



Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School

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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.

Learned: learning how God wants us to live our lives Whether we are young or old, we should never stop learning about what God wants of us. We learn many new things each day. By reading the Bible, listening to our teachers and listening to our hearts, we learn more of what God wants.

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Wise: knowing how God wants us to live our lives and putting it into practice. God is always with us and hoping that we will live our lives in the right way, following the teachings of Jesus.

This Weeks Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

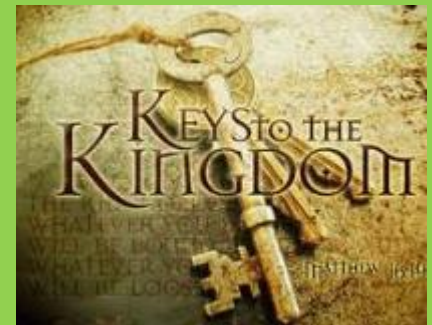
Jesus went to the territory near the town of Caesarea Philippi, where he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

"Some say John the Baptist," they answered. "Others say Elijah, while others say Jeremiah or some other prophet."

"What about you?" he asked them. "Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

"Good for you, Simon son of John!" answered Jesus. "For this truth did not come to you from any human being, but it was given to you directly by my Father in heaven. And so I tell you, Peter: you are a rock, and on this rock foundation I will build my church, and not even death will ever be able to overcome it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven; what you prohibit on earth will be prohibited in heaven, and what you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."



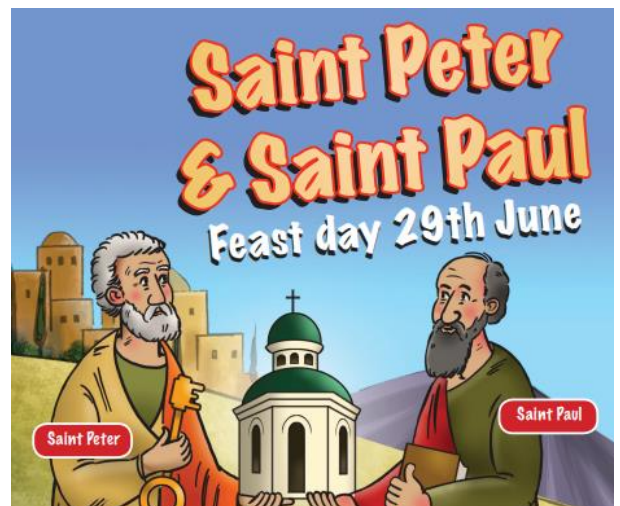
St Peter and St Paul

On 29th June the Church celebrates the feast day of two great saints, Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Peter and Paul were both friends of Jesus, but their lives were very different.




Peter, a fisherman in Galilee, was first named Simon but Jesus gave him the name 'Peter', which means 'rock'. Jesus told Peter that he would build his Church on this rock. Jesus called Peter to leave his work as a fisherman and follow him. Peter became the leader of the twelve Apostles (the special friends of Jesus). When Jesus asked his friends who they thought he was, Peter said "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God." At the Last Supper, Jesus foretold that Peter would deny him three times, before the cock crew. That night, when Jesus was arrested, Peter was so frightened that he denied knowing Jesus - three times - and then the cock crew, and Peter wept. After Jesus rose from the dead, he asked Peter three times "Do you love me?" When Peter replied, three times, that he did, Jesus told him "Feed my sheep". Peter was an important leader of the early Church. After Pentecost he was able to preach to large crowds, telling them about Jesus. He became the first Bishop of Rome: the first Pope.

Paul, a very religious Jew from Tarsus, was first called Saul. He never met Jesus whilst Jesus was on earth. After Jesus had ascended to heaven, Saul was trying to stop the early Christians teaching about Jesus. Then on the road to Damascus, the Risen Jesus appeared to Saul, telling him to stop persecuting Christians and to believe in Jesus. Saul was converted. He became known as Paul and Jesus made him into an Apostle for the Gentiles (the people who were not Jews). Paul made three missionary journeys, founding churches in places in Asia Minor (modern Turkey) and Europe. Paul was a tentmaker and he did this work to support himself on his travels. After his third journey, Paul was arrested and put into prison for two years. He insisted on standing trial in Rome, but the ship he was taken on was shipwrecked off Malta. Finally Paul reached Rome, where he spent two more years under house arrest.

Peter and Paul both died as martyrs in Rome, around 63 AD: Peter by crucifixion and Paul, as a Roman citizen, by beheading with a sword. You can read about them in the Bible: in the four Gospels and in the Acts of the Apostles. In the New Testament, you can also read letters (Epistles) that Paul wrote to people in the churches he had founded, in places such as Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus and Philippi.



