



Behold the Lamb of God



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.

Key Dates

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| Wed 28th Jan | Y3 Parent reading workshop at 2:30pm |
| Frid 6th Feb | EYFS Parent reading workshop at 9am |
| Frid 6th Feb | NHS/SALT - Parent workshop at 9am for RB and EYFS SEND pupils |
| Frid 13th Feb | Y2 Parent reading workshop at 9am |
| Frid 13th Feb | School breaks up for Feb half term |
| Mon 23rd Feb | Inset day-school closed for pupils |
| Tues 24th Feb | School open for all |

Mrs Milligan and Mr Spindlow's Message

This week, we celebrated our first mass of the year, a beautiful moment of collective reflection and faith that sets the tone for our ongoing commitment to Catholic values. Our Year 5 and Year 6 children participated in an important carbon monoxide awareness workshop, equipping them with crucial knowledge about safety and environmental awareness.

We were also fortunate to welcome local police officers who delivered an essential workshop on online safety for our Year 6 children. In today's digital world, understanding how to navigate the internet responsibly is paramount, and we are committed to empowering our children with the right skills and knowledge.

Our Epiphany celebrations have been particularly special, with pilgrimage activities bringing our school community together to reflect on this significant moment in our liturgical calendar. These activities have provided meaningful opportunities for spiritual growth and understanding.

Parental Consent

Please review the parental consent options for your child on the MyChildAtSchool app. It is important that we have the most up-to-date information so we can ensure your child's safety and wellbeing during school activities. If you would like any consents to be added, removed, or amended, please attend the school office as soon as possible and we will be happy to support you with any updates or questions you may have.

Change of contact details

We kindly ask all parents and carers to take a moment to review the contact details we hold for your child. It is important that this information is accurate and that we have a minimum of three emergency contacts listed on our system. This helps us ensure we can reach someone promptly should we ever need to. All updates can be made easily through the MyChildAtSchool app at your convenience. If you experience any difficulties accessing the app or updating your details, please contact the school office, and they will be happy to support you.

This Week's Gospel



Today we hear about something special that happened to Jesus after his baptism.

John 1:29-34

The next day John saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "There is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'A man is coming after me, but he is greater than I am, because he existed before I was born.' I did not know who he would be, but I came baptising with water in order to make him known to the people of Israel."

And John gave his testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and stay on him. I still did not know that he was the one, but God, who sent me to baptise with water, had said to me, 'You will see the Spirit come down and stay on a man; he is the one who baptises with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen it," said John, "and I tell you that he is the Son of God."



This Week's Attendance



Attendance Counts

| Year Group | |
|------------|------|
| EYFS | 87.0 |
| Year 1 | 98.0 |
| Year 2 | 96.4 |
| Year 3 | 89.4 |
| Year 4 | 95.4 |
| Year 5 | 95.4 |
| Year 6 | 91.0 |

Our school attendance target is 95%. The overall attendance for last week was 93.1%.

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? | |
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| 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



The guide explains clear and direct steps such as slowing your breathing, lowering demands, using a calm voice, noticing body language and offering comfort the child can accept. It is designed to help children, feel safe and understood, which supports their emotional wellbeing and reduces escalation.

The PDF also encourages adults to name the feeling instead of the behaviour and to wait until the child is settled before having any conversation. This helps young people learn healthier emotional responses and strengthens relationships at home.

E- Safety Tip



PlayStation Family App for parental controls and family management

PlayStation Family app is a new experience to help parents set up and manage their children's gaming experience on PlayStation – straight from their supported mobile device.

The app includes a number of new customizable features for parents to manage their children's playtime, including an activity report, more visibility into what their children are playing, and approving extra playtime requests – all at the tap of a finger.

