



Key Dates

Mon 13th July	Year 6 - Fun day - end of year trip
Mon 13th July	EYFS - Year 5 pupils will receive school reports
Tues 14th July	EYFS assembly -parents invited at 9:30am
Thurs 16th July	Year 6 leavers Mass at 9am in church
Thurs 16th July	Year 6 pupils will receive school reports
Frid 17th July	Party day - see info below School breaks up for the Summer
Thurs 3rd Sept	Years 1-6 - school opens for our new academic year

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.

Mrs Milligan and Mr Spindlow's Message

What a wonderful week we've had at Guardian Angels!

Our Year 6 leavers gave us a truly memorable performance – their confidence and talent shone brightly as they took to the stage. It was a privilege to celebrate this special milestone with them and their families. We will surely miss their vibrant personalities and creativity when they leave next week!

We've also enjoyed some brilliant learning experiences across the school. Our Year 2 and 3 children participated in a fantastic bread making workshop with their parents, getting hands-on and discovering where our food comes from. There's something magical about learning together as families, and the aroma alone was worth it!

Year 2 enjoyed their Forest School session, developing resilience and connection with nature in the most engaging way.

Our EYFS and Key Stage 1 sports day was a joy to watch – the children's enthusiasm, teamwork and pure delight in taking part embodied everything we love about our school community.

And of course, we've all been caught up in the excitement of the World Cup and wish them well this weekend. Come on England!

As we head into next week, please do remember that whilst temperatures are set to decrease, the sun remains strong. We'd appreciate it if you could continue sending children with sunscreen, hats and water bottles. Sun safety remains important, whatever the season.

FRIDAY 17TH JULY PARTY AND TOY DAY

- Non uniform day
- Non electronic toys only
- Child event in school hours
- 'Donations of party food welcome'
 - Cupcakes
 - Sweets
 - Crisps
 - Crackers
 - Squash
 - etc

Please check with your child's class teacher for any allergy information

This Week's Gospel



Today Jesus tells us a parable about planting seeds. It shows us how important it is that the seeds land on the right kind of ground to grow, but it also tells us something about ourselves and how we should behave.

Matthew 13:1-9

That same day Jesus left the house and went to the lakeside, where he sat down to teach. The crowd that gathered round him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it, while the crowd stood on the shore. He used parables to tell them many things.

“Once there was a man who went out to sow corn. As he scattered the seed in the field, some of it fell along the path, and the birds came up and ate it up. Some of it fell on rocky ground, where there was little soil. The seeds soon sprouted, because the soil wasn’t deep. But when the sun came up, it burned the young plants; and because the roots had not grown deep enough, the plants soon dried up. Some of the seed fell among thorn bushes, which grew up and choked the plants. But some seeds fell in good soil, and the plants produced corn; some produced 100 grains, others sixty, and others thirty.”

And Jesus concluded, “Listen, then, if you have ears!”



Other News



The building work for the new Resource Base is due for completion during the summer holidays. On return to school in September, the back gate will remain closed in the morning but it will be open at the end of the day for dismissal. The front gate will continue to be used for the entrance and exit of school.

STAFF **for next year**

Resource Base: Miss Hopkins, Mr Bowkett and Miss Oulaghan

Reception: Miss Gately and Miss Moon

Year 1: Miss Hulme and Mrs Nelson

Year 2: Mrs Wall and Mrs Freeman

Year 3: Mr Johnson, Miss DeWaelle and Miss Bradford

Year 4: Mrs Burrell, Mr Green & Mrs Styler

Year 5: Mrs Colquhoun and Miss Ryan

Year 6: Mrs Wood & Mrs Martin-Westall, Mrs Hetherington and Miss McCorriston

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	93.8
Year 1	88.4
Year 2	85.8
Year 3	95.3
Year 4	91.9
Year 5	87.0
Year 6	89.9

Our school attendance target is 95%. The overall attendance for last week was 90.3%.

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

DOMESTIC ABUSE FOR PARENTS

It is not just physical violence. It can be emotional, financial and controlling behaviours.

