



Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Our Lady and All Saints
Catholic Multi Academy Company
Strong in Faith



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.



Mrs Milligan and Mr Spindlow's Message

During this week of Lent, we have been delighted to see the children listening to God's word and becoming more learned and wise. Throughout lent we focus of Praying, Acting and Giving. Each class are focusing on different Lenten acts of service. Please ask your child about this at home. We are also raising money for our chosen charities in numerous ways. You can find out more about this on our Easter Events page.

What a week of weather– thank you all for your understanding with regards to the snow and school closures. Our priority always has to be the children, parents and staff's safety and on this occasion, it was necessary to close the school today. Thank you to all of those pupils who completed the home learning set.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.





This Week's Gospel—John 4:5-42

In Samaria he came to a town named Sychar, which was not far from the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw some water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink of water." (His disciples had gone into town to buy food.)

The woman answered, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan — so how can you ask me for a drink?" (Jews will not use the same cups and bowls that Samaritans use.)

Jesus answered, "If only you knew what God gives and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would ask him, and he would give you life-giving water."

"Sir," the woman said, "you haven't got a bucket, and the well is deep. Where would you get that life-giving water? It was our ancestor Jacob who gave us this well; he and his sons and his flocks all drank from it. You don't claim to be greater than Jacob, do you?"

Jesus answered, "All those who drink this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring which will provide him with life-giving water and give him eternal life."

"Sir," the woman said, "give me that water! Then I will never be thirsty again, nor will I have to come here to draw water."

"I see you are a prophet, sir," the woman said. "My Samaritan ancestors worshipped God on this mountain, but you Jews say that Jerusalem is the place where we should worship God."

Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the time will come when people will not worship the Father either on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans do not really know whom you worship; but we Jews know whom we worship, because it is from the Jews that salvation comes. But the time is coming and is already here, when by the power of God's Spirit people will worship the Father as he really is, offering him the true worship that he wants. God is Spirit, and only by the power of his Spirit can people worship him as he really is."

The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah will come, and when he comes, he will tell us everything."

Jesus answered, "I am he, I who am talking with you."

Many of the Samaritans in that town believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they begged him to stay with them, and Jesus stayed there two days.

Many more believed because of his message, and they said to the woman, "We believe now, not because of what you said, but because we ourselves have heard him, and we know that he really is the Saviour of the world."

Virtues Award

Year Group	Virtue Award
EYFS	Kenzo
Year 1	Scarlett
Year 2	Eva
Year 3	Jacob M
Year 4	Cody
Year 5	Buddy
Year 6	Archie

Virtues of the Half Term

Learned and Wise

Pupils in our school are growing to be **Learned**, finding God in all things; and **wise** in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

Our school helps our pupils to grow by the breadth and depth of the curriculum; by excellence of teaching, and the creation of opportunities to become more learned and wise.





Dates For Your Calendar

Date	Event
Thurs 16th March	EYFS Mother's Day Assembly at 9:15am
Frid 17th March	St Patrick's day - non-uniform (wear green)
Mon 20th March	Sweets in a jar starts today (a week) - 50p a go!
Tues 21st March	EYFS eye test in school (nurse will be attending)
Wed 22nd March	Parent's Evening - further info will follow
Thurs 23rd March	Easter dinner for pupils and Parishioners EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnet and KS2 Easter box - please bring to school today
Thurs 30th March	Y5 - Stations of the Cross assembly for parents
Frid 31st March	Spring Disco (during school time) - Non Uniform £1.00 on ParentPay Please return coins collected for Fr Hudson's care School breaks up today for Easter holidays
Mon 17th April	School open for all

New Mass Times

So that our priest can best serve our communities, there are now new Mass times on Sunday mornings. This has followed discussion with our Dean and other local priests.

New Mass times will be:

9am: St John the Baptist church, Smith's Wood

11am: Mother of God and Guardian Angels church, Shard End.

Parent's Evening

Parent's Evening will take place on Wednesday 22nd March between 3:30pm and 6:30pm. Appointments this year are being made by our new online booking system and you should have already received an email and a text message to book a slot. If you have not received these messages please contact the school office.

Meeting with Mrs Potter or Mrs Tennant can be made by calling our school office in advance.

Please note that we also do not have the facility to provide any childcare services during this evening.

Dance Workshops

This week, the children took part in Bringing Books to Life dance workshops.

