



# Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter No. 30

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**A Message from Mrs Milligan:** Today, the whole school participated in beautiful May Processions, to honour Mary the Mother of God. This has been very different this year as it has taken place in class bubbles, but has still been as beautiful and significant in spiritual nourishment. Thank you for the kind flower donations. As we have received so many, our liturgy leaders suggested that we donate some of the bunches of flowers to local care homes, to brighten up their day, rather than leaving them all at Mary's Grotto. This is certainly displaying the virtues of Compassionate and Loving. I am sure you will all agree that this was an excellent idea. We look forward to times when this can be a whole school, parish and community event again.

**School Life: Parent Governor– Voting closes soon. We will announce the results next Friday 14th May**

Many parents have asked how they can be more involved in school life once safe to do so. We will be releasing some more information about this as soon as possible. We look forward to a time when it is safe to welcome our parents back into school and all of our staff are very excited about this.

In the mean time, are so many exciting things going on in school every day. To see some of these, please follow us on twitter @GrdangelsCP or view our twitter feed on our school website: <https://www.grdangel.bham.sch.uk/>

**Our Lady and All Saints Catholic MAC:** To find out more about our MAC family and the MAC central team, please visit the website: <https://www.olaas.co.uk/>

You can also follow the MAC on Twitter: @OurLadyandAllS1

## WANTED- VOLUNTEERS

We would be delighted to recruit volunteers for at least one hour per week to read with children in school. This would need to be in a different class to your child and a DBS check would also need to be completed by school. If you are interested, please contact the school office and leave your details- we will get back to you. Many thanks

## This Week's Gospel

John 15:9-17

I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them. And you are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because servants do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from my Father. You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. And so the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name. This, then, is what I command you: love one another.



Date	Time	Details
Mon 20th May	All day	Non-Uniform (dress to impress, wear red, white & blue)
	Lunchtime	Celebrating British Food — Breakfast Brunch for Lunch (please refer to your text)
Friday 28th May	2pm	Break up for Half Term—Whitsun Week
Mon 7th June	All Day	Inset Day —School closed for all pupils
Tues 8th June		School open for all
Tues 15th June	AM	Class Photos

## VIRTUES OF THE HALF TERM

Pupils at Guardian Angels school are growing to be **compassionate** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and **loving** by their just actions and forgiving words. .





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## Guardian Angels Lenten Fundraising

A huge thank you to our Guardian Angels families and friends who have generously donated money towards the sponsored events that took place recently. Because of your generosity, we are able to work towards our mission of helping others who are in need. Each class decided what charity/organisation they would like to donate their money to. Take a look at who they have chosen below and the amazing amount donated!

	Charity/Organisation	Total raised
EYFS	Church of the Mother of God & Guardian Angels	£102
Y1	Age UK	£62
Y2	NHS	£66
Y3	Birmingham Children's Hospital	£105
Y4	St. Giles Hospice	£90
Y5H	CAFOD	£74
Y5B	Birmingham Children's Hospital	£106
Y6	World Wildlife Fund	£73

## May Procession

Today all of our children visited the grotto for our annual May Procession within school. This was a time for children to take part in collective worship, pray the rosary and spend some reflective time with Mary Our Mother.



## Class Masses

Individual class bubbles are now lucky enough to be able to celebrate Mass together at Mother of God & Guardian Angels Church. This is a massive step forward for our children and we cannot wait until whole school masses can resume. Unfortunately at this time, we cannot invite parents to our bubble masses but as soon as we can, we will let you all know as we cannot wait to welcome families back.



## PE Timetable

Here are our current PE days for each class. We will keep you up to date of any further changes if and when they happen. Please send your children into school wearing full PE kit on these days—Thank you.

EYFS –Thursday

Year 1— Tuesday & Thursday

Year 2— Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 3—Monday & Wednesday

Year 4— Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 5B— Monday & Wednesday

Year 5H— Monday & Thursday

Year 6— Friday

## Activity Passports

Activity Passports have been added to the end of this newsletter for each year group. The passports contain lists of activities and adventures that children can experience both inside and outside of the classroom. They are designed to develop children's character, confidence, health and resilience. The passport will introduce children to a wide variety of opportunities to help develop these key life skills.

