



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

Wed 14th Oct to Frid 16th Oct	Year 6 residential trip
Frid 16th Oct	Star pupil and Virtue assembly at 9am, parents invited by text. Please check pg.9
Wed 21st Oct	Parents Evening - please book your slot on MyChildAtSchool app
Frid 23rd Oct	Inset day - school closed for pupils
Mon 26th to Frid 30th Oct	October half term
Mon 2nd Nov	Inset day - school closed for pupils
Tues 3rd Nov	School open for all pupils
Tues 3rd Nov	Flu Vaccine - parents will receive a link soon
Wed 4th Nov	Year 6 Maths/SATs/Confirmation meeting and workshop for parents
Thurs 26 th Nov	Year 6 - Confirmation

Mrs Milligan and Mr Spindlow's Message

This week, our children have been inspired by Space Week, exploring the wonders of our universe and discovering careers in science and space exploration. Meanwhile, our Year 5 and 6 footballers have been showcasing their skills and teamwork on the pitch, representing our school brilliantly. We've also celebrated Cycle to School Week, encouraging our children to embrace active travel and discover the joy of cycling. These initiatives embody our commitment to nurturing well-rounded learners who are curious, active, and engaged with the world around them.

Parents and carers of all faiths, and those of no faith, are warmly encouraged to take part in the linked survey which will support a member of staff in the Archdiocese's PHD research about the experiences of parents and carers whose children attend Catholic primary schools – your views and experiences are important and greatly appreciated. The research is a survey which should take no longer than 5 minutes.

Participation is entirely voluntary, and consent can be withdrawn at any time.

The findings from this research will be used to help enhance and support Catholic education, so we would be very grateful for your participation.

To find out more and take part, please click here:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/YcKE9XC8vC>

Thank you for supporting this valuable research.

This Week's Gospel



In today's liturgy we will hear a story about a king who invites lots of different people to the wedding of his son.

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus again used parables in talking to the people. "The Kingdom of heaven is like this. Once there was a king who prepared a wedding feast for his son. He sent his servants to tell the invited guests to come to the feast, but they did not want to come. So he sent other servants with this message for the guests: 'My feast is ready now; my bullocks and prize calves have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast!' But the invited guests paid no attention and went about their business: one went to his farm, another to his shop, while others grabbed the servants, beat them, and killed them. The king was very angry; so he sent his soldiers, who killed those murderers and burnt down their city. Then he called his servants and said to them, 'My wedding feast is ready, but the people I invited did not deserve it. Now go to the main streets and invite to the feast as many people as you find.' So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, good and bad alike; and the wedding hall was filled with people.

"The king went in to look at the guests and saw a man who was not wearing wedding clothes. 'Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' the king asked him. But the man said nothing. Then the king told the servants, 'Tie him up hand and foot, and throw him outside in the dark. There he will cry and grind his teeth.'"

And Jesus concluded, "Many are invited, but few are chosen."



Mother of God Church Heating Appeal

Please help our parish give a warm welcome this winter by joining us to raise money for new heating in our church. Our target is £30,000 for which we have raised some £12,700 so far.

Our parish is in some £64,000 in debt; a lot of which was recently spent on urgent repairs to the church and on making sure it is kept safe and welcoming to visitors. This year, our heating failed so we've set up an appeal to replace it.

To donate to the new church heating, please go to our donation webpage via the QR code or the link below and click on 'Church heating fund'. Any money received over the heating costs will be spent on other church improvements. Thank you.



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Important information



Proposed Admission Arrangements

Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School is consulting on its admission arrangements for 2028-29 from 1st October 2026 to 20th November 2026. ~Please note the revised consultation date. You can find a copy of the proposed admission arrangements on our website. If you have any comments or views you should send them to Laura Grice, OLAAS Governance Lead at gricel@olaas.co.uk or 5pm on 20th November 2026.

Free Breakfast Club for all Pupils

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, bagels, crossiants 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!

Friends of GA – Parent Volunteer Group

Could You Help Make a Difference at Guardian Angels?

We are looking for enthusiastic parents, carers and family members to join our Friends of GA group and help support the wonderful opportunities we provide for our children. The Friends of GA plays an important role in school life by helping to organise events, raise funds and bring our school community together. Whether you can offer a little time or a lot, your support would be greatly appreciated.

As a member of Friends of GA, you may be involved in:

- Attending occasional planning meetings
- Helping at school events throughout the year
- Assisting with fundraising activities and initiatives
- Sharing ideas to help enhance opportunities for our children
- Working alongside staff, parents and the wider school community

Volunteers will be asked to provide suitable references and a DBS check will be required and can be arranged through the school. Volunteers will be expected to follow the school's safeguarding procedures and code of conduct.

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet other families, contribute to school life and make a real difference to the experiences we can offer our children.

If you are interested in joining the Friends of GA group, please contact the school office or speak to a Mrs Potter for more information.

The first meeting will take place on Monday 12th October at 2:30. We look forward to seeing you there.