Thank you, West End Schools, for guiding our children in bringing popular children's books to life by using dance to retell the story of 'How to Catch a Star', 'The Enormous Crocodile' and 'Coraline'.

During the sessions, children recreated the narrative through movement, concluding with a class performance to each other and their teacher. Well done, Children.





Star Pupils



Year Group		
EYFS	Isla	Marnie
Year 1	Amelia-Lily	Frankie
Year 2	Connor	Ella F
Year 3	Chloe	Jolie
Year 4	Cassius	Kairo
Year 5	Erin	Aiden
Year 6	Tia	Phillip

Birthdays this week



*Daniel & Isla (EYFS), Scarlett (Year 1),
Mia (Year 3) and Ava (Y4)*

Best wishes from your Guardian Angels family





First Holy Communion Meeting

Thank you to all those Year 3 parents that attended the Holy Communion meeting this week led by Mrs Martin and Fr Paul. Below are some important points to remember from the meeting:

Commitment Mass: Sunday 26th March at 11am if parents are unable to make this mass, they must speak to Father Paul

Reconciliation: Wednesday 17th May at 3:30pm. Parents to collect children from school and go over to Church. Staff will be in attendance

First Holy Communion: Saturday 24th June at 10am. School open from 8:30 for photographs.

All children receiving First Holy Communion must be baptised Catholic. If they have been baptised recently, school will need a copy of their baptismal certificate.

Year 6 SATS week

Our children in Year 6 have been working really hard, pushing their limits in preparation for SATS week. Tests will begin on Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May

This is an extremely important week in the children's academic life and they **MUST** attend school everyday in order to show off their true capabilities and reflect all the hard work they have put in this year.

Tuesday 9th May	Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar
Wednesday 10th May	Reading
Thursday 11th May	Maths Paper 1 & 2
Friday 12th May	Maths Paper 3

World Down Syndrome Day

Tuesday 21st March is World Down Syndrome day. Children are invited to wear brightly coloured socks to show awareness of the day.



Year 3 Trip to Tamworth Castle

Year 3 had a wonderful time at Tamworth Castle this week. This trip was to support their history topic—Anglo-Saxons, Scots and Vikings. The children also had the opportunity to take part in two workshops about Magnificent Mercians and Saxon Soldiers.

As always the children were a credit to the school and members of the general pupil were commenting about how well behaved they were.



ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Attendance Counts

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Year Group	
EYFS	93.8
Year 1	95.8
Year 2	93.8
Year 3	97.4
Year 4	92.5
Year 5	91.7
Year 6	95.3

Attendance Update

We need your help to get closer to our 96% target.

We can only do this if we all work together!

Our attendance for last week was 94.3%

Our attendance for the year to date 92.3%

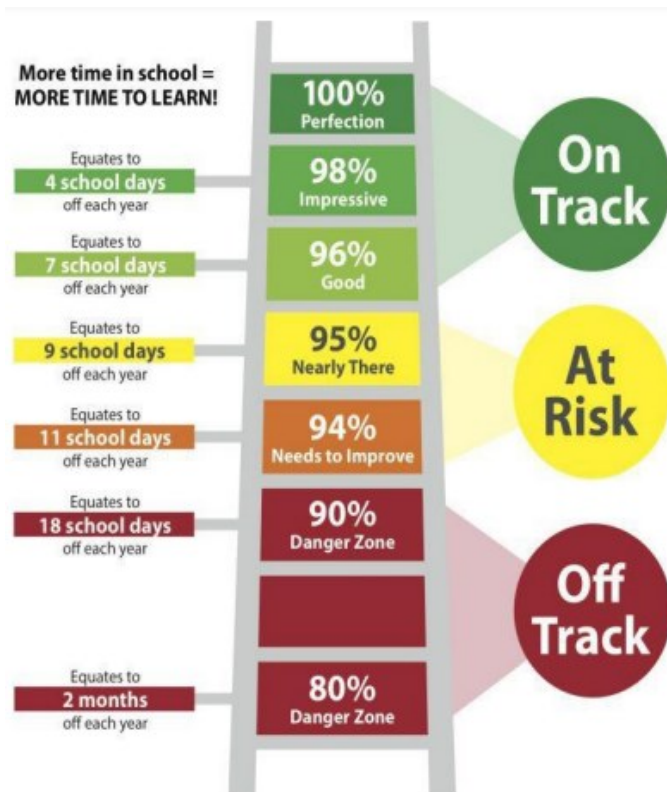
Please ensure you come to school each day to help us meet our target.

