



Guardian Angels
Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd February 2024

Newsletter No. 20



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

As you are all aware, we had a two day OFSTED inspection in school this week. The inspection took place because after joining Our Lady and All Saints MAC, the expectation is that an inspection will take place within your third year of converting to an academy.

We will be able to share our new OFSTED report in a few weeks but for now, all staff at Guardian Angels would like to thank you all for your wonderful, positive and appreciative comments during the OFSTED parent questionnaire and the entire inspection.

We would also like to thank our wonderful children, who were impeccably behaved but who also took every opportunity to promote all the amazing features of our school.

Our children make us all feel so proud to teach them -Thank you!





This Week's Gospel - Mark 9:2-10

Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain, where they were alone. As they looked on, a change came over Jesus, and his clothes became shining white—whiter than anyone in the world could wash them. Then the three disciples saw Elijah and Moses talking with Jesus. Peter spoke up and said to Jesus, "Teacher, how good it is that we are here! We will make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He and the others were so frightened that he did not know what to say.

Then a cloud appeared and covered them with its shadow, and a voice came from the cloud, "This is my own dear Son—listen to him!" They took a quick look around but did not see anyone else; only Jesus was with them.

As they came down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has risen from death." They obeyed his order, but among themselves they started discussing the matter, "What does this 'rising from death' mean?"

Mass Times:

Saturdays 5pm Guardian Angels School (Vigil Mass of the Sunday)

Sundays 11am Guardian Angels School

Sundays 9am St John the Baptist Church

Arrangements for the Offer of Year 7 Places on 1st March 2024

Information about the arrangements for secondary school offer day will be posted on the council's web-site www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and also emailed to Year 6 parent/carers next week.

This will set out the process for the offer of secondary school places on Friday 1st March 2024.

Offer emails will be sent on Friday 1st March 2024 and the council expect that parent/carers will receive their emails by 4pm - the exact time will depend on their email service provider. Parent/carers will also receive their child's offer by letter from 2nd March 2024.

Virtues of the Half Term

Faith-filled and Hopeful

Pupils at Guardian Angles are growing to be faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future.



We help our pupils grow by passing on the living and faith-filled tradition of Jesus Christ; by having persevering faith in the pupils, and by encouraging them, in turn, to have faith and hope in others



Dates For Your Calendar

Date	Event
Wed 28th Feb	Year 2 Shard End Library visit
Tues 5th March	EYFS Mother's Day parent workshop at 9:15am
Wed 6th March	Mass at 9:05am in the school hall - all welcome
Wed 6th March	Year 4 Shard End Library visit
Wed 6th March	Year 3 Holy Communion/Reconciliation parent meeting at 2:45pm
Thurs 7th March	WORLD BOOK DAY - pupils may dress up in their favourite costume
Wed 13th March	Easter lunch for pupils at normal lunchtime and Parishioners at 1:30pm
Wed 13th March	Parent Evening - further information will follow
Wed 13th March	Bringing Books to Life West End dance workshop for EYFS and Year 3 - please pay £2.50 on ParentPay
Wed 14th March	Bringing Books to Life West End dance workshop for Years 1,2,4,5,6 - please pay £2.50 on ParentPay
Tues 19th March	Year 3 Shard End Library visit
Wed 20th March	Mass at 9:05am in the school hall - all welcome
Frid 22nd March	School breaks up at 3:15pm - we will return on Monday 8th April

Birthday Celebrations this Week



Ava and Sidney (Year 1), Frankie (Year 2), Mason (Year 3), Jolie (Year 4) and Arshad (Year 6)

Best wishes from your Guardian Angels family



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Attendance Counts

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Year Group	Attendance %
EYFS	89.8
Year 1	99.7
Year 2	97.0
Year 3	92.3
Year 4	89.1
Year 5	88.3
Year 6	94.2

Attendance Update

Schools can fine parents for the unauthorised absence of their child from school, where the child is of compulsory school age.

Guardian Angels have now had to fine 8 families following Birmingham City Council guidelines

If issued with a penalty notice, parents must pay £60 within 21 days or £120 within 28 days. The payment must be made directly to the local authority..

If the payment has not been made after 28 days, the local authority can decide whether to prosecute the parent.

