



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 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

Welcome back to what promises to be an exciting half term at Guardian Angels. It's wonderful to see everyone return with such positive energy and enthusiasm. As we settle back into our routines, I want to remind us all of our core values: to be ready, respectful and safe in everything we do. These principles underpin our school community and guide our daily interactions with one another. We have some wonderful developments underway. Work has now begun on our building project—do turn to page 3 for more details on this important development for our school.

The children will also be delighted to hear that our playground has been enhanced with new equipment. This is a fantastic addition that will provide even more opportunities for active play and outdoor learning during break times.

Our Year 5 children had an exciting trip to the Black Country Living Museum, where they explored Victorian life and learned all about the region's mining heritage. It's these experiences that truly bring learning to life. Before I close, we must extend our warmest wishes to Miss Morris as she embarks on her maternity leave. We are so grateful for her dedication and commitment to Guardian Angels, and we look forward to welcoming her back when the time comes.

We would like to inform parents and carers that Mrs Holmes will be leaving Guardian Angels at the end of this academic year. Mrs Holmes has been an invaluable member of our team for many years, and her contribution to the school has been significant. Her hard work and commitment to our children's success have been appreciated by staff and parents alike. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for everything she has done for the Guardian Angels community. We know you will join us in thanking her for her service and wishing her every success in her future endeavors.

This Week's Gospel



Today Jesus tells us that anyone who eats the bread that he offers will live forever.

John 6:51-58

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live for ever. The bread that I will give him is my flesh, which I give so that the world may live."

This started an angry argument among them. "How can this man give us flesh to eat?" they asked.

Jesus said to them, "I am telling you the truth: if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in yourselves. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them to life on the last day. For my flesh is the real food; my blood is the real drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me, and I live in them. The living Father sent me, and because of him I live also. In the same way, whoever eats me will live because of me. This, then, is the bread that came down from heaven; it is not like the bread that your ancestors ate. They later died, but those who eat this bread will live for ever."



Exciting Site Developments

We are delighted to announce that the refurbishment of our annexe building began 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. Please ensure that you have registered your child's name via this link:
<https://forms.office.com/e/swcz0HuL5Q>

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

This Week's Attendance



Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	92.3
Year 1	84.1
Year 2	89.0
Year 3	92.2
Year 4	85.2
Year 5	84.1
Year 6	88.7

Our school attendance target is 95%. The overall attendance for the week before half term was 88%.

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

SUMMER WATER SAFETY

STAY SAFE AND HAVE FUN IN THE SUNSHINE!

- 1 STOP & THINK**
Look carefully before you go near water!
 - Is it too deep?
 - Are there hidden dangers?
 - Water can be VERY cold!
- 2 STAY TOGETHER**
Never go alone near water
 - Stay with a grown-up
 - Keep within safe distance
 - Choose lifeguarded areas
- 3 CALL 999**
Get help in an emergency
 - Call **999**
 - Ask an adult for help
 - **NEVER** jump in to rescue
- 4 FLOAT TO LIVE**
If you fall in:
 - Stay calm
 - Lie on your back
 - Call for help

IMPORTANT RULE
DO NOT enter rivers, lakes, or canals unless a lifeguard is there!

TOP TIPS

- ✗ No inflatables in open water
- ✓ Stay where adults can see you
- ✓ Think smart, stay safe!

HAVE FUN BE SAFE ENJOY THE WATER!

As the weather gets warmer, many families spend more time near water. While this can be fun, it is important to remember that water can be unpredictable and dangerous. Every year, many lives are lost due to accidental drowning, but these incidents are often preventable with the right knowledge and supervision.

[\[rlss.org.uk\]](https://www.rlss.org.uk)

We encourage everyone to follow the Water Safety Code:

- Stop and Think, Stay Together, Call 999, and Float.
- Children should always be supervised near water and avoid entering rivers, lakes, or canals unless the area is safely managed by a lifeguard. By understanding the risks and making safe choices, we can all help ensure a safe and enjoyable summer.

E- Safety Tip

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP

WhatsApp is a free messaging app owned by Meta, allowing users to send text and voice messages, share multimedia, make video calls, and chat in groups. With end-to-end encryption, only the sender and receiver can view messages. This offers privacy, but it also comes with risks that parents and educators need to be aware of.

13+ (Age Restriction)

- WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**
 - GROUP CHAT PRESSURES:** Group chats provide multiple ways to message in the same space, but this can also create a sense of being ignored or excluded.
 - SCAMS TARGETING YOUNG USERS:** Scams often use enticing offers or prizes to lure young users into providing personal information.
 - DISAPPEARING AND HIDDEN MESSAGES:** WhatsApp offers features like disappearing messages and hidden chats, which can be used to hide inappropriate content.
 - EXPOSURE THROUGH CHANNELS:** Channels allow users to follow updates from public figures or organizations.
 - UNWANTED CONTACT AND LOCATION SHARING:** WhatsApp users can share their location with others in real-time.
 - COMMERCIAL AND AI CONTENT:** WhatsApp offers features like sponsored messages and AI assistants.
- ADVICE FOR PARENTS & EDUCATORS:**
 - REVIEW PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER:** Help young users check who can see their profile, status, and group chat history.
 - TEACH HOW TO SPOT SCAMS:** Encourage critical thinking and skepticism.
 - BE OPEN ABOUT HIDDEN CHATS:** Discuss why children and young people might use hidden chats.
 - TALK ABOUT ADVERTISING AND AI:** Explain how WhatsApp uses advertising and AI.