Other News



Poppies

As we move into November, I'm delighted to share that Guardian Angels will be supporting the Royal British Legion through our annual poppy appeal. Poppies will be on sale from Tues 3rd November, giving our school community the opportunity to show their respect and support for those who have served our country.

This is a meaningful way for our children to learn about remembrance and the importance of honouring those who have made sacrifices for our nation. I encourage families to participate in this special initiative.

Thank you for your continued support of our school values and community spirit.



Parents Evening

Parent's Evening will take place on Wednesday 21st October.

Parents and carers be able to book appointments on My Child At School app from this evening at 6pm.

Please be aware that appointments are 5 minute slots, if you wish to have a longer meeting with your child's class teacher you are welcome to arrange this for a different time.

On the evening, Mrs Potter and Mrs Tennant will also be available if you have any SEND or pastoral needs you wish to discuss.

Scholastic Book Fair will run from the 19th - 22nd October 3:25-3:45pm in the school library, please enter via the office.

During Parents Evening, it will be open 3:30-5:45pm.

Harvest Collection

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will be launching our annual Harvest Collection on Monday 28th September. We are inviting families to donate non-perishable food items to support a local food bank and help those in need within our community.

Suggested donations include tins, pasta, rice, cereal, long-life milk, tea, coffee and other cupboard essentials.

Every contribution, no matter how small, will make a difference to local families experiencing hardship. Thank you for your continued generosity and for helping us live out our Catholic Social Teaching values of caring for those who are most vulnerable. Together, we can make a positive difference in our local community.



This Week's Attendance



Attendance Counts

Year Group	
EYFS	98.3%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	95.3%
Year 3	97.6%
Year 4	94.2%
Year 5	97.6%
Year 6	95.4%

Our school attendance target is 95%. The overall attendance for last week was 96.5%.

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.



Guardian Angels
Catholic Primary School

ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE!

EVERY FRIDAY
in October



Be in school every Friday
in October and you'll be
entered into our raffle!

★ WIN ★
A VOUCHER!

The more Fridays you attend,
the more chances you have to win!

Safeguarding



Safeguarding Tip of the Week



Let's look after our mental health together.

Small things such as talking, connecting with others, getting enough rest and being kind to ourselves can make a big difference. Remember, you are never alone and support is always available.

E- Safety Tip



Online bullying can include abusive messages, spreading rumours and excluding others from group chats. With children using smartphones and tablets more than ever, it is important to help them build positive and respectful relationships online. This guide offers practical tips, including managing screen time, recognising online risks and knowing when to pause and step away.

Last Week's Awards



Virtues Award

EYFS - Mirah
Year 1 - Olly
Year 2 - Matilda
Year 3 - Noah
Year 4 - George
Year 5 - Imogen
Year 6 - Lacey-Mai



Reader of the Week

EYFS - Tiara
Year 1 - Dolly
Year 2 - Jaxon
Year 3 - Sophia
Year 4 - Adonis
Year 5 - Elsie
Year 6 - Summer



PE Star of the Week

EYFS - Kairo
Year 1 - Soraya
Year 2 - Amelia G
Year 3 - Fatma
Year 4 - Isla
Year 5 - Scarlett
Year 6 - Blake

Star Pupils

EYFS

Savannah and Brodie

Year 1

Emani and Jake

Year 2

Lilly Z and Joshua

Year 6

Blake and Ronny

Year 3

Erin and Larna

Year 4

Aminah and Luay

Year 5

Amelia and Frankie

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N/A



Birthday Celebrations

Emmie-Mai (EYFS) Elsie-Mai (Year 3)
Alicja (Year 4) Joe (Year 5)



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.



Loving God, strengthen and help us as we try to say yes to your invitation to be with you, by living lives of sharing, kindness, respect and love. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend and God Bless

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

Our ref: AA/CP/Year 6/Jul26

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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Head of School Admissions and Fair Access Service
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Enc Information regarding deferred entry and children taught out of their normal year group.



Toddler to Teen Parenting Group

TogetherNESS - Understanding Your Child

Support For parents and carers with children ages 2- 19

Ideal for families with children of different ages,
offering one approach that works for everyone.

Discover simple ideas to build stronger connections
and improve daily wellbeing with your children.

Learn about emotional health, wellbeing, behaviour
as a form of communication, and more.

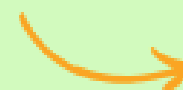
 **Tame Valley Children's Centre**

 **Date: 6th Oct to 15th Dec 2026**
Half-term break: 27th October

 **Time: 10:00am–12:00pm**

 **Contact: 0121 752 1100**

**SCAN FOR
DATES**



TOGETHERNESS

12TH
OCTOBER AT
2.30PM

Our next Parent and friends **OF GUARDIAN ANGELS**

MEETING

Planning for Festive school
events, come and get
invovled!



**COME ALONG FOR
A CUPPA AND LETS
GET PLANNING!**

