



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**

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

**IMPORTANT**

As many of you are aware, we have been having trouble with our front gates for quite some time. We are happy to announce that work will begin to replace the current gates in the new year. We anticipate this will likely cause some disruption to the beginning and end of the day for a short while, but we want to assure you that we will do all we can to minimise any disruption and keep you updated throughout the process.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a wonderful festive period we've been experiencing that have been bringing joy and community spirit to our school.

Our children have been incredibly busy spreading Christmas cheer. This week, we celebrated Christmas Jumper and Dinner day, which was filled with laughter and festive fun. The Key Stage 2 Carol Concert was a beautiful showcase of our children's musical talents, filling our school with a reverent retelling of the Birth of Jesus through carols filling us all with seasonal spirit.

We've also been supporting local charitable efforts through our cereal box domino run for Fr Hudson's Caritas, demonstrating our commitment to community and compassion - we thank you all for your generous donations. The West End in Schools pantomime brought additional excitement and entertainment, and our Christmas Film and PJ day provided a cosy, enjoyable experience for all our children.

We're also excited to remind everyone about our upcoming Christmas Fayre on 17th December. This is always a wonderful community event, and we look forward to seeing many of you there. It's a fantastic opportunity for us to come together and celebrate the season.

These events truly capture the warmth, creativity, and togetherness that define our school community. Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Mr Spindlow, Head of School

# Christmas School Events

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec- Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fr Hudson's donations-Pupils can donate a full cereal box- please see attached flyer
Frid 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Non-Uniform day - please donate a chocolate/sweets gift - one per family
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper day - order on ParentPay
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 - Christmas Carol Concert at 2:30pm - parents invited
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fr Hudson's donations-please send a full box of cereal between Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec-Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec - please see attached flyer
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Panto during school time - £2 on ParentPay to watch
Frid 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PJ and Christmas Film day - please donate a bottle gift - one per family
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS and KS1 - Nativity at 9am - parents invited
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mass at 9am - led by Year 6
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fayre at 3:15pm (school finishes at 3pm)-non- uniform day-please donate cakes
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Brunch with Santa - Please pay £1 on ParentPay to join in
Frid 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Party Day - all pupils may wear their party clothes

# This Week's Gospel



Today we listen to Jesus say that he came to heal people who are sick and bring good news to people who are poor.

Matthew 11:2-11

John the Baptist heard in prison about the things that Christ was doing and he sent some of his disciples to him. "Tell us," they asked Jesus, "are you the one John said was going to come, or should we expect someone else?"

Jesus answered, "Go back and tell John what you are hearing and seeing: the blind can see, the lame can walk, those who suffer from dreaded skin diseases are made clean, the deaf hear, the dead are brought back to life, and the Good News is preached to the poor. How happy are those who have no doubts about me!"

While John's disciples were leaving, Jesus spoke about him to the crowds: "When you went out to John in the desert, what did you expect to see? A blade of grass bending in the wind? What did you go out to see? A man dressed up in fancy clothes? People who dress like that live in palaces! Tell me, what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes indeed, but you saw much more than a prophet. For John is the one of whom the scripture says: 'God said, I will send my messenger ahead of you to open the way for you.' I assure you that John the Baptist is greater than anyone who has ever lived. But the one who is least in the Kingdom of heaven is greater than John."



# This Week's Attendance



## Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	87.8%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	95.0%
Year 3	94.1%
Year 4	97.7%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	94.8%

**Our school attendance target is 95%. The overall attendance for last week was 95.1%.**

**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

### Beezee Families Birmingham

Beezee Families Birmingham is a FREE healthy lifestyle programme designed for the whole family – available in-person or online.

- Your family gets a dedicated nutritionist
- Fun weekly sessions with games and activities
- Learn easy, nutritious meals and snacks to cook together
- Connect with other families and get expert support from coaches and nutritionists

This programme is perfect for families with children aged 5-12 years who are above their ideal weight (based on the NHS BMI centile chart). Checking is quick – use the [NHS BMI calculator](#) or let the Beezee team help you.

Don't miss out – sign up today and start your family's journey to healthier living!

Find out more and register here:

<https://bhx.maximusuk.co.uk/beezeefamilies/>

## E- Safety Tip

It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

**It's always best to be prepared**

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with:

- Home Office
- West Midlands Police Reduction Unit
- West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

**Skips** [www.skipssafetynet.org](http://www.skipssafetynet.org)

With Christmas approaching, many children will be receiving internet-connected devices. To help parents protect their children online during the festive period, Skips have created a free digital guide full of simple, practical advice.

it includes tips on:

- Social media
- Gaming and live streaming
- Online grooming
- Influencer culture
- Sharing pictures
- Privacy settings
- Fake news and misinformation

# This Week's Awards



## Virtues Award

EYFS - Soraya-Summer

Year 1 - Lucy

Year 2 - Joshua

Year 3 - Winne-Beau

Year 4 - Aoife

Year 5 - Michalina

Year 6 - Nadia



## Reader of the Week

EYFS - Skylar

Year 1 - Jaxon

Year 2 - Leo-James

Year 3 - Qudamah

Year 4 - Luna

Year 5 - Chae

Year 6 - Mila'rai



## PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Billie

Year 1 - Hudhayfah

Year 2 - Paisley-Jane

Year 3 - Emily

Year 4 - Harry

Year 5 - Jude

Year 6 - Jolie

## Star Pupils

EYFS

Riley and Dolly-May

Year 3

George and Alicja

Year 1

Cayson and Zyon

Year 4

Levi and Jax

Year 2

Holly-Bee and Sylvie-Fae

Year 5

Harry and Frankie

Year 6

Layla-Rose and Ruby-Lou



## 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

Kayden & Daisy-Leigh (RB),  
Carter, Dolly-May & A'nayah (EYFS),  
Arlo-Jay, Michael, Jaxon & Joshua (Y1),  
Holly-Bee & Joshua (Y2), Oscar & Harry (Y4),  
Freddie, Casey & Frankie (Y5), Frankie, Mila'rai, Alexia & Mylah (Y6)

Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family

## Neurodiversity Survey

Our Bishops' Conference and Birmingham Newman University are conducting research into neurodiversity and faith experience. If you are a Catholic neurodivergent adult or a caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic (aged 2+), they would like to hear from you. Project organisers are collecting information through two short (10-20 minute) anonymous online surveys, which are available to complete until 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

You can find links for the survey at:

[www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/new-survey-on-neurodiversity-and-the-catholic-faith](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/new-survey-on-neurodiversity-and-the-catholic-faith)



Generous God, we thank you for all the good things that you have given us. Help us to follow the example of Jesus, to care for others and to share the good news through our actions.

Amen.

Have a lovely weekend and God Bless

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



# Christmas card post box



Open from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December to  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Class and pupils name labelled on  
envelope.



# Our Christmas Memory tree



A place to reflect and be still. Write the name of your loved one on a ribbon and place it on our memory tree

We ask for a donation of £1 to support our school.