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

Live Simply Tip

Skip the bottled water. Bottled water companies try to give tap water a bad name, even though the water from your tap is practically free and has often come out better in quality tests and taste tests against name-brand water. Also, the extraction of water and production of all those plastic bottles is notoriously harmful to communities and wildlife.





Reader of the Week

Each week, we award children in each class for remarkable Reading and their dedication to Accelerated Reader Quizzes

EYFS	Adonis
Year 1	Millie-Mae
Year 2	Lacey
Year 3	Nadia
Year 4	Lexie
Year 5	Carl
Year 6	Lara

PE Star of the Week

EYFS	Daniel
Year 1	Ella
Year 2	Blake
Year 3	Davian
Year 4	Blake
Year 5	Arshad
Year 6	Orlaith

Right of the Week



Article 35 - abduction, sale and trafficking

Governments must protect children from being abducted, sold or moved illegally to a different place in or outside their country for the purpose of exploitation.



Composer of the Week

Bronski Beat

Pop – 80s synth/Pop



Years Active: 1980's
Nationality: British

Famous piece of music:
Small-town Boy

- Bronski Beat were a British synthpop trio which achieved success in the mid-1980s, particularly with the 1984 chart hit "Smalltown Boy"
- The initial line-up, which recorded the majority of the band's hits, consisted of Jimmy Somerville (vocals), Steve Bronski (keyboards, percussion) and Larry Steinbachek (keyboards & percussion)
- Somerville left Bronski Beat in 1985, and went on to have success as lead singer of the Communards and as a solo artist.
- He was replaced by vocalist John Foster, with whom the band continued to have hits in the UK and Europe through 1986.
- Foster left Bronski Beat after their second album, and the band used a series of vocalists before dissolving in 1995.
- Steve Bronski revived the band in 2016, recording new material with 1990s member Ian Donaldson
- The bands sound was very much synth pop which features the synthesizer as the dominant musical instrument



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Advice and activities to support children and parents with their mental health and emotional well-being.

[https://
parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/
mental-health-wellbeing/](https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/mental-health-wellbeing/)



If you need anymore advice please speak to Mrs Tennant

E- Safety Tip

Welcome to our 'Online Safety Tip of The Week'. On each newsletter, we will provide you with some useful hints, tips, guides and fact sheets from the [National Online Safety \(NOS\) website](https://nationalonline-safety.org/) that you as parents and carers will be able to use to help keep your child safe whilst online.

This week's free online safety guide focuses on the free-to-play multiplayer vehicle football game '[Rocket League](https://rocketleague.com/)'. Despite being rated PEGI 3 (which means that it is considered suitable for children of any ages) due to its online features, appropriateness cannot be guaranteed. Developed by Psyonix, part of the Epic Games family (which includes Fortnite and Gears of War) Rocket League is a football game where instead of running, the players drive rocket-powered cars.



Weekly Prayer

Caring God, fill our hearts with love for all your people. Move us to treat all people with kindness and respect and to work to make the world a better place for everyone to live in. Amen.



Have a lovely weekend and God Bless,

Mrs Helen Milligan and Mr Spindlow
Executive Head Teacher and Interim Head of School



Easter Day Menu

Thursday 23rd March 2023

ROAST TURKEY

QUORN ROAST

BROCCOLI

CARROT & SWEETCORN

HAM or CHEESE SANDWICH

ROAST POTATOES

YORKSHIRE PUDDING

CHOCOLATE EASTER NESTS

FRUITY JELLY

FRESH FRUIT



Happy Easter Day!



EASTER EVENTS

CAFOD THE BIG LENT WALK

Taking place all throughout Lent! Led by our CAFOD Club!

Easter Egg
Raffle!

From 6th- 10th
March! £1 per
strip



Father
**Hudson's
Care**

Collect coins for Fr Hudson's!
Return to school before
31/03/23



Celebrate St. Patrick's
Day and wear green
on 17/03/23!



KS1 Easter Bonnet
&
KS2 Easter in a Box
Competition!
Please bring these
in on 23/03/23



Guess the number
of sweets in the jar!
From 20th-24th
March. 50p a go!

Spring Disco on
31/03/23 during school
time. Entry and party
clothes £1.00 on
Parent Pay