Next Week's Twitter Challenge- #TwitterScienceChallenge Next week in school would have been Science week. To celebrate this at home, please join in with Mrs Martin-Westall's challenge.

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|  <p>Monday</p> | <p>Can you grow your own carrot top? Mrs MW tried this with her children – it grew a little! You may need patience!</p> <p>Think: what do plants need to grow? Can you remember?</p> <p>You will need:</p> <p>Carrot top (2-3 cm from stem with some root growth remaining on top)</p> <p>Shallow dish</p> <p>10 Cotton wool</p> <p>Water</p> <p>Sunny and protected spot</p> <p>How to grow a carrot top</p> <p>Simply add a layer of cotton balls to your small dish. Add a light dribble of water over the cotton balls so they are wet but not completely flooded with water. Press your carrot top into the wet cotton balls and place the dish in a sunny location. Be sure to check that the cotton balls remain wet throughout the growing period. You do not want to dry them out.</p> <p>It will take a few days to grow but once it does, it should grow quite quickly! Keep an eye on it and tweet us your photos at the end of the week (or next week if it takes longer – mine did!)</p> <p>Can you experiment with other root vegetables?</p> |
| <p>Tuesday</p> | <p>Can you make an egg float?</p> <p>http://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/floating-egg/</p> |
| <p>Wednesday</p> | <p>Have a go at making your own lava lamp</p> <p>http://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/lava-lamp/</p> |
| <p>Thursday</p>  | <p>Can you make an Invertebrate hotel?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go on a walk/mini beast hunt and make a note of which creatures can be found and what the environment is like there, e.g. was it dark or bright? Was it damp or dry? You can use the worksheet to record your findings. Click here or make your own table of results to show what you saw. 2. Choose a creature you found and list the type of environment this creature would love to live in 3. Design an invertebrate hotel for your creature. Label its key features and the materials used to make it. Make sure these are all easy to find 4. Using natural materials and structural materials, build your invertebrate hotel in your chosen safe place outside. 5. After two weeks, visit your invertebrate hotel to observe if any creatures have decided to stay in it <p>There are lots of images on Google to help you with your hotel or just get creative!</p> |
| <p>Friday</p>  | <p>And finally this week, a symbol to so many of us during this time, can you make your own rainbow?</p> <p>Choose from two experiments: http://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/rainbow-in-a-glass/</p> <p>or grow your own rainbow: Find the instructions by clicking here.</p> |

Don't forget to take photos, post them to Twitter and tag us @grdangelCP

Preparations for September 2020

We are working on our preparations for September. It is our aspiration to welcome all of our children back, if it is safe to do so. We hope that next week, we will receive more government guidance to help us with our plans. As soon as we have the most up to date information, we will share this with you.

Teachers are busy preparing 'Catch up' plans for all of our children to ensure that they get the very best upon return. The last week of term (13th-17th July) will be our transition week. This is when you and your children will discover who their new teachers will be and will prepare for the move into the next year group.

Thank you for your continued support and we cannot wait to see all of our children in September if it is safe to do so.

To all of our children who are unable to return to school,

We miss you and we are looking forward to welcoming you back, when it is safe to do so. At this time, the government have told us that it is safer for you to be at home, to limit the number of people at school and to try to stop the spread of the Corona Virus. Thank you for being so patient and for being heroes by staying at home and not seeing your friends and wider families. YOU ARE SAVING LIVES!



Free School Meals Vouchers

To help parents to know what to expect and when, here is what you should be receiving and when if your child is in years 2,3,4 and 5 or they are in Years 6,1 or Reception and are not returning to school.

| | | One child | Two Children | Three Children |
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| 06/07/2020 | Two weeks of vouchers (£15 per week) | £30 | £60 | £90 |
| DATE TO BE CONFIRMED | Summer Holiday Vouchers 6 weeks of vouchers (£15 per week) | £90 will be provided for each child before we break up for the summer. | | |
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More Fantastic News...

The Mother of God and Guardian Angels Church opens its doors once again for Private Prayer this week. Please visit the Parish Website for more information as it becomes available:

<https://shardendcatholics.wixsite.com/shardendcatholics/weekly-bulletin>



IMPORTANT: Year 3 First Holy Communion

Together with Father Michael, the decision has been taken to delay Year 3's First Holy Communion which was due to take place on Saturday 9th June 2020. This is because all churches are currently closed to all Sacraments including First Holy Communion. The new provisional date for the CURRENT Year 3 pupils first Holy Communion is:

Saturday 19th September 2020 (Times TBC)

Please be aware there could be further delays and restrictions depending upon the Governments advice and guidelines closer to the date. We will continue to update you weekly through the newsletter.