Meet Our Expert: Dr. Claire Buchanan, an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented cyber safety and digital literacy programs for schools.

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With its end-to-end encryption and huge popularity, WhatsApp is often seen as a private and secure way to stay in touch; however, that same privacy can make it harder for trusted adults to see when things go wrong.

This guide explains how features like group chats, disappearing messages, 'Channels' and location sharing can expose young users to pressure, unwanted contact and inappropriate content.

It also looks at emerging concerns such as scams, advertising and the in-app AI assistant, helping adults understand how these elements may affect children and young people. Alongside the risks, the guide offers practical advice to support meaningful conversations, encourage safer settings and build young users' confidence in navigating WhatsApp responsibly.

Last Week's Awards



Virtues Award

EYFS - Carter
Year 1 - Lilly Z
Year 2 - Graciemae
Year 3 - N/A
Year 4 - Scarlett
Year 5 - N/A
Year 6 - Oliver



Reader of the Week

EYFS - Emani
Year 1 - Hudayfah
Year 2 - Joshua
Year 3 - N/A
Year 4 - Joe
Year 5 - N/A
Year 6 - Amelia N



PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Riley
Year 1 - Jaxon
Year 2 - Leo
Year 3 - N/A
Year 4 - Hosanna
Year 5 - N/A
Year 6 - Frankie

Star Pupils

EYFS

Keyana and Luther

Year 3

N/A

Year 1

Penelope and Matilda

Year 4

Darius and Frankie

Year 2

Holly-Bee and Harry

Year 5

N/A

Year 6

Girls Football Team



Birthday Celebrations

Noah (Year 2)

Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family



Catholic Social Teaching Solidarity and the Common Good

God made everyone so we are all brothers and sisters in God's family wherever we live. (The fruit of the Earth belongs to everyone.)



Virtues this Half Term Attentive and Discerning



Attentive: We are attentive when we listen to our calling from God to love and serve one another in all that we do. We are attentive to our experiences and can see where they will take us in our future vocations.

Discerning: We are discerning when we decide to do the right thing in the interest of the needs of others because we know the positive impact that will have on their lives.



Lord, Giver of Life, we thank you for the gifts that you have given us. Watch over all your people and work through us so that all your children around the world may have enough to eat. Amen.

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



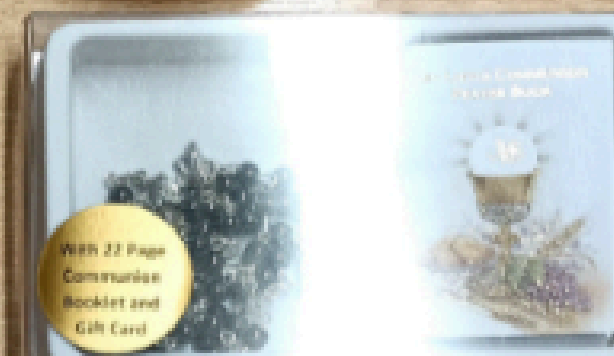
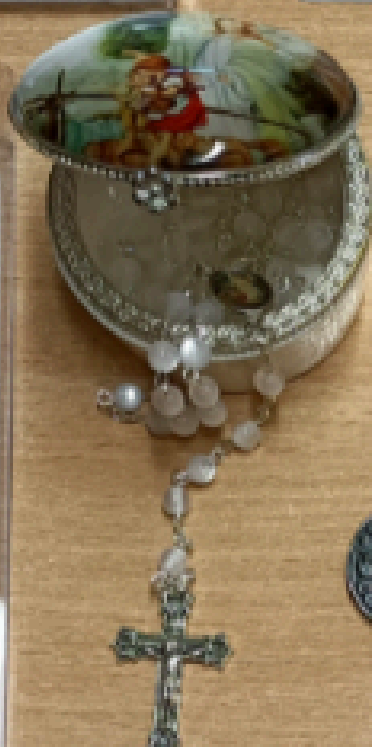
First Holy Communion gifts

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







SEND Parent Coffee morning



Agency drop in session

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



FABULOUS FORTNIGHT ATTENDANCE!

Over this term we are excited to launch an attendance initiative celebrating the importance of our pupils being in school every day and on on time.

To make it more fun and motivating, every child who achieves 100% attendance will be entered into a prize draw to win a fabulous prize.

We're currently behind the national average for attendance and this focus term help us move closer to meeting our whole school target.

With your support, we can make a real difference. Let's work together to make this term FABULOUS.