



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.

**Important dates below
and Christmas events
on the next page**

Mon 1st Dec	Flu Vaccine - ONLY if a parent has consented
Mon 1st Dec	Parent and Friends of Guardian Angels meeting - 9:30-10:30am
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

As we diligently work to embody the Birmingham Diocesan Education Service mission of "Forming Christ-centred pilgrims of hope with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice", we are delighted to share some recent highlights from our school.

This week has been particularly enriching, marked by significant parent engagement during our Christmas Craft sessions. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parents who attended and generously donated. The funds raised will directly support our school council in organising additional festive activities during the Christmas period.

We are also pleased to inform you about an upcoming community event. Mr Spindlow and Mrs Potter will be selling any remaining crafts at Fr. Hudson's Christmas Fayre on Sunday, further extending our school's community involvement.

As we enter the season of Advent, our school community is collectively preparing to reflect on the birth of Christ and contemplating his second coming. This spiritual journey provides an important opportunity for reflection and connection.

We would like to draw your attention to an important logistical notice: on 17th December, school will conclude slightly earlier at 3:00 PM to facilitate the setup of our Christmas Fayre and fun day, which commences at 3:15 PM. We are immensely grateful to all parents who have supported this event and contributed to making it possible.

Christmas School Events

Mon 1 st Dec- Wed 10 th Dec	Fr Hudson's donations-Pupils can donate a full cereal box- please see attached flyer
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	Fr Hudson's donations-please send a full box of cereal between Mon 1 st Dec-Wed 10 th Dec - please see attached flyer
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



This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a special time when we get ready for the coming of Jesus. It is very exciting when we know someone is coming to visit us. We make sure that we are ready when they come.

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: “The coming of the Son of Man will be like what happened in the time of Noah. In the days before the flood people ate and drank, men and women married, up to the very day Noah went into the boat; yet they did not realise what was happening until the flood came and swept them all away. That is how it will be when the Son of Man comes. At that time two men will be working in a field: one will be taken away, the other will be left behind. Two women will be at a mill grinding meal: one will be taken away, the other will be left behind.

Watch out, then, because you do not know what day your Lord will come. If the owner of a house knew the time a thief would come, you can be sure that he would stay awake and not let the thief break into his house. So then, you also must always be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting him.



On Thursday 11th December, pupils are invited to take part in a very special challenge in school.

As part of our work with Fr Hudsons Caritas and our reverse Advent calendar, we ask that each child kindly donates a full-sized, unopened box of cereal between the 1st and 10th December.

The boxes will be used to create a whole school dominos run before being donated to Fr Hudsons.



This Week's Attendance



Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	96.3
Year 1	98.0
Year 2	90.7
Year 3	95.7
Year 4	92.9
Year 5	93.3
Year 6	93.2

Our school attendance target is 95%. The overall attendance for last week was 94.2%.

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

Operation Encompass

This week our safeguarding focus is on Operation Encompass which is a safeguarding initiative designed to support collaboration between schools and the police to support children who have experienced domestic abuse. Operation Encompass was launched in Birmingham in September 2021 and is the process used to inform schools when the police have attended an incident of domestic violence or abuse in the homes of their pupils. This ensures sensitive and child-focused in-school support to mitigate the impact of domestic abuse on the affected child's learning, wellbeing and development. The purpose of informing schools means that school can help to support and talk to the child if they disclose an incident or if there are changes in their behaviour. For more information visit:

<https://www.operationencompass.org/>

E- Safety Tip

TikTok is a video-sharing app where users create and share short videos. While it allows for creativity and connection, the "open" nature of the app and its powerful algorithm present specific safeguarding risks that parents must be aware of.

- Contact from Strangers
- The "For You" Algorithm (Rabbit Holes)
- Inappropriate Content
- Duets and Stitching (Cyberbullying)
- Virtual Gifting & Money

This Week's Awards



Virtues Award

EYFS - Aryan
Year 1 - Amelia G
Year 2 - Anthony
Year 3 - Layla-Mai
Year 4 - Frankie
Year 5 - Ella
Year 6 - Amelia N



Reader of the Week

EYFS - Makbel
Year 1 - Joshua
Year 2 - Millie
Year 3 - Hunter
Year 4 - Hosanna
Year 5 - Mylo
Year 6 - Lola



PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Cavan
Year 1 - Arthur
Year 2 - Koa
Year 3 - N/A
Year 4 - Sophie
Year 5 - Frankie
Year 6 - Mason

Star Pupils

EYFS

Emani and Senali

Year 3

Adonis and Chimamanda

Year 1

Michael and Arlo-Jay

Year 4

Amelia-Lily and Ella

Year 2

Charlie and Baby-Queenie

Year 5

Eva and Connor

Year 6

Royale and Jessica



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

Harry (Year 5)



Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family



**Generous God, we give thanks for all those people who have visited us, or whom we have visited. Help us always to welcome the people we meet in life, no matter who they are or where they come from.
Amen.**

Have a lovely weekend and God Bless

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



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!**