



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

Wed 29th April	Year 1 trip
Thurs 30th April	Parishioner Tea - Gap Room at 12:30pm
Mon 4th May	May Day - school closed for all
Tues 5th May	Year 4 trip
Wed 6th May	Mass - led by Y4 - all welcome
Mon 11th May	Year 5 - Parent reading workshop at 2:30pm
Mon 11th May- Thurs 14th May	Year 6 - SATs
Tues 19th May	Year 2 - Parent reading workshop at 2:30pm
Wed 20th May	Mass - led by Y6 - all welcome
Wed 20th May	Year 6 - Reconciliation in church at 3:30pm
Thurs 21st May	Parishioner Tea - Gap Room at 12:30pm
Frid 22nd May	School breaks up for May half term
Mon 1st June	School open for all
Wed 3rd June	Mass - all welcome
Thurs 4th June	Year 5 trip
Mon 15th June	New EYFS intake for Sept meeting at 2pm
Wed 17th June	Mass - led by Y5 - all welcome
Wed 17th June	Year 3 trip
Thurs 18th June	Special lunch - please order on ParentPay

### Mrs Milligan and Mr Spindlow's Message

**This week we have celebrated the first mass of the half term, which brought us together in such a meaningful way. These moments of shared faith and togetherness are at the heart of who we are as a Catholic school, and it was truly special to see our children engaged so thoughtfully in this celebration.**

**Our children have been exploring important themes that help them understand the world around them and themselves - we marked Earth Day with genuine enthusiasm, encouraging our children to think about their responsibility to our planet and what it means to be good stewards of creation. We also celebrated St George's Day, connecting with the values of courage and service that this occasion represents.**

**Today, we focused our attention towards Autism Awareness through our 'Express Yourself' initiative. This has been a wonderful opportunity for our children to develop greater understanding and empathy, celebrating the diverse ways in which all members of our community communicate and express themselves.**

# This Week's Gospel



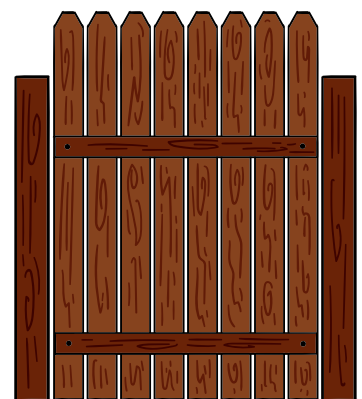
Today Jesus tells us that he has come so that we may have life in all its fullness.

**John 10:1-10**

Jesus said, “I am telling you the truth: the man who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who goes in through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him; the sheep hear his voice as he calls his own sheep by name, and he leads them out. When he has brought them out, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they know his voice. They will not follow someone else; instead, they will run away from such a person, because they do not know his voice.”

Jesus told them this parable, but they did not understand what it meant.

So Jesus said again, “I am telling the truth: I am the gate for the sheep. All others who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever comes in by me will be saved; they will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only in order to steal, kill and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness.”



# This Week's Attendance



## Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	96.6
Year 1	90.4
Year 2	93.1
Year 3	94.8
Year 4	96.0
Year 5	94.8
Year 6	98.1

**Our school attendance target is 95%. The overall attendance for last week was 94.6%.**

**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.



# Last Week's Awards



## Virtues Award

EYFS - Ilerioluwa  
Year 1 - Nicholas  
Year 2 - Baby-Queenie  
Year 3 - Layla-Mai  
Year 4 - Millie-Mae  
Year 5 - Chae  
Year 6 - Joey



## Reader of the Week

EYFS - Aryan  
Year 1 - Cayson  
Year 2 - Anthony  
Year 3 - George  
Year 4 - Inioluwa  
Year 5 - Troy  
Year 6 - Jacob C



## PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Jayden  
Year 1 - Lily-Mae  
Year 2 - Elnaz  
Year 3 - Isla  
Year 4 - Elsie  
Year 5 - Connor  
Year 6 - Ruby-Lou

## Star Pupils

EYFS

Chloe and Senali

Year 3

Sidney and Daniel

Year 1

Lucy and Lorenzo

Year 4

Bisrat and Lily

Year 2

Esme and Lidya

Year 5

Phoebe and Mylo

Year 6

Royale and Maisie



## Birthday Celebrations

Lacey R (Year 5)  
Ogooluwa (Year 6)

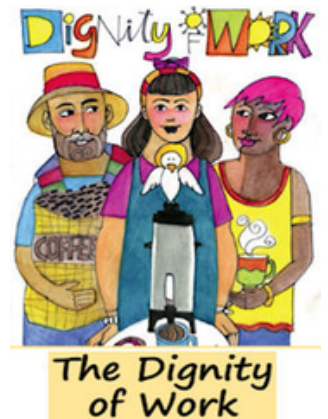
Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family



## Catholic Social Teaching

### The Dignity of Work

Work is important in God's plan for people.  
Jobs and pay should be fair for all.



## Virtues this Half Term

### Grateful and Generous



**Grateful:** We are grateful for the gifts God has given to us, for the gifts of other people and the blessings of each new day. We are thankful for what we have and for the people around us.

**Generous:** We are generous with our gifts and use them in the service of others. We are generous with our time and give of ourselves to serve others as God wants us to. We are generous with our actions, doing things to help other people and make a difference in the world.



God of life in all its fullness, be with us as we try to be the best people we can be. Inspire us to help one another to use the gifts and talents you have given us, so that the world may be a better place, reflecting the glory of your Kingdom. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend and God Bless

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



# **MARVELLOUS MAY ATTENDANCE COMING THIS TERM**

This term, we're excited to launch an attendance initiative celebrating the importance of our pupils being in school every day and on time.

To make it more fun and motivating, children must maintain 100% attendance across the whole term, and prizes will be awarded based on 100% attendance during a selected week.

We are currently behind the national average for attendance, and this focused term will help us move closer to meeting our whole school targets.

**With your support, we can make  
a real difference.**

**Let's work together to make this  
term marvellous!**

**30TH**

**APRIL AT**

**2.30PM**

*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 Summer celebration plans!



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

# MOTHER OF GOD & GUARDIAN ANGELS

**SERVE WITH FAITH.  
LEAD WITH PURPOSE.**

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED  
TO BE CLOSER TO THE  
ALTAR AND MORE  
INVOLVED IN THE MASS?

ALTAR SERVERS PLAY A SPECIAL  
ROLE IN HELPING THE PRIEST AND  
SUPPORTING THE CELEBRATION  
OF THE EUCHARIST. IT'S MORE  
THAN A ROLE – IT'S A CALLING.



## ✠ WHY BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER?

- GROW DEEPER IN YOUR FAITH
- SERVE GOD AND YOUR CHURCH COMMUNITY
- LEARN RESPONSIBILITY, LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK
- BE PART OF SOMETHING MEANINGFUL
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS WHO SHARE YOUR FAITH

## 👤 WHO CAN JOIN?

- BOYS & GIRLS WHO HAVE RECEIVED FIRST COMMUNION
- YOUTH WHO ARE WILLING TO SERVE WITH REVERENCE AND COMMITMENT

**STEP FORWARD. SERVER THE  
LORD. BECOME AN ALTER SERVER.**

EVERY SUNDAY AT

**11.00 AM**

GET IN TOUCH WITH  
FR PAUL FOR MORE  
INFOMATION