



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

Thurs 3rd Sept	Years 1-6 - school opens for our new academic year
Thurs 3rd Sept	Year 6 Transition workshop for parents at 2pm
Frid 4th Sept	Year 5 Transition workshop for parents at 9am
Mon 7th Sept	Year 4 Transition workshop for parents at 2pm
Tues 8th Sept	Year 3 Transition workshop for parents at 2pm
Wed 9th Sept	Year 2 Transition workshop for parents at 2pm
Thurs 10th Sept	Year 1 Transition workshop for parents at 2pm
Mon 14th Sept	Year 6 - Bikeability this week
Tues 15th Sept	EYFS Transition workshop for parents at 2pm
Thurs 17th Sept	Resource Base workshop for parents at 2pm

Mrs Milligan and Mr Spindlow's Message

What a busy and joyful year it has been at Guardian Angels! We'd like to take this moment to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Our Year 6 children have celebrated their last week with us in style. They've enjoyed a fun day at Star City, cooled off with a water fight, and gathered together for their leaver's mass – a truly memorable way to mark the end of their primary school journey. As they move forward to secondary school, we wish them every success and happiness.

In our EYFS assembly, we were reminded of just how much our youngest children have grown and developed. It's truly remarkable to see their progress and confidence flourish.

We're delighted to celebrate our boys' football team, who have demonstrated exceptional teamwork throughout the tournament. Their commitment and collaborative spirit have been a real credit to our school.

As we look ahead, I want to remind parents that every day of attendance truly counts. We're pleased to be recognising children who achieve 100% attendance with special badges – a wonderful way to acknowledge their dedication and reliability.

Finally, SATs results have now been shared with our school and Year 6 parents. We're proud of the hard work and effort shown by all our children.

Thank you for your continued support of Guardian Angels. Have a blessed and happy summer.

This Week's Gospel



Today Jesus uses story-telling to explain what the Kingdom of heaven is like.

Matthew 13:24-30.

Jesus told them another parable: "The Kingdom of heaven is like this. A man sowed good seed in his field. One night when everyone was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. When the plants grew and the ears of corn began to form, then the weeds showed up. The man's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, it was good seed you sowed in your field; where did the weeds come from?' 'It was some enemy who did this,' he answered. 'Do you want us to go and pull up the weeds?' they asked him. 'No,' he answered, 'because as you gather the weeds you might pull up some of the wheat along with them. Let the wheat and the weeds grow together until harvest. Then I will tell the harvest workers to pull up the weeds first, tie them in bundles and burn them, and then to gather the wheat and put it in my barn.'"



Other News



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 DeWaele 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!

Transition workshops

In September, we will be inviting parents and carers into school for a class workshop. This will be a wonderful opportunity to find out more about your child's learning, key curriculum information and important dates for the year ahead. You will also have the chance to take part in a hands-on activity with your child linked to the Year of St Francis, exploring how we can follow St Francis' example of caring for others, our communities and God's creation. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing this special experience together.

Year 6	3rd September 2pm	Year 5	4th September 9am
Year 4	7th September 2pm	Year 3	8th September 2pm
Year 2	9th September 2pm	Year 1	10th September 2pm
Reception	15th September 2pm	Resource Base	17th September 2pm

This Week's Attendance



Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	90.0
Year 1	96.0
Year 2	86.0
Year 3	93.0
Year 4	97.0
Year 5	94.1
Year 6	96.0

Our school attendance target is 95%. The overall attendance for last week was 93.1%.

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



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

BIRMINGHAM & SOLIHULL

FREE SUMMER TERM ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

OVER THE 6 WEEKS HOLIDAY!

LOTS OF AMAZING PLACES ACROSS BIRMINGHAM & SOLIHULL ARE OFFERING **FREE** ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE!

PARK FUN & OUTDOOR PLAY
Free play sessions, outdoor games and nature activities.
Cannon Hill Park, Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield Malvern & Bruntwood Parks, Solihull

LIBRARY EVENTS & STORY TIME
Storytelling, crafts, games and summer reading challenges.
Birmingham libraries across the city Solihull Library

ARTS, CRAFTS & CREATIVE FUN
Free arts and crafts, drama, dance and creative workshops.
MAC Birmingham (Cannon Hill Park) The Core Theatre, Solihull Sparkhill Library & others

SPORT & ACTIVE PLAY
Football, multi-sports, dance and coaching sessions.
Aston Villa Foundation community sessions Solihull Active Birmingham Sport Holiday Activities

MUSEUMS & LEARNING FUN
Explore, learn and get creative with hands-on activities.
Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery Thinktank Birmingham Science Museum

YOUTH & COMMUNITY SESSIONS
Games, cooking, trips, projects and more in a safe, friendly space.
Local community centres and youth hubs Check your local area for what's on!

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME (HAF)
Free activities and healthy meals for children eligible for benefits-related free school meals.
Find out more and book at www.birmingham.gov.uk/haf or www.solihull.gov.uk/haf

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!
✓ Make new friends
✓ Try something new
✓ Have fun
✓ Stay active
✓ Build confidence

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE!