**So please print and start ticking off all those activities you complete over the summer term.**

Within the list of activities, children will find things they want to come back to again and again. For some children, they will experience something they have never done before.





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### Living Streets 5 Day Walking Challenge

From Monday 17th May until Friday 21st May, Guardian Angels are taking part in the 5 day walking challenge. This involves children and families trying to walk, cycle or scoot to school each day. **Don't worry if you live too far away to walk to school, you can also park and stride by parking your car 5-10 minutes walk from school and completing the rest of the journey on foot or get of the bus 2 stops early!**

Each day a child walks to school, they will receive a sticker. If they collect 5 stickers they will receive a unique walk to school badge at the end of the week.



This small change in our journey to school will benefit our health, community and the planet so get walking!

### Home Learning:

Home Learning has moved on our website. Here is the link:  
<https://www.grdangel.bham.sch.uk/pupil-page/home-learning-1>

This should be used if your child is at home and they are well enough to complete learning. Work should be uploaded for the child's teacher to see. **Please take into consideration that teachers are teaching full time.**

### Term Time Holidays

Term time leave for pupils can **NOT** be authorised unless they meet 'exceptional circumstances.' The impact of COVID 19 does not meet the exceptional circumstances criteria and although we appreciate that this has been a very tough time for everyone, children have had such an amount of time away from school, more time away from school will further impact their educational progress.

### General Reminders

- Summer uniform can now be worn– please see the school website for further details. If you choose for your child to wear the 'winter' uniform, **this includes a school tie.**
- On PE days, PE kits should be worn to school– this must meet the uniform policy and include the correct items.
- Long hair should be tied back at all times. We have had a growing number of reports regarding head lice this week.
- Jewellery, such as plain stud earrings must be removed on PE days.
- Sun hats can be worn at play time and lunch time when there is hot weather.
- We are a 'Sun Safe' school. Sun Screen/protection spray can be bought into school but must be labelled with the child's name and class and must not be shared with others. Children will need to be able to apply this themselves.
- Every child should bring a fresh water bottle to school to keep hydrated throughout the day.
- Packed lunches must contain healthy foods; please try to avoid sugary snacks. No fizzy drinks are allowed in school. Further work will begin on healthy packed lunches soon.

### School Uniform Provider

Due to increased issues with being able to supply uniform using our current provider, we are currently exploring new options for a school uniform provider. It is the intention for this to be outsourced to a third party– this means that uniform would not be sold through the school office and there would be no delay with school having to wait for minimum order quantities. We are looking into options that would include an 'in store and online' solution. As soon as we have more information, we will share this with our parents.







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## Star Pupil and Virtue Awards Article 29 (goals of education)

Today we have awarded our Star Pupil and Virtue awards to these pupils. Well done!

Year	Star Pupils	Virtue Awards
EYFS	Saoirse and Jack	Jude
Year 1	Mayson and Harrison	Lexi-Rose
Year 2	Miguel and Emily S	Olivia
Year 3	Julia and Amelia	Holly
Year 4	Orlaith and Archie	Sadie
Year 5B	Maddison and Millie	Cerys
Year 5H	KeAnyia and Harrison	Rose
Year 6	Juliusz and Jenna	Gerard

*Generous God, we give thanks for our friends and the joy they bring us. Help us to be generous, loving and kind to all people around the world, so that they may know that we are their friends. Amen.*



Have a lovely weekend and God Bless,

Mrs Helen Milligan

Head Teacher



**Happy Birthday to the following child who celebrated his birthday this week:**

**Leo (Y1)**

**Best wishes from your Guardian Angels family**

## Safeguarding Tip of the Week



Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week.

If you are worried about yours or child's mental health, there are some fantastic services out there that can offer support and advice.

- Your GP
- PAUSE drop in 0-25s
- Forward Thinking Birmingham Website - <https://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk>
- Mind - <https://www.mind.org.uk>

If you are worried about a child you can also speak to one of the DSL's in school.



