



BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

EPHESIANS 5:18



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

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 3 - 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

It has been wonderful to see so many of you joining us for our Rosary Stay and Pray sessions. These moments of reflection and prayer are truly special, and we are grateful for your continued participation. Do look out for the dates of upcoming sessions for other classes at the end of this newsletter.

Our Year 4 children had a fantastic trip to Pizza Express recently, where they enjoyed a hands-on experience learning about food preparation and the joy of sharing a meal together.

This week, we celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday in style. Our children and staff wore green and engaged in a range of activities centred on the natural world. It was a meaningful opportunity to pause and give thanks to God for the beauty of His creations. The enthusiasm and joy shown by everyone was truly heartwarming.

As we move into next week, our Year 6 children will be sitting their SATs. We wish them a restful and peaceful weekend as they prepare. A detailed letter has been sent to Year 6 parents with all the arrangements for the week ahead, so please do refer to this for any queries you may have.

This Week's Gospel



Today Jesus tells us that if we love him, we must keep his commandments. God loves those who listen to and love his Son.

John 14:15-21

“If you love me, you will obey my commandments. I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, who will stay with you for ever. He is the Spirit, who reveals the truth about God. The world cannot receive him, because it cannot see him or know him. But you know him, because he remains with you and is in you.

“When I go, you will not be left all alone; I will come back to you. In a little while the world will see me no more, but you will see me; and because I live, you also will live. When that day comes, you will know that I am in my Father and that you are in me, just as I am in you.

“Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. My Father will love those who love me; I too will love them and reveal myself to them.”

This Week's Attendance



Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	84.6
Year 1	90.4
Year 2	94.1
Year 3	97.8
Year 4	96.7
Year 5	92.2
Year 6	94.5

Our school attendance target is 95%. The overall attendance for last week was 93.0%.

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

NSPCC Parental Safeguarding Tips

Talk PANTS (Underwear Rule):

- Use the PANTS acronym to teach children aged 3-11 that their body belongs to them, focusing on private parts, secrets, and safety.

Online Safety & Parental Controls:

- Set up parental controls on home internet, apps, and gaming consoles (like PlayStation) to manage content, screen time, and communication.
- Discuss the risks of sharing, gaming, and talking to strangers online.

Open Communication:

- **Listen to Understand:** Create a safe space for children to talk, giving full attention and avoiding shock or emotional outbursts.
- **Have Regular Conversations:** Keep chatting about their day, school life, and feelings to build trust.
- **Don't Promise Secrets:** If a child discloses abuse, do not promise to keep it a secret; explain that you need to share it to keep them safe.

Safeguarding Outside the Home:

- Stay informed about who your child is spending time with and where they are.
- Discuss school safety and educate them on identifying warning signs.
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Support & Resources:

- If you are worried about a child, contact the [NSPCC Helpline](https://www.nspcc.org.uk) on 0808 800 5000 or email help@nspcc.org.uk.
- Utilize [NSPCC resources](https://www.nspcc.org.uk) for advice on managing challenging topics, such as divorce, or for tips on having difficult conversations.

E- Safety Tip



Neurodivergent children are often drawn to technology, so early, supported experiences online are key. This guide explores how adults can model positive digital behaviour, set age-appropriate limits and create open, judgement-free conversations about online safety. It also highlights the importance of balancing screen use with offline activities to support wellbeing and development.

It also unpacks emerging challenges, including AI-generated content and the blurred lines between real and simulated interactions. With clear, practical advice on boundaries, critical thinking and safe communication, this guide helps educators and families build confidence in supporting neurodivergent children to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly.

Last Week's Awards



Virtues Award

EYFS - Miley Mae
Year 1 - Jack
Year 2 - Elnaz
Year 3 - Ava
Year 4 - Scarlett
Year 5 - Blake
Year 6 - Ogooluwa



Reader of the Week

EYFS - Senali
Year 1 - Amelia G
Year 2 - Louie
Year 3 - Hunter
Year 4 - LJ
Year 5 - Jacob
Year 6 - Lexi



PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Carter
Year 1 - Penelope
Year 2 - Holly-Bee
Year 3 - Aminah
Year 4 - Harry
Year 5 - Summer
Year 6 - football team

Star Pupils

EYFS

Ella-Rose and Eden

Year 3

Layla-Mai and Isla

Year 1

Lexie and Joshua

Year 4

Edie-Rose and Luna

Year 2

Noah and Baby-Queenie

Year 5

Delilah and Toby

Year 6

Toby and Evan



Birthday Celebrations

Jake (EYFS), Baby-Queenie (Year 2)
Ayanne (Year 4), Leo (Year 6)

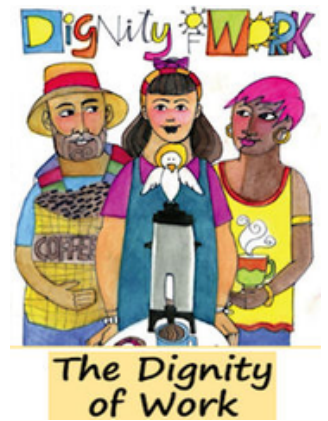
Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family



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.



Christ Jesus, you came into the world to show us how to live. May we follow your commandment of love for one another in all that we do and all that we say.

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!**

Rosary Stay and Pray

During the month of May, we warmly welcome parents to join us in praying a decade of the Rosary in the Peace Garden. Parents are asked to please sign in through the office on arrival.

Tuesday 5th May 2:45pm: Year 1

Wednesday 6th May 2:45pm: Year 2

Thursday 7th May 2:45pm: Year 6

Thursday 14th May 2:45pm: Reception

Monday 18th May 2:45pm: Year 3

Wednesday 20th May 2:45pm: Y4

Thursday 21st May 2:45pm: Year 5





✦ First Holy ✦ Communion gifts

✦ Gifts available ✦

Guardian Angels rosary beads

My Little Communion Prayer book

My First Missal

First Holy Communion plastic prayer card

Holy Communion son/daughter wish card

Gift shop

Mother of God and Guardian Angels church

Gift shop opening times
Monday-Friday 8:30am-9:30am
Sundays 10.00am - 12.00pm

