



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 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
Frid 18th Sept	Awards assembly - parents invited at 9am- please check pg. 7 for your child's name incase you didn't receive a text message
Tues 29th Sept	Year 3 Maths workshops - parents invited at 2:30pm
Frid 2nd Oct	Guardian Angels Feast day - pupils may wear yellow
Tues 6th Oct	Individual and sibling photos during school time - all pupils to dress smart in full uniform
Tues 13th Oct	Year 6 Maths/SATs/Confirmation meeting and workshop for parents

Mrs Milligan and Mr Spindlow's Message

What a wonderful start to the academic year we've had at Guardian Angels! This week has been filled with moments of celebration and community spirit that truly embody our Catholic values.

Our staff gathered for a special OLAAS MAC mass to mark the beginning of the year, and we've also been blessed to celebrate Education Sunday together. These occasions remind us of the importance of faith in our school community and set a meaningful tone for the months ahead.

We'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the parents who have attended our recent workshops. Your engagement means so much to us, and it's been lovely to see families learning together about key information for your child's year group whilst enjoying activities during this season of creation. Your presence and involvement make a real difference to our children's learning journey. This week, our Reception pupils have settled into their new routines beautifully. It's been a joy to see them grow in confidence and begin to thrive in their new environment. Their enthusiasm and resilience during these early weeks have been wonderful to witness. Finally, do keep an eye out for texts and our newsletter – inviting parents to our star pupil assemblies, which begin on Friday 18th September. If your child has been chosen to celebrate their achievements, you'll receive an SMS or a message on your MCAS app inviting you to attend.

This Week's Gospel



Today Jesus talks about forgiveness – about how God is always ready to forgive us if we say sorry. And about how we should try to forgive others if they say sorry to us.

Matthew 18:21–35

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, if my brother keeps on sinning against me, how many times do I have to forgive him? Seven times?”

“No, not seven times,” answered Jesus, “but seventy times seven, because the Kingdom of heaven is like this. Once there was a king who decided to check on his servants' accounts. He had just begun to do so when one of them was brought in who owed him millions of pounds. The servant did not have enough to pay his debt, so the king ordered him to be sold as a slave, with his wife and his children and all that he had, in order to pay the debt. The servant fell on his knees before the king. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay you everything!’ The king felt sorry for him, so he forgave him the debt and let him go.

“Then the man went out and met one of his fellow servants who owed him a few pounds. He grabbed him and started choking him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he said. His fellow-servant fell down and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back!’ But he refused; instead, he had him thrown into jail until he should pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were very upset and went to the king and told him everything. So he called the servant in. ‘You worthless slave!’ he said. ‘I forgave you the whole amount you owed me, just because you asked me to. You should have had mercy on your fellow-servant, just as I had mercy on you.’ The king was very angry, and he sent the servant to jail to be punished until he should pay back the whole amount.”

And Jesus concluded, “That is how my Father in heaven will treat every one of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.”

Attendance update



Welcome to Our Attendance Team

We are delighted to welcome Michelle Stephens to Guardian Angels as the newest member of our Attendance Team.

Michelle will be working closely with pupils, families and staff to help promote good attendance and ensure that every child has the best possible opportunity to thrive in school. She will provide support and guidance to families, work alongside school staff to identify any barriers to attendance, and help develop positive solutions that enable children to attend school regularly and on time.

We know that strong attendance is key to children achieving their full potential, and we are pleased to have Michelle joining us in this important role. We look forward to the positive impact she will have in supporting our school community.

Important Attendance Update for Families

Parents and carers should be aware that, in line with Department for Education regulations and Birmingham City Council guidance, the school is unable to authorise holidays during term time. Regular attendance is vital for children's learning, wellbeing and overall progress.

Under the National Framework for Penalty Notices, unauthorised term-time holidays may result in fixed penalty fines being issued by Birmingham City Council. Families are reminded that leave of absence during term time can only be considered in exceptional circumstances and requests must be made in writing in advance.

We thank all parents and carers for their continued support in ensuring children attend school every day and arrive on time.