AFFECTS EVERYONE

Domestic abuse can happen to anyone. You are not alone. Help and support are available for everyone.

You are not alone

KNOW THE SIGNS

Abuse is about power and control. It can take many forms:

PHYSICAL	EMOTIONAL	FINANCIAL	CONTROLLING
- Hitting, slapping, pushing or kicking - Hurting with objects - Threatening physical harm	- Put downs, insults or humiliation - Gaslighting - Intimidation - Threats to hurt you or others	- Controlling money and finances - Preventing you from working - Making you ask for money	- Telling you what to wear, who to see, where to go - Checking your phone, emails or social media - Isolating you from friends and family

CHILDREN ARE ALSO CIRCUMSTANCES VICTIMS

Children who witness or experience domestic abuse can be seriously affected.

Anxiety, Low self-esteem, Difficulty concentrating, Emotional and mental health issues

It can have a serious, long-term impact on their well-being and development.

If you're experiencing domestic abuse, or worried about your own behaviour, **IT IS VITAL TO SEEK HELP – SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR EVERYONE.**

NATIONAL DOMESTIC ABUSE HELPLINES

NATIONAL DOMESTIC ABUSE HELPLINE 0808 2000 24 7 24/7 – confidential	NSPCC HELPLINE 0808 805 5000 Email: help@nspcc.org.uk 24/7 – confidential	VICTIM SUPPORT 0808 168 9111 24/7 – confidential
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IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999

SUPPORT FOR WOMEN Women's Aid offers an online chat service and a directory of local support. Visit: www.womensaid.org.uk for support in your area	SUPPORT FOR MEN Men's Advice Line (0808) 801 0327 24/7 – confidential ManKind Initiative (01823) 334244 Mon – Fri, 10am – 4pm Email: support@markind.org.uk	WORRIED ABOUT YOUR BEHAVIOUR? If you're concerned that you might be harming your partner or your family, the Respect Helpline offers confidential advice. (0808) 802 4040 Mon – Fri, 9am – 5pm Email: help@respect.org.uk	HELP IS HERE. YOU ARE NOT ALONE. Support Today for a Stronger Tomorrow
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TOGETHER WE CAN BREAK THE SILENCE AND BUILD SAFER, HAPPIER FUTURES FOR OUR FAMILIES.

Remember, you are not alone. If you need support with any of the areas highlighted above, please feel free to speak with Mrs Tennant. She is always happy to listen, provide advice, and help signpost you to the most appropriate services and support available.

E – Safety Tip

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about VIRTUAL REALITY

Virtual reality (VR for short) has existed for decades, but it's only in the last 10 years that the technology has really become publicly available. With VR's rapid rise as a gaming and educational medium, there are plenty of unknowns regarding its use – for adults and children alike. Is it safe? How long should someone use VR for? How expensive is it? What's clear is that VR is becoming ever more ubiquitous in everyday life: from companies using it for training to at-home fitness. Knowing what the technology is capable of is more useful than ever.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PREMATURE EXPOSURE 13+
 While VR has already found its way into schools worldwide – closing learning gaps for those with digital skills gaps – most manufacturers advise on age restrictions of 13. These warnings are based on the view that children's brains, eyes and bodies are still in the process of developing and may be affected by the intense visual stimulation and motion of VR. Some children in the younger years.

EYE STRAIN
 One of the main worries about VR is eye strain. When used correctly, VR can be a great way to learn, but it can also be a source of eye strain. This is because VR is a 3D environment, which means that the eyes have to focus on a screen that is only a few inches away. This can cause eye strain, especially if the user is using VR for a long time.

PHYSICAL ACCIDENTS
 When used correctly, VR can be a great way to learn, but it can also be a source of physical accidents. This is because VR is a 3D environment, which means that the user is often unaware of their surroundings. This can lead to accidents, such as tripping over objects or hitting furniture.

SOCIAL VR
 VR is more than just a game. It's a social medium. There are many online social VR platforms where users can interact with each other. While this can be a great way to connect with friends, it can also be a source of cyberbullying and harassment.