<https://blog.playstation.com/2025/09/10/announcing-playstation-family-app-for-parental-controls-and-family-management/>

This Week's Awards



Virtues Award

EYFS - Ilerioluwa
Year 1 - Medley
Year 2 - Noah
Year 3 - Sidney
Year 4 - Sophie
Year 5 - Mason
Year 6 - Amelia N



Reader of the Week

EYFS - Miley Mae
Year 1 - Zyon
Year 2 - Muhammad
Year 3 - Luay-Azaan
Year 4 - Abigail
Year 5 - Ronny
Year 6 - Nadia



PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Princess
Year 1 - Matilda
Year 2 - Esme
Year 3 - Emily S
Year 4 - LJ
Year 5 - Oscar
Year 6 - Jolie

Star Pupils

EYFS

Carter and Freddie

Year 3

Layla-Mai and Ameer

Year 1

Penelope and Lorenzo

Year 4

Inioluwa and Elsie

Year 2

Koa and Miliie

Year 5

Troy and Ella

Year 6

Mason and Chloe



Birthday Celebrations

Cavan (EYFS) Amelia G (Y1)
Sophie (Y4) Jude (Y5)
Mason (Y6)

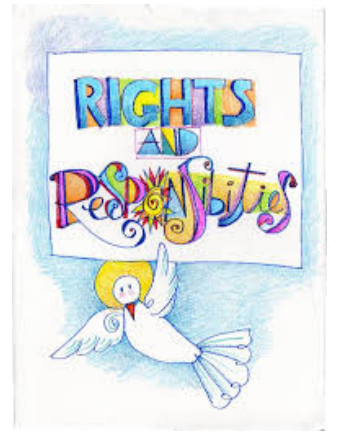


Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family

Catholic Social Teaching

Rights and Responsibilities

God wants us to help make sure that everyone is safe and healthy and can have a good life. Every person has a right to life. We have a responsibility to protect each person's right to life.



Virtues this Half Term

Curious and Active



Curious: exploring God's creation and asking questions to find out more.

Active: working to make things better where we can.



God of power, fill us with your Spirit and inspire us to make changes to our lives so that we can support one another to build a better world. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend and God Bless

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



Message from WMFS to Parents and Carers

'Don't enter or venture' - Stay away from frozen open water as cold snap continues

West Midlands Fire Service (WMFS) is urging the public to stay well away from lakes, ponds, rivers, canals and reservoirs as freezing temperatures hit the West Midlands.

Frozen water can look harmless, but it's one of the most dangerous winter hazards we face.

Surface ice can look deceptively solid, but is often thin, fragile and unpredictable. It can give way suddenly – plunging people or pets into freezing cold water and serious danger. |

Cold water shock can affect anyone, regardless of age or swimming ability, and can quickly lead to loss of control, exhaustion and drowning.

WMFS is particularly concerned about the risks to children, who may be tempted to play near or on frozen water, and dog walkers who may instinctively venture on to ice or into the water if a pet gets into difficulty. Parents and carers are urged to speak to children about the dangers, to ensure they understand that no ice is ever safe. Dog walkers are advised to keep pets on leads near water during icy conditions. Never step onto ice, and - crucially – don't enter water or venture on to ice if a person or animal gets into difficulty. Call 999 immediately and ask for the fire service."

What to do if YOU fall through ice:

- stay calm and shout for help
- spread your arms out across the surface of the ice in front of you
- first check if the ice is strong enough. If it is, then kick your legs to propel yourself forward
- lie flat and use your arms to pull yourself over the ice towards the shore
- if the ice on the water breaks, try to make your way to the bank or shore, breaking ice in front of you as you go
- if you find yourself stuck and unable to escape, wait for help. Stay as still as possible to conserve your energy. Bring your arms close to your sides and keep your legs together, while keeping your head out of the water.

What to do if you see SOMEONE ELSE fall through the ice:

- shout for help, call 999 or 112 and – if the incident involves inland water – ask for the fire service
- do not go on to ice to attempt a rescue
- call out to the casualty and encourage them to stay calm
- to try to reach the person from the bank, use a rope, pole, tree branch, clothes tied together or anything else that can extend your reach
- lie down flat on the bank, to avoid slipping or being pulled in
- if you can't reach them, try sliding something that floats – like a football or large plastic bottle – to them, to help them float
- if the casualty is too far away, DO NOT try to rescue them yourself
- wait for the emergency services to arrive. Continue to calm and reassure the person.

More [winter water safety messaging can be found here.](#)