



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 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
Mon 22nd June	Year 6 trip
Thurs 25th June	Parishioner Tea - Gap Room at 12:30pm
Wed 1st July	Inset Day - school closed for pupils
Tues 7th July	Year 4 flute assembly at 2:30pm
Thurs 9th July	EYFS trip
Thurs 9th July	Year 6 leavers performance at 9:30am
Tues 14th July	EYFS assembly -parents invited at 9:30am
Wed 15th July	Year 6 leavers Mass at 9am in church
Frid 17th July	School breaks up for the Summer

### Mrs Milligan and Mr Spindlow's Message

It has been wonderful to see so much happening across our school this week. Our Year 2 children have been developing their reading skills through a dedicated workshop with parents, and it has been inspiring to witness their enthusiasm and progress. Meanwhile, Year 3 have been preparing spiritually for their First Holy Communion by receiving the sacrament of reconciliation, a significant milestone in their faith journey. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended our Stay and Pray sessions. These moments of reflection and community prayer are at the heart of who we are as a Catholic school, and your participation means a great deal to us all. We were thrilled to celebrate our Year 6 children who competed at the MAC athletics event on Monday. They represented Guardian Angels well and we are proud of their achievements. We were delighted to welcome Councillor Alan Feeney to school this week, who spoke with our staff and parents about our local community and the recent elections.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a restful and holy Whitsun break. We look forward to seeing you back to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

# This Week's Gospel



Today we hear how Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with the disciples, to help them be brave enough to share God's message with others.

## John 20:19-23

It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."





## Exciting Site Developments

We are delighted to announce that the refurbishment of our annexe building will begin on Monday, 1st June. While this will greatly enhance our school facilities, it does require some temporary changes to our daily routines for the final seven weeks of the year.

Most notably, the back gate will be closed to allow for a secure site compound. We ask that all Year 1–6 pupils now enter through the main front entrance. To help us manage this busy period safely, the school office will be closed to in-person visitors between 8:30 am and 8:45 am. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to improve our school environment.

## Enrichment Afternoon

This summer, our children will take part in Enrichment Friday afternoons. These sessions will embody our commitment to developing the whole child, offering engaging and fun experiences that extend far beyond the classroom. Each activity will be thoughtfully linked to Catholic social teaching and our core virtues, helping children build meaningful skills through the Skills Builder framework. From creative pursuits to collaborative challenges, our children will flourish, discovering new talents and deepening their understanding of what it means to live out our Catholic values. We're incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and joy these afternoons will bring to our school community.

## Free Breakfast Club

We are delighted to announce that Guardian Angels will be launching a new, government-funded free Breakfast Club starting this September.

This initiative is designed to ensure every child has access to a healthy start to their day, helping them arrive in class settled and ready to learn. We are currently in the process of finalizing the arrangements and will share full details regarding timings, location, and how to register with you very soon.

We look forward to bringing this new service to our school community!

# This Week's Attendance



## Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	88.1
Year 1	93.0
Year 2	89.0
Year 3	92.6
Year 4	87.5
Year 5	93.7
Year 6	99.4

**Our school attendance target is 95%. The overall attendance for last week was 91.6%.**

**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.



## Safeguarding Tip of the Week

### Half Term in Birmingham

Looking for fun ideas to keep the family entertained this half term? You're in the right place! Birmingham and the West Midlands are packed with exciting days out, fascinating history, creative experiences and plenty of places where little explorers (and grown-ups too!) can learn, play and discover together. Step into a region full of amazing stories - from incredible Industrial Revolution inventions to colourful art, hands-on museums, hidden gems and welcoming attractions ready to make your visit special.

Whether you're planning a big adventure or a simple family day out, there's something for everyone. Discover brilliant events, interactive museums, zoos, adventure parks and so much more - everything you need for a half term full of smiles and unforgettable memories!