MOTION SICKNESS
 Children who are prone to travel sickness might experience motion sickness when using VR. This is because VR is a 3D environment, which means that the user's body is often not moving in the same way as the visual environment. This can cause motion sickness.

VIOLENT CONTENT
 Amongst the growing range of VR games, there are some that contain violent content. This can be a source of concern for parents and carers. It's important to be aware of the content that your child is using VR for.

Advice for Parents & Carers

START OFF SLOWLY
 Just like regular video games, if your child wants to try VR, the best way to get started is to start slowly. Let them use VR for short periods of time, and gradually increase the duration as they become more comfortable.

NO SURPRISES
 It's easy to get lost in the moment in VR – and this can be a problem. Make sure your child is aware of their surroundings, and that they are not using VR in a way that could be dangerous.

KEEP A WATCHING BRIEF
 It may seem that a VR player is in their own world, but they are still using a device that is connected to the internet. This means that there is a risk of cyberbullying and harassment. It's important to be aware of the content that your child is using VR for.

ANTI-NALUSAE OPTIONS
 It's a good idea to get used to VR while comfortably seated and progress to standing or even the VR before attempting more intense experiences. This is because VR is a 3D environment, which means that the user's body is often not moving in the same way as the visual environment. This can cause motion sickness.

RESEARCH CONTENT
 There will be information online about most games and apps. It's important to be aware of the content that your child is using VR for. It's also important to be aware of the age restrictions for different VR platforms.

Meet Our Expert
 Peter Jackson is the author of VR for Parents and Carers, a book that provides parents and carers with the information they need to help their children use VR safely.

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 #WakeUpWednesday
www.nationalonlinesafety.com
 @nationalonlinesafety

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In the guide, you'll find tips for avoiding potential risks such as physical accidents, premature exposure and eye strain.

Last Week's Awards



Virtues Award

EYFS - N/A

Year 1 - Amelia G

Year 2 - Erin & Paisley

Year 3 - Layla-Mai

Year 4 - Anniyah

Year 5 - Eden

Year 6 - N/A



Reader of the Week

EYFS - N/A

Year 1 - Matilda

Year 2 - Jaxson

Year 3 - Hunter

Year 4 - Amelia-Lily

Year 5 - Phoebe

Year 6 - N/A



PE Star of the Week

EYFS - N/A

Year 1 - Whole class

Year 2 - Whole class

Year 3 - Emily S

Year 4 - Joe

Year 5 - Frankie

Year 6 - N/A

Star Pupils

EYFS

N/A

Year 1

Arlo-Jay and Arthur

Year 2

All of Year 2

Year 3

Jack and Ameer

Year 4

Abigail and Alice

Year 5

Freddie and Harry

Year 6

Whole Class for their
Leavers performance



Birthday Celebrations

Skylar & Jayden (EYFS) Jaxson and Charlie (Year 2)
Amelia-Lily (Year 4) Troy (Year 5) Toby (Year 6)

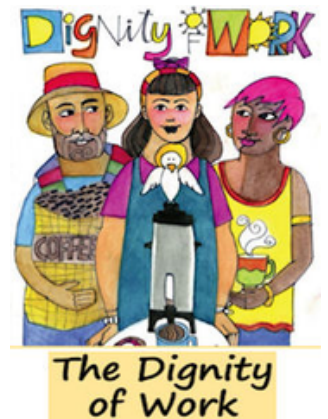
Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family



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 all, guide us as we
listen to you, so that we
may grow in faith and love.
May we share that love with
all people throughout the
world. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend and God Bless

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



WORLD CUP ATTENDANCE

Every week, teams
with 95%+
attendance will win 3
gold coins for their
Saints House

Every week, teams
with 94%
attendance will win 2
gold coins for their
Saints House



Every week, teams
with 93% or less
attendance will win 1
gold coin for their
Saints House

The winning team at
the end of the school
year will win a
special prize.