CHECK WITH PROVIDERS FOR DATES, TIMES & BOOKING INFO
Find more activities, locations and updates at:
www.birmingham.gov.uk/whatson www.solihull.gov.uk/whatson
(SEARCH: 'summer activities for children')

Free Summer Holiday Activities! ☀️

Birmingham City Council's free summer activities programme offers lots of exciting opportunities for children and young people across Birmingham and Solihull during the six-week holidays. Please check individual providers for dates, times and booking information.

E- Safety Tip

Summer holidays – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

School's out for summer!

It's always best to be prepared

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.

A Parent's Guide to Social Media

A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures

A Parent's Guide to Gaming

A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming

A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming

A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers

A Parent's Guide to Fake News

A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

Schools please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

Skips Educational
Web: www.skipssafetynet.org
Email: info@skips.com
Tel: +44 121 227 1941

142 Newton Road
Great Barr
Birmingham B43 6BT

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Developed in partnership with:
Home Office
West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit
West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

Skips
Keeping children safe online www.skipssafetynet.org

Keeping Children Safe Online This Summer

During the summer holidays, children often spend more time online. We encourage parents and carers to take a moment to explore the Safety Net online safety guides, which offer practical advice on social media, gaming, live streaming, online grooming, privacy settings and more. Working together, we can help children enjoy the online world safely and confidently

Last Week's Awards



Virtues Award

RB - Harley
EYFS - N/A
Year 1 - Arlo F
Year 2 - Erin
Year 3 - Ava
Year 4 - Bistrat
Year 5 - N/A
Year 6 - N/A



Reader of the Week

RB - Safa
EYFS - Skylar
Year 1 - Remailiah
Year 2 - Paisley
Year 3 - Alicja
Year 4 - Reign
Year 5 - Toby
Year 6 - N/A



PE Star of the Week

RB - Kai-Kieran
EYFS - Jake
Year 1 - Nicholas
Year 2 - Whole class
Year 3 - Kenzo
Year 4 - Alliana
Year 5 - Jack
Year 6 - N/A

Star Pupils

RB

Freddie and Ricardo

EYFS

Whole class

Year 1

Whole class

Year 2

Holly-Bee and Leo

Year 3

Chimamanda and Qudamah

Year 4

Whole class

Year 5

Whole class

Year 6

N/A



Birthday Celebrations

Kaysan (RB) Roman & Melvin (EYFS)
Hudhayfah, Ka'Oir, Amelia A, Arthur,
Remalilah & Matilda (Y1)
Graciemae, Lidya, Erin & Esme (Y2)
Natalia, Luay, Zane & Adonis (Y3)
Inioluwa & Alliana (Year 4)
Eva & Chae (Year 5)
Lexi, Amelia B & Olivia (Year 6)



Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family



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.



Loving God, thank you for sending your Son Jesus to show us the way. Thank you for all the people who teach us. Help us to listen and to learn. Amen

Have a lovely weekend and God Bless

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

Mother of God and Guardian Angels Parish

Review of the future of our parish based on our debt and on-going costs

Background

- There has been an encouraging growth the community that attends our Sunday Masses. Quite a few people have been enquiring about the faith which has led into a fruitful year for our Catholic faith course. The priests, parishioners and school leaders in our local, five-parish cluster work closely together to serve our communities.
- However, this has not overcome serious issues we have, including debt and church maintenance costs at Mother of God parish.
- Since 2023, we have been discussing the future of Mother of God church and our parish. In October 2023, 27 parishioners attended a meeting to discuss parish debt and church maintenance costs. We felt that we *could* do some fundraising but that this was unlikely to meet the significant costs of keeping our church going. There was a lengthy discussion about different options to keep the church going but it was admitted that that one of the options maybe unfortunately be that our church was no longer viable.

Debt

- At 20.6.26, our parish account balance was **£71,575 overdrawn**
- The table below sets out some costs that are coming up. A parish in the diocese has kindly offered to pay for the church roof repairs and we have just received a generous donation of £10,000.
- If our parish was still considered viable, we could also try to do some fundraising, such as occasional retiring collections for the upkeep of our church, a 'go-fund-me' web page and events like cake sales.
- However, with the costs in the table below, we could still be some **£105,000 overdrawn**.
- Like any parish with a large church and presbytery; there would then continue to be costly things we would need to pay for. For example, to make sure our church meets health and safety standards, we may have to spend thousands of pounds. We have also been told that the parish photocopier is coming to the end of its life and we going to be given quotes for a replacement.

Conclusion

- We need to decide if there a realistic chance that we can find the money to pay off our debt and to keep our church and parish going. The alternative would be to dispose of Mother of God church & merge our parish with one next to us to best serve communities in our part of east Birmingham and Castle Bromwich.
- Bishop David Evans and Fr Andrew Franklin, our dean, have invited us to an open parish meeting on **Wednesday 29th July at 7pm** in Guardian Angels primary school to discuss these issues.

