie

Star Pupils

EYFS

Olly and Billie

Year 3

Natalia and Hunter

Year 1

Za'rae and Remailiah

Year 4

Joe and Anada

Year 2

Joshua and Arlena

Year 5

Jenson-River and Michalina

Year 6

Ogooluwa and Mateo



Virtues this Half Term

Learned and Wise

Learned: learning how God wants us to live our lives Whether we are young or old, we should never stop learning about what God wants of us. We learn many new things each day. By reading the Bible, listening to our teachers and listening to our hearts, we learn more of what God wants.

Wise: knowing how God wants us to live our lives and putting it into practice. God is always with us and hoping that we will live our lives in the right way, following the teachings of Jesus.

Birthday Celebrations

Anniyah (Year 4)



Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family



Jesus, help us to put our faith and trust in you at all times. May we not be afraid but instead believe that you will always keep us safe. Amen

Have a lovely weekend and God Bless

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



CHRISTMAS CRAFTS



Parents and carers, you are invited to join your child in a festive Christmas craft event.

Each class will host the event in classrooms, where you will spend time with your child making a craft together which will then be available to purchase and take home.

Please see below times and dates for your child's class.

Monday 24th November

Year 5 2:30-3:15

Year 6 2:30-3:15

Tuesday 25th November

Year 1 2:30-3:15

Wednesday 26th November

Resource Base 9:30-10:15

Y4 9:30-10:15

Thursday 27th November

EYFS 9:30-10:15

Y3 9.30 - 10.15

Year 2 2:30-3:15



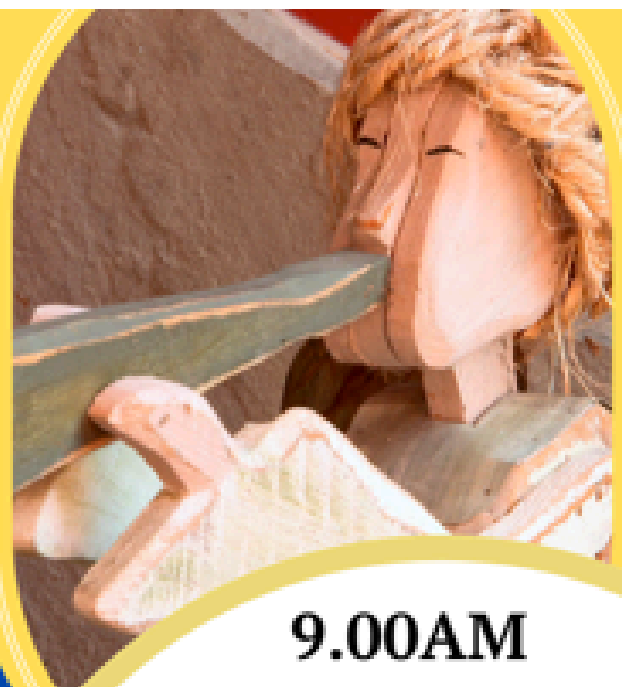
Guardian Angels
Catholic Primary
School

EYFS 2026

INDUCTION MEETING

If you have a child ready to start EYFS in September 2026, we strongly encourage you to attend one of these informative meetings to learn more about Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School.

- ✓ Meet other parents
- ✓ Get your questions answered
- ✓ Discuss important information



9.00AM
TUESDAY
11
NOVEMBER

2.00PM
TUESDAY
25
NOVEMBER





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