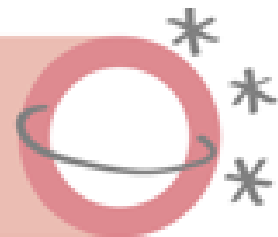
# Reception



## Activity

	✓	Date:
1. Visit a farm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
2. Paint a self portrait	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
3. Plant some bulbs and watch them grow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
4. Go on an autumn walk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
5. Make leaf rubbings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
6. Make a sandwich	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
7. Taste a new fruit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
8. Visit a place of worship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
9. Fly a kite	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
10. Make a paper boat and see if it floats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
11. Perform a song and dance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
12. Re-tell a story to an audience	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
13. Post a letter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
14. Meet a friend's pet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
15. Search for butterflies outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
16. Take a photograph	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
17. Make a treasure map	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
18. Dress up like a pirate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
19. Look up where you live on a map	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
20. Have a teddy bears picnic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>

# Year 1



## Activity

	✓	Date:
1. Record different sounds and ask others to guess what they are	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
2. Make some biscuits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
3. Make and taste chapattis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
4. Make a puppet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
5. Put on a shadow puppet show	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
6. Borrow a book from a library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
7. Discover what is in a pond	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
8. Create a piece of art for an exhibition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
9. Look up at the stars on a clear night	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
10. Perform a dance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
11. Go on a hunt for some insects or small creatures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
12. Make a home for an insect or small creature	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
13. Create a class collage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
14. Create a comic strip	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
15. Take part in play day	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
16. Roll down a hill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
17. Make a daisy chain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
18. Join an extra-curricular club	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
19. Build a den	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
20. Perform in front of your class	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>

# Year 3



## Activity

1. Compose a piece of music
2. Take part in a Roman banquet
3. Eat something you've not tried before
4. Create a mosaic
5. Design and make a board game
6. Climb a tree
7. Create a soundtrack for a piece of film
8. Make a pinhole camera
9. Make a musical instrument
10. Light a candle
11. Learn a new game
12. Make something out of wood
13. Cook outdoors
14. Learn to play a game of cards
15. Tell your class about your favourite character from a book
16. Produce rubbings of fossils
17. Try yoga
18. Eat something you have grown
19. Visit an art gallery or Birmingham museum
20. Stay away from home for a night

✓	Date:

# Year 4



## Activity

	✓	Date:
1. Make chocolate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
2. Create a display for show and tell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
3. Write and perform a poem	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
4. Perform in a play	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
5. Watch a play or a dance production	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
6. Use a camera to document a performance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
7. Choreograph a dance and perform it	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
8. Make a sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
9. Create a sculpture trail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
10. Explore inside a cave	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
11. Walk through a forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
12. Learn about a new religion and visit a new place of worship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
13. Make up your own game and teach it to someone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
14. Visit a museum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
15. Skim stones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
16. Visit a castle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
17. Swim outside	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
18. Learn to sew on a button	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
19. Go hiking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
20. Cook and serve a meal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>



# Year 5



## Activity

	✓	Date:
1. Take part in a debate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
2. Learn something new about your local area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
3. Learn to moon walk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
4. Make and launch an air powered rocket	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
5. Use an OS map	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
6. Go orienteering	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
7. Do a blind folded taste test	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
8. Write a story for the Reception class	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
9. Make a large scale model	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
10. Visit a science laboratory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
11. Write a play	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
12. Experience a Victorian school room	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
13. Put on a performance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
14. Make a papier mache model	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
15. Climb something that is taller than you	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
16. Walk to the top of a hill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
17. Write in hieroglyphics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
18. Pick litter in your local area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
19. Plan and cook a meal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
20. Design and make an electric model	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>

# Year 6



## Activity

1. Keep a diary for a week

2. Take a trip on a train

3. Send an email

4. Learn to knit

5. Write a speech

6. Vote in a school election

7. Plan a tour around your local area

8. Interview someone

9. Visit a local charity and find out how you can support them

10. Learn how to access the news

11. Design a product or business idea and pitch it to 'investors'

12. Choose objects to put in a time capsule

13. Write and record/broadcast a radio play

14. Sleep under canvas

15. Make a dessert

16. Organise tea for parents and carers

17. See the sun set

18. See the sun rise

19. Go on a picnic

20. Visit a new city

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