

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The he said,
"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

He replied to him,
"Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Luke 23: 42-43



Important dates below and Christmas events on the next page



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.

Tues 25th Nov	EYFS new intake for Sept 2026 meeting 2pm
Wed 26th Nov	A free afterschool club for all children until 4:15pm - please register via FORMS
Mon 1st Dec	Flu Vaccine - ONLY if a parent has consented
Tues 2nd Dec	Year 2 - Stay & Pray at 2:30pm
Wed 3rd Dec	Mass at 9am - led by Year 4 - 1st week of Advent
Wed 3rd Dec	Help Your Child Love Maths Parent workshop 2:45pm- all welcome
Tues 9th Dec	EYFS and Year 6 Height and Weight - Please inform the office to opt out
Wed 17th Dec	Mass at 9am - led by Year 6
Frid 19th Dec	Last day of term-Merry Christmas to all
Mon 5th Jan	Happy New Year! We welcome all pupils back to school

It has been a busy week at our school, with all our pupils demonstrating remarkable dedication and effort. On Friday, we participated in a significant diocesan event, joining our fellow Catholic schools in a live stream celebration marking the conclusion of the Year of Jubilee. This powerful moment allowed us to collectively reflect on the extraordinary charitable work accomplished throughout the year.

We are particularly proud to share that our family of Catholic schools has raised an impressive £128,000 for Father Hudson's, a testament to our community's commitment to supporting those in need. This achievement underscores the compassionate spirit that defines our school.

Looking ahead, we are delighted to announce our upcoming Parent and Child Christmas Craft week. We warmly invite parents to join us in school and spend some festive time with their children. This is a wonderful opportunity to create lasting memories and embrace the joy of the Christmas season together.

For a comprehensive breakdown of our Christmas events, we encourage you to review the detailed schedule on the next page of this newsletter.



Christmas School Events

Mon 24 th Nov	Year 5 and 6 - Christmas Craft Workshop - parents invited at 2:30pm
Tues 25 th Nov	Year 1 - Christmas Craft Workshop - parents invited at 2:30pm
Wed 26 th Nov	Resource Base - Christmas Craft Workshop - parents invited at 2:30pm Year 4 - Christmas Craft Workshop - parents invited at 9:30am
Thurs 27 th Nov	EYFS & Y3 - Christmas Craft Workshop - parents invited at 9:30am Year 2 - Christmas Craft Workshop - parents invited at 2:30pm
Frid 28 th Nov	Non-Uniform day - please donate a tombola gift - one per family
Frid 5 th Dec	Non-Uniform day - please donate a chocolate/sweets gift - one per family
Wed 10 th Dec	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper day - order on ParentPay
Wed 10 th Dec	KS2 - Christmas Carol Concert at 2:30pm - parents invited
Thurs 11 th Dec	Christmas Panto during school time - £2 on ParentPay to watch
Frid 12 th Dec	PJ and Christmas Film day - please donate a bottle gift - one per family
Tues 16 th Dec	EYFS and KS1 - Nativity at 9am - parents invited
Wed 17 th Dec	Mass at 9am - led by Year 6
Wed 17 th Dec	Christmas Fayre at 3:15pm (school finishes at 3pm)-non-uniform day-please donate cakes
Thurs 18 th Dec	Brunch with Santa - Please pay £1 on ParentPay to join in
Frid 19 th Dec	Party Day - all pupils may wear their party clothes

This Week's Gospel



Today we hear how Jesus is laughed at while on the cross and how two thieves have very different things to say to him.

Luke 23:35-43

The people stood there watching while the Jewish leaders jeered at Jesus: “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah whom God has chosen!”

The soldiers also mocked him: they came up to him and offered him cheap wine, and said, “Save yourself if you are the king of the Jews!”

Above him were written these words: “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals hanging there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

The other one, however, rebuked him, saying, “Don’t you fear God? You received the same sentence he did. Ours, however, is only right because we are getting what we deserve for what we did; but he has done no wrong.” And he said to Jesus, “Remember me, Jesus, when you come as King!”

Jesus said to him, “I promise you that today you will be in Paradise with me.”

This Week's Attendance



Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	90.0
Year 1	90.4
Year 2	85.4
Year 3	90.4
Year 4	90.3
Year 5	94.4
Year 6	96.8

Our school attendance target is 95%. The overall attendance for last week was 91.2%.

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

Compass Birmingham

Mental Health Support Teams

Compass is leading the way in supporting the mental health and emotional wellbeing of children, young people, and families in selected educational settings across Birmingham. Birmingham Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) offers free, and confidential support to Children, Young People and Families with mild to moderate emotional health and wellbeing needs. Whether it's feeling sad, scared, worried, or experiencing challenges like anger or frustration, Compass is here to connect you with the right help. Compass Birmingham MHST works across selected schools across Birmingham, working directly with primary and secondary schools to ensure every child and young person has access to the support they need.

HOW THEY CAN HELP

Our team of compassionate and friendly Practitioners, are here to support you in building coping skills and strategies for a range of issues, including:

- Low mood and motivation
 - Anxiety and irrational fears
 - Challenging behaviours like angry outbursts or frustration
 - Difficulties in family and peer relationships
 - Adjusting to change and transitions.
 - Managing emotions effectively
- Our low-intensity, one-to-one or group support sessions (typically 6-8 sessions tailored to your needs) are available for children and young people aged 5-19 who attend our partner schools.

Getting support from Compass is easy!

You can reach out to our friendly team by phone at 0121227 8254 or via email at birminghammhst@compass-uk.org

If you require anymore information about COMPASS please speak to Mrs Tennant or access the website below.