Fr Paul Smith

June 2026

Outstanding Costs at June 2026

Work	Quote (£)
Replacement of church heating system (current one obsolete)	30,075
Church roof repairs	14,453
Replacement of whole of church sound system (current one obsolete)	2160
Asbestos re-inspection survey	318
Legionella risk assessment	440
Tree survey	420
TOTAL	£47,866

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

A whole summer of fun family activities with a medieval theme at the Gardens



Castle Bromwich
Historic Gardens

**Kids
go free!
all summer**
with a paying adult

Bookable Unplug and Play sessions

Knight's School

Hapa Zome

Multiple dates. Free but must be BOOKED

Shield Painting: craft workshop

Multiple dates, Book places

Tues-Suns
no need to book

Knights & Dragons Quest Trail

(£1 with 'prize' at the end)

and

- 'Hobby Horse' racing,
- Jousting with foam noodle lances
- Soft Archery
- Gruesome Selfie Stations:
a Pillory and Executioners block
- Nature Explorers kits,
- Mud Kitchen
- Woodland Play area

10.30 - 4.30 pm



Event Days

Birmingham Medieval Combat

Sat 18th July, shows all day

King Arthur & the Holy Grail

family theatre, 21st July, 4- 6pm

Medieval History Adventures Weekend

Sat 8th & Sun 9th August

Story Telling & Falconry Display day

Friday 28th August

Castle Bromwich Hall & Gardens Trust, Chester Road, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham B36 9BT.

Registered Charity No. 516855.

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info@castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk . www.castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk





**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.

SWIM SAFE!

WE LOOK OUT
FOR EACH OTHER
IN & OUT OF
THE WATER!

STAY SAFE. HAVE FUN. SAVE LIVES. ♥

1 STOP & THINK

CAN YOU SEE
ANY DANGERS?

- Look for hazards
- Check depth
- Watch for signs
- Never dive in unknown water



2 STAY TOGETHER

Don't go alone.
Always swim with
a friend or
family member.

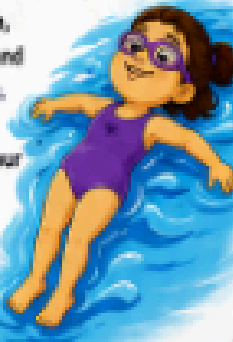
Keep an eye on
each other.



3 FLOAT TO LIVE

If you fall in,
stay calm and
float to live.

It's OK if your
legs sink,
we all float
differently!



4 CALL 999 OR 112

If you see someone
in trouble,
call for help
immediately.

Don't enter
the water -
get help!



IN AN EMERGENCY: STAY CALM. FLOAT. CALL 999 OR 112. ☎

DROWNING PREVENTION

- ✓ Drowning can happen to anyone, anywhere, anytime.
- ✓ It is silent and can happen in seconds.
- ✓ Supervise children at all times - within arm's reach.
- ✓ No phones, no distractions when around water.
- ✓ Learn CPR - it can save a life.
- ✓ Know the signs. Act quickly.
- ✓ You can make the difference.

FLOAT TO LIVE

If you get into trouble in the water,
follow these steps:



Tilt your head
back with
ears
submerged



Relax and try
to breathe
normally



Move your
hands and legs
to help you
stay afloat



It's OK if your
legs sink -
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differently!



Once your
breathing is
under control,
call for help
or wait to
safety.

THE DANGERS OF OPEN WATER



COLD WATER SHOCK
(Even on warm days)



UNSEEN UNDERCURRENTS
& CURRENTS



HIDDEN OBSTACLES
& WEEDS



SUDDEN DEPTH DROPS

STRONG
IN THE POOL
SAFE FOR
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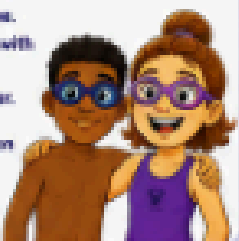
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5 IN AN EMERGENCY

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6 WEAR YOUR SAFETY GEAR

- ✓ Well-fitted goggles
- ✓ Comfortable swimwear
- ✓ Swim cap (if needed)
- ✓ Towel & water bottle
- ✓ Sunscreen (water resistant)



7 POOL SAFETY

- ✓ Always enter the pool safely.
- ✓ No running or pushing.
- ✓ Walk on paths.
- ✓ Listen to your teacher and follow the rules.
- ✓ Keep the area clean and free of hazards.
- ✓ Use the buddy system.
- ✓ Know where safety



8 BE A WATER SAFETY HERO!

- ✓ Be a role model.
- ✓ Speak up.
- ✓ Know the rules.
- ✓ Help others.
- ✓ Share what you know.
- ✓ Together, we can prevent tragedies and save lives.





Pause.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES WORKSHOPS 2026

FOR VARIOUS AGE GROUPS

NOW THAT THE
SCHOOL YEAR IS OVER
TAKE SOME TIME TO
UNWIND
AND DO SOME FUN AND
CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

SCAN BARCODE FOR
MORE INFO AND BOOK
YOUR PLACE!



● WWW.FORWARDTHINKINGBIRMINGHAM.NHS.UK/PAUSE

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The
Children's
Society