HOW TO BOOK

**Bring
it on
Brum**

GET YOUR CODE

1

Get your BIOB code from your child's school.

If you haven't received your code, but believe you are eligible for the programme, please contact your child's school.

CHOOSE YOUR CLUBS

2

Go to bringitonbrum.co.uk and click

BOOK NOW**3**

Enter your criteria E.g Location, participant age, date and click

SEARCH

To view the session details click

MORE INFORMATION**4**

Once you've found a holiday club you like, click 'BOOK NOW' and choose a date and time that works for you.

5

Enter your child's details- you can add more than once child.

You may need to add 'Supplementary Information' Please write 'none' in any fields that do not apply.

6

Repeat to add more sessions.

CREATE A LOG-IN

7

Once you have chosen all your sessions, go to your cart and click

CHECKOUT**8**

To complete your booking, you will need to create a log-in. You can then view/ edit and add any additional bookings at any time by logging in.

Create a Log-in

- ☒ Add your details
- ☒ Sign up for session reminders
- ☒ Enter your child/ children's details
- ☒ Sign up for the Bring it on Brum! newsletter

COMPLETE BOOKING

9

Click **COMPLETE BOOKING**

Why not take a photo of these instructions?



MORE INFORMATION:
www.bringitonbrum.co.uk





Birmingham
City Council



Department
for Education

Dear Parent,

Bring it on Brum! Summer Holiday Clubs 2026

Get ready for a fantastic summer! Birmingham's [Bring it on Brum!](#) holiday clubs are back – offering children a fun, active and healthy way to spend the school holidays, completely free for eligible families.

Funded by the **Department for Education Holiday Activities and Food Programme**, these clubs are open to children aged 4–16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Not sure if your child is eligible?

It's quick and easy to check. You can find full details here:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham/school>

What's on offer this summer?

Children can enjoy a wide range of activities, including:

- sports and games
- arts and crafts
- cooking and food activities
- dance and music

Each session also includes a **healthy meal**, helping children stay energised throughout the day.

Summer Holiday Clubs – Key Details

- **Dates:** Monday 20 July – Friday 28 August 2026 (excluding weekends and Bank Holidays)
- **Bookings open:** Monday 29 June 2026
- Book online at: www.bringitonbrum.co.uk

Your Bring it on Brum! code: **the school will text you this code if you are eligible**

Not eligible for free places?

Many clubs also offer **paid places**, so there are still opportunities to take part.

Kind regards

Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School



**Getting Ready
for Secondary
School**

**Online National
Course**

Is your child or a young
person you know
**transitioning from year 6 to
year 7 this Summer?**



Does this young person have
**Speech, Language and
Communication needs?**



**Afasic is providing a FREE
online Transition Course for
Year 6 students across the
country with Speech,
Language, and Communication
Needs (SLCN) who will be
starting Secondary School in
September 2026.**



**Summer
Holidays
2026**

**Get in touch for more
information**

TCC@afasic.org.uk

www.afasic.org.uk

**Or scan QR code
to enroll**



Advise session



Autism West Midlands offers free 45-minute advice calls with our Autism Specialist Advisors for parents and carers living in the Birmingham area.

During the session, we can discuss your concerns, offer guidance and signposting, and provide tailored resources and information based on what has been discussed.

autism
west midlands



To join the waiting list, please scan the QR code below.



Please note: this service is available to Birmingham residents only.



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Friday 3rd July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to let you know about a delay to this year's Key Stage 2 (KS2) test results, which affects all schools nationally. Schools were due to receive results on 7 July 2026. However, Pearson Education Limited, the provider responsible for administering, marking, and returning Key Stage 2 results to schools has informed the Department for Education of a delay affecting the national system used to make results available to schools. Results will now be available on 16 July 2026.

Importantly, the delay is not related to the quality of the tests or the accuracy of pupils' results. Test papers have been marked in line with usual processes.

This will not impact your child's transition to secondary school and no action is required from parents or pupils. We will share results with you as quickly as possible after we receive them on 16 July.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Milligan

Executive Headteacher