<https://compass-uk.org/services/compass-birmingham-mhst/>

E- Safety Tip

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TRACKING DEVICES

Bluetooth tracking devices like Apple's AirTag and Samsung's SmartTags have exploded in popularity, with millions sold each year. These small tools help people locate their lost items, but their discreet design has also made them attractive for more sinister purposes. From stalking to bullying, tracking devices present unique risks that trusted adults need to understand and address.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- STALKING AND HARASSMENT**
Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can be used to monitor a target's location. They've been used to track a person's movements, monitor their location, and even to track their movements in public places. This can be used to stalk, harass, or even to track a person's movements in public places.
- INVASION OF PRIVACY**
Tracking devices are designed to share location data with the user, but they can also be used to track a person's location without their knowledge. This can be used to invade a person's privacy, monitor their movements, and even to track their movements in public places.
- TOOLS FOR BULLYING**
Tracking devices can be used to track a person's location, and this information can be used to bully a person. For example, a person could be tracked to a school or a public place, and then a person could be bullied there.
- FALSE ACCUSATIONS**
Because tracking devices are small and unassuming, they can be used to track a person's location without their knowledge. This can be used to make false accusations against a person, such as accusing them of being in a public place when they were not.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS**
If a child's phone always seems to know their location - whether in person or through an app - it could be worth checking for tracking devices. From the settings, someone could be tracking a person's location.
- CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS**
Common places where tracking devices may be placed include pocket settings, bag compartments, or under the seats. If you find one, take a picture of the serial number before disposing of it. Don't keep any other items the device is linked to.
- USE DETECTION APPS**
Apple devices running iOS 14.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's "Tracker Detect" or other apps that scan for tracking devices from within an Android phone's "Find My" app.
- HAVE THE CONVERSATION**
Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Emphasize the right to privacy and the importance of not sharing location data with strangers.

Meet Our Expert
Alan Martin is a seasoned technology journalist with expertise in wired, wireless, and mobile devices. He's covered everything from the iPhone to the latest smartphones, and he's also a frequent speaker at industry events. He's also a frequent contributor to The National College's #WakeUpWednesday series.

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This Week's Awards



Virtues Award

EYFS - Skylar
Year 1 - Amelia G
Year 2 - Leo-James
Year 3 - Hunter
Year 4 - Darius
Year 5 - Ronny
Year 6 - Jacob C



Reader of the Week

EYFS - Carter
Year 1 - Medley
Year 2 - Sophia
Year 3 - Ameer
Year 4 - Ayanne
Year 5 - Summer
Year 6 - Frankie



PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Senali
Year 1 - Zyon
Year 2 - Jaxson
Year 3 - Aminah
Year 4 - Edie-Rose
Year 5 - Eden
Year 6 - Niamh

Star Pupils

EYFS

Keyana and A'nayah

Year 3

Jarvis and Luay

Year 1

Amelia A and Lilly Z

Year 4

Nellie and Max

Year 2

Paisley-Jane and Esme

Year 5

Phoebe and Blake

Year 6

Mylah and Toby



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

**Makbel (EYFS) Reuben (Year 3)
Luna (Year 4) Royale (Year 6)**

Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family



O King of Kings, you died so that we might have new life. Help us to share your love with each other and to be there for each other in the most difficult times. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend and God Bless

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





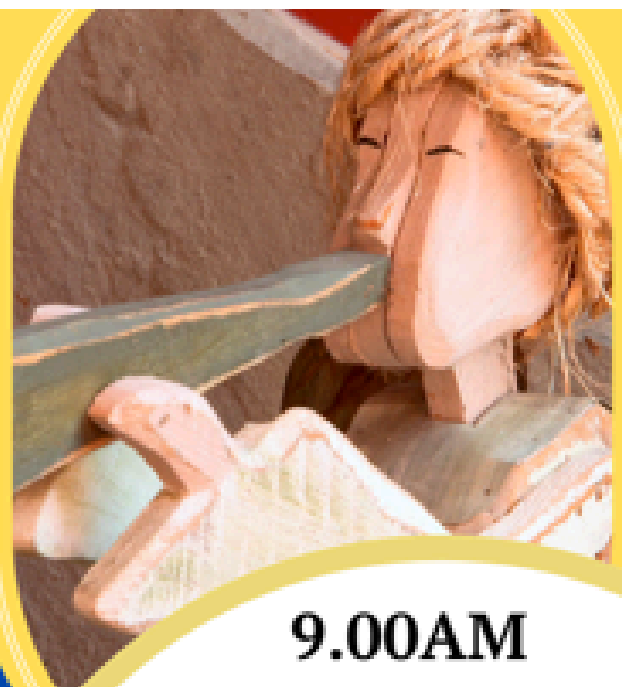
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School

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share that Guardian Angels Primary School is launching a new, Parents and Friends Group, to strengthen our school community and to support opportunities for all pupils to engage, enjoy, and thrive.

Thank you to everyone who has already expressed interest—your response has been incredibly positive. We are pleased to say that we now have at least one volunteer representative for almost every class. At this time, we are still seeking:

- * Two representatives for Year 6**
- * A representative for the Resource Base**
- * One additional representative for Year 5**

If you are willing to support your child's year group or would like to learn more about what the role involves, we would be delighted to hear from you. No prior experience is necessary—just enthusiasm and a willingness to contribute. The group will work alongside the school to:

- * Help plan and support pupil and community social events**
- * Strengthen our sense of community**
- * Create opportunities for children to feel connected, confident, and celebrated**
- * Encourage positive parent involvement across the school**

Your participation—big or small—makes a meaningful difference.

If you would like to volunteer or ask a question, please contact the school office or speak with Mrs Potter.

Thank you for your continued support of our school. We look forward to building this exciting new initiative together.

**Warm regards,
Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School**



1ST
DECEMBER AT
9.30AM

*Our next 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.
We will be discussing our Christmas
celebration plans!



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