Other News



EdShed

Pupils in Y3-Y6 will have spellings assigned to them each week on Edshed. It is important that children log on regularly to practice. Log ins have been given to children and are set up to use straight away.



Pupils in Y3-Y6 also have access to Accelerated Reader. To access click the image on BGFL. Here children can complete quizzes on the books they have read to further deepen their comprehension skills.

Free Breakfast Club

A Healthy Start to the Day: Join Our Morning Breakfast Club

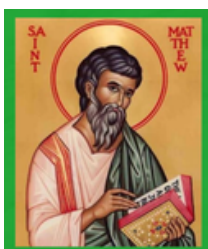
Early mornings just got a lot brighter! We are delighted to invite all children to our new Free Breakfast Club, running every morning from 8:00 AM.

The club is designed to give our students a calm, social space to start their day. It's a chance to sit down with friends and enjoy a nutritious breakfast of toast and a wide variety of cereals. To add a bit of morning magic, we'll also be serving random "surprise" treats throughout the month—so look out for breakfast bars and milkshakes! Starting the day with a full stomach and a chat with peers helps our pupils feel ready and refreshed for their morning lessons. We can't wait to see you there!

House and Vice Captains

This week, the children demonstrated the British value of democracy by taking part in the election of our House Captains and Vice Captains for the year ahead. Through a fair voting process, pupils had the opportunity to make their voices heard and choose the representatives who will lead and inspire their houses.

Throughout the year, our House Captains and Vice Captains will play an important role in supporting school events, promoting teamwork and house spirit, and encouraging pupils to live out our school values. They will also help lead opportunities for children to collect Saints Points, working together to contribute to their house's success and celebrate positive attitudes, achievements and acts of kindness across our school community.



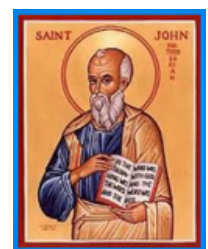
Captain: Phoebe
Vice: Blake



Captain: Delilah
Vice: Toby



Captain: Lacey- Maii
Vice: Jack



Captain: Summer
Vice: Ronny

This Week's Attendance



Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	N/A
Year 1	95.8%
Year 2	98.1%
Year 3	92.7%
Year 4	94.4%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	91.7%

Our school attendance target is 95%. The overall attendance for last week was 94.9%.

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

BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS FOR PARENTS

THE BEGINNING OF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR BRINGS EXCITEMENT AND CHALLENGES FOR BOTH PARENTS AND CHILDREN. HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO PRIORITIZE YOUR CHILD'S WELL-BEING.

- **Establish Routines:** Create a consistent daily routine that includes wake-up, meals, homework, play, and bedtime. Predictable routines can help kids feel more secure and reduce anxiety.
- **Set Realistic Expectations:** Celebrate your child's successes, no matter how small. Offer encouragement and support when they face challenges. Recognize that each child's needs and abilities are unique. Be in tune with the individual needs of each child.
- **Model:** Your children are always watching you. Try to model healthy responses to disappointment, anxiety, and many other emotions. Remember that your non-verbal cues and actions can speak louder than words.
- **Active Listening:** When your child talks to you about their day, stop what you are doing (put down your phone) face your child, and listen attentively. There is no better way to show them that their thoughts and feelings are valued.
- **Validate, Validate, Validate:** Before offering your opinion or guidance, always validate your child's feelings first. ex: "I understand how that must have made you feel," or "that sounds really hard."
- **Healthy Lifestyle:** Children function best when their basic needs are being met. Ensure your child gets enough sleep, eats balanced and nutritious meals, engages in regular physical activity and set limits for screen time.

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E- Safety Tip



Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah – the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on, and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer, or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that – whether you're going online to chat, research things, or just have fun – you can do it safely.