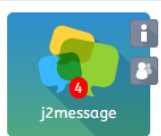


Home Learning:

- The weekly learning timetable will continue to be added to the **School Website** for each class and include 'modifications' where possible to help. Children who attend school will complete this work too.
- There are also some activities that you can print at home or complete in your exercise book collected from school.
- If you are unsure of how to share your work with your teacher, follow the easy guide on our website:
<https://www.grdangel.bham.sch.uk/home-learning>
- The government has released an excellent Home Learning School- The Oak National Academy. Here you can access online lessons, quizzes and activities for each year group: <https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/schedule/#schedule>
- BBC Bitesize have also developed daily lessons for pupils to access online. The Maths is also linked to our scheme of work: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>
- The school website has a wealth of additional resources and information such as:
 - *****Home Learning***** and Curriculum areas of the website
 - Knowledge organisers
 - Year group guides with full spelling lists and curriculum expectations.
 - POW projects and topic webs
 - Links to websites, suggested book lists and games
- For fun and to keep links with school, join in with the twitter challenges and post your photos, videos and comments. Don't forget to tag @grdangelCP and we will always try to reply to you. This will help keep communication and feedback between all of us!
- A reminder that our home learning offer will continue to be provided for all year groups during term time.

Communication

- Your child's class teacher may not be available to answer the phone queries at school as they have done for many weeks as they are now allocated to groups of children who are in school. To adapt to these changing circumstances, each year group will receive a text message with a forms link. This will give parents the opportunity to raise questions and for them to be answered via email or text throughout the week.
- The office will continue to be manned during normal school hours. If you have an urgent message or enquiry, please call 0121 747 2782 between 9am and 3pm. If the staff member cannot answer your questions straight away, we will arrange for the most appropriate member of staff to call you back.
- As always, you can email the school with enquiries at any time and we will always try to answer as soon as we can. enquiry@grdangel.bham.sch.uk
- Password resets can be requested through the new form or via the usual email method.
- Our newsletter will continue to be published weekly.
- Our school website and twitter feeds keep you up to date on daily events and achievements.



Pupils are now able to send messages to their teachers through **J2Message** on their BGFL365 account. Teachers will try to reply at least once per week.

If your child needs to get in touch urgently, please call or email the school rather than using this feature.

Online Safety and Behaviour

We have had a number of reports of our pupils using bad language over online games such as Fortnite. If you allow your child to access games such as this, please monitor their usage.

Well done to those pupils who were able to identify when others language and behaviour is unacceptable and alerted a parent. This is the right thing to do.

For more information on online safety, please visit: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>





Safeguarding Tip of the Week:

What to do if you are concerned that a child is at risk of abuse or harm.

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| 1 | Is the child in immediate risk of harm or danger? | Yes- CALL 999 immediately |
| 2 | Are you concerned about the welfare of a child? | Yes- call CASS (Children's Advice and Support Services) Birmingham: 0121 303 1888 (Emergency Out of Hours 0121 675 4806) Solihull: 0121 788 4300 (Emergency Out of Hours 0121 605 6060) |
| 3 | Are you worried about a child? If you're worried about a child or young person, you can contact the NSPCC helpline for support and advice for free | Yes, call the NSPCC 0808 800 5000 |
| 4 | Are you unsure if you should be concerned? There is no risk of immediate harm or danger but you are worried and you know the child attends Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School? | Yes, call 0121 747 2782 between 9am and 3pm on school days and ask for the Designated Safeguarding Lead. You may need to leave your name and number and we will call you back. |

If you call Guardian Angels, a DSL will call you back and can offer advice. DSLs have a statutory duty to share information with other services should this be necessary.

Our School DSLs are: Mrs Milligan Mr Spindlow Miss Tennant Mr Johnson Miss Carroll Miss Hickey

This week we wished a very 'Happy birthday' to:

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| Lilly and Dolce | Y1 |
| Charlie, Olivia-Mae and Martyna | 4C |
| Sinead | 4B |
| Katie | Y6 |

Dates for your diary

We will update you as soon as we have any information about return to school.
In the meantime, please look after yourselves and all of the staff of Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School are holding you in our prayers and thoughts.

Living God, help us to live with love, faith, generosity, fairness and hope, so that our hearts may be open to you and to all people in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

May God's Blessings be upon you all at the time,

Mrs Helen Milligan
Head Teacher

Mr Andrew Spindlow
Deputy Head Teacher