<https://visitbirmingham.com/what-s-on/half-term-in-birmingham/>

## E- Safety Tip

Minecraft remains hugely popular with young players, offering creative freedom and social interaction. This guide explores how features like public servers, in-game chat and multiplayer modes can introduce risks, including contact with strangers, exposure to inappropriate behaviour and privacy concerns linked to independent server hosting. It also highlights issues such as griefing, in-game spending and potentially addictive gameplay loops. With clear, actionable advice, the guide helps parents and educators set boundaries, choose safer settings and support children in enjoying Minecraft responsibly while staying protected online.

# Last Week's Awards



## Virtues Award

EYFS - Soraya-Summer  
Year 1 - Remailiah  
Year 2 - Jaxson  
Year 3 - Marnie  
Year 4 - Ayanne  
Year 5 - Harry  
Year 6 - N/A



## Reader of the Week

EYFS - Dolly  
Year 1 - Nicholas  
Year 2 - Koa  
Year 3 - Reuben  
Year 4 - Nellie  
Year 5 - Casey  
Year 6 - N/A



## PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Keyana  
Year 1 - Jack  
Year 2 - Louie  
Year 3 - Layla-Mai  
Year 4 - Frankie  
Year 5 - Jenson-River  
Year 6 - N/A

## Star Pupils

EYFS

Miley Mae and Ilerioluwa

Year 3

Kenzo and Qudamah

Year 1

Ka'Oir and Michael

Year 4

Imogen and Harry

Year 2

Whole class

Year 5

Jude and Summer

Year 6

N/A



## Birthday Celebrations

Millie Mae (Year 4)  
Lacey-Maii and Oscar P (Year 5)

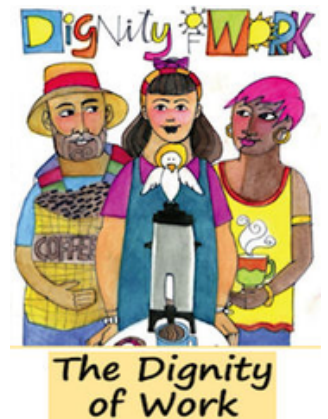
Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family



## 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 mercy, fill us with  
your Spirit and guide us as  
we try to share your peace  
in our world. We ask this  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Have a lovely break and God Bless  
Mrs Helen Milligan, Mr Spindlow and  
all the staff at Guardian Angels



# ✦ First Holy ✦ Communion gifts

## ✦ Gifts available ✦

Guardian Angels rosary beads

My Little Communion Prayer book

My First Missal

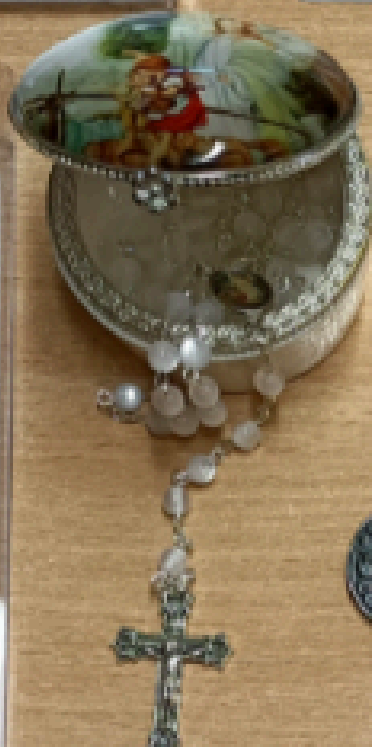
First Holy Communion plastic prayer card

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**



# Communication and Autism Team

## Parent Carer Workshop - Understanding Masking

Summer Term 2026

We would like to invite you to a CAT Parent carer workshop for parent carers who would like to increase their understanding of Autistic masking, and ways to support their child.

To support parent carers and family members of children with a diagnosis of autism, or who are on the Neurodevelopmental Pathway for autism assessment.

**All Birmingham parent carers and adult family members are welcome**

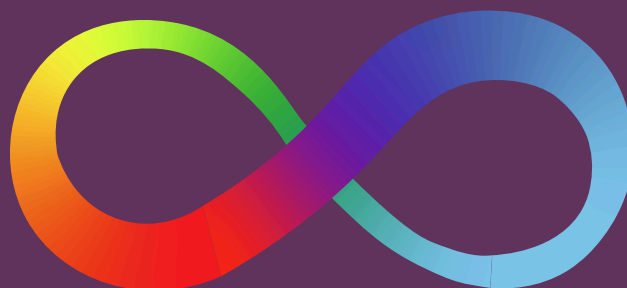
**Date:** Tuesday 2nd June 2026 9.15-10.45am

Book via the following link:

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/cat-parent-carer-workshop-understanding-masking-via-microsoft-teams-thursday-4th-june/>

Sessions will take place via Microsoft Teams - a link be sent to you prior to the session.

We look forward to seeing you there - Viv Walters, Julie Watchorn Brennan and Dawn Fisher



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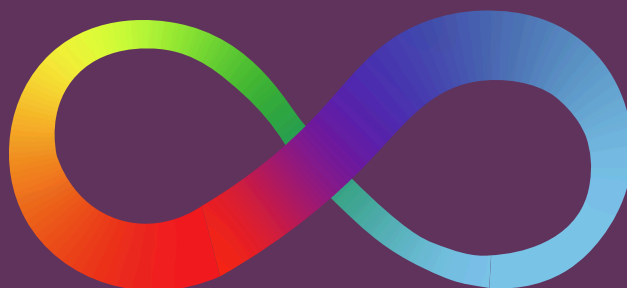
**All Birmingham parent carers and adult family members are welcome**

**Date:** Wednesday 3rd June 2026 9.15-10.45am

No booking required - just turn up on the day. Please note there will be no childcare facilities.

**Venue:** Colmore Infant School, Colmore Road, Birmingham, B14 6AJ

We look forward to seeing you there - Lisa Walmsley and Dawn Fisher



# For Year 5 and Year 6 Parents

Communication and Autism Team

Parent Carer Workshop - Transitions

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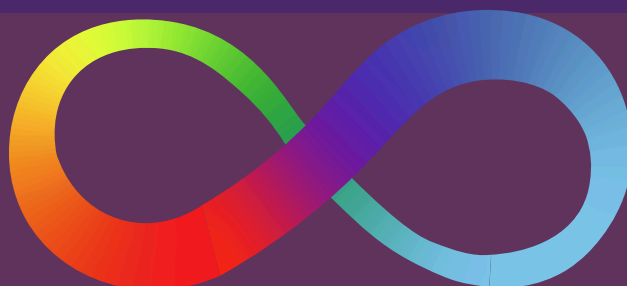
**Date:** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 12.30pm -2.00pm

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We look forward to seeing you there - Dawn Fisher and Lisa Walmslev



# Communication and Autism Team

## Male Parent Carer Workshop

**Summer Term 2026**

We would like to invite fathers, grandfathers and uncles of young people with a diagnosis of autism, or who are on the Neurodevelopmental Pathway for autism assessment to learn about how best to support your child or young person.

**All Birmingham parent carers are welcome**

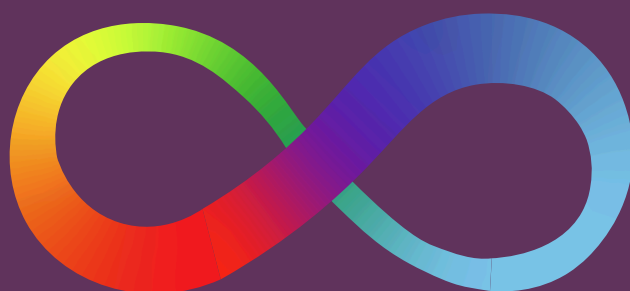
**Date:** Tuesday 2nd June 2026 - 6-7.30pm

Book via the following link:

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/cat-male-parent-carer-workshop-via-microsoft-teams-tuesday-2nd-june-2026/>

Sessions will take place via Microsoft Teams - a link be sent to you prior to the session.

We look forward to seeing you there - Matt Blackburn and Ansar Fazal





# SEND Parent Coffee morning



## Agency drop in session

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 9am  
Come along for a hot drink. Meet other  
parents and seek advice from our  
specialist team.