Last Week's Awards



Virtues Award

EYFS - Tiaraoluwa

Year 1 - Ella-Rose

Year 2 - Lexie

Year 3 - Hoorab

Year 4 - Chimamanda

Year 5 - Harry

Year 6 - Herani



Reader of the Week

EYFS - N/A

Year 1 - Jayden

Year 2 - Lilly Z

Year 3 - Larna

Year 4 - Daniel

Year 5 - Reign

Year 6 - Ella



PE Star of the Week

EYFS - N/A

Year 1 - Skylar

Year 2 - Lorenzo

Year 3 - Paisely-Jane

Year 4 - Jack

Year 5 - Luna

Year 6 - Frankie

Star Pupils

EYFS

Mirha and Yohans

Year 1

Mileymae and Eden

Year 2

Greatfavour and Remailah

Year 6

Lacey R and Troy

Year 3

Millie and Arlena

Year 4

Hunter and Sidney

Year 5

Greatjoy and Inioluwa



Birthday Celebrations

Lexie (Year 2)

Best Wishes from your Guardian Angels Family



Virtues this Half Term

Compassionate and Loving



Compassionate: We are compassionate when we feel sympathy and concern for other people who are in difficulty, whether they are near to us or far away.

Loving: We are loving when we show our sympathy and concern for other people by our actions and by our words.



God of love, help us to share your forgiveness with others. Guide us to do what is right and to make this world a fairer place for all who live in it. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend and God Bless

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



John Henry Newman Catholic College 2026 Open Evening

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

4pm to 7pm

Talks from Principal Mrs. Kate Clarke will take place at
4.15pm, 5pm and 6pm

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July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Apply online for your child's secondary school place – September 2027

Your child is due to transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2027. All applications for maintained (non-fee paying) schools are coordinated by local authorities. This means you must apply to the local authority where you live (the one you pay council tax to), even if you are applying for schools in a different area.

If you live in Birmingham, you should apply for your child's secondary school place online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions between 1 September and 31 October 2026. It is essential that your application is submitted by 31 October 2026. Applications received after this date will be considered late and processed after 1 March 2027, which may reduce your chances of securing a place at one of your preferred schools.

If you live outside Birmingham, please check your local authority's website for their application process. If you are unsure which local authority you should apply to, you can find your local council using this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>

We understand this is an important time for you and your child. We strongly encourage you to find out as much information as you can about your preferred schools and understand how the admissions process works before applying, including finding out about any additional forms or paperwork you may need to provide to the school in order for your application to be considered under their oversubscription criteria, such as a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), or faith documentation. A lack of awareness of the correct procedures could affect the outcome of your application.

From 1 September 2026, detailed information about the application process for Birmingham residents will be available at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. This includes:

- Types of schools and how to apply online.
- How school places are offered.
- Details of admissions arrangements for individual schools.
- What to do if you are not offered one of your preferred schools.

If you do not have internet access, your child's current school may be able to help you. You may also be able to access a computer via a friend or relative.

We also strongly recommend visiting the websites of your preferred schools for information about the school and details of any open days or evenings. It is important to consider how likely you are to be offered a place at one of your preferred schools, and find out more about the order in which places are offered

(oversubscription criteria) by reading the information on the schools you are interested in. Please note that before completing your online application you must confirm that you have read the admissions arrangements.

If you are applying for a school outside Birmingham, you should visit the website of the local authority where the school is located for information about their oversubscription criteria and open days/open sessions.

If you are applying for a school under the distance category, checking the last distances offered over the past three years will give an indication of whether you should consider including the school as one of your preferences.

To maximise your chances of getting a place at one of the schools you prefer, we strongly advise using all six preferences on your application.

You can amend your preferences on the online admissions form as many times as you like until the closing date of 31 October 2026. However, if you make any changes, you must resubmit your application for the latest changes to take effect by selecting "Submit" again. If you do not resubmit your application after going back in to make changes, your previous submission will remain active, and your changes will not be considered.

Your application will be processed using the address held by your child's current school. If the address on your application differs from the address held on our database, you must provide proof (e.g. your most recent council tax bill for 2026/2027) by 31 October 2026. Without this, your application will not be processed. For more details, please visit:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions-proofofaddress

You will receive an email confirming your child's school offer by the end of the day on 1 March 2027.

If you have any questions, please visit our website for guidance and support:
www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Yours sincerely

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Enc Information regarding deferred entry and children taught out of their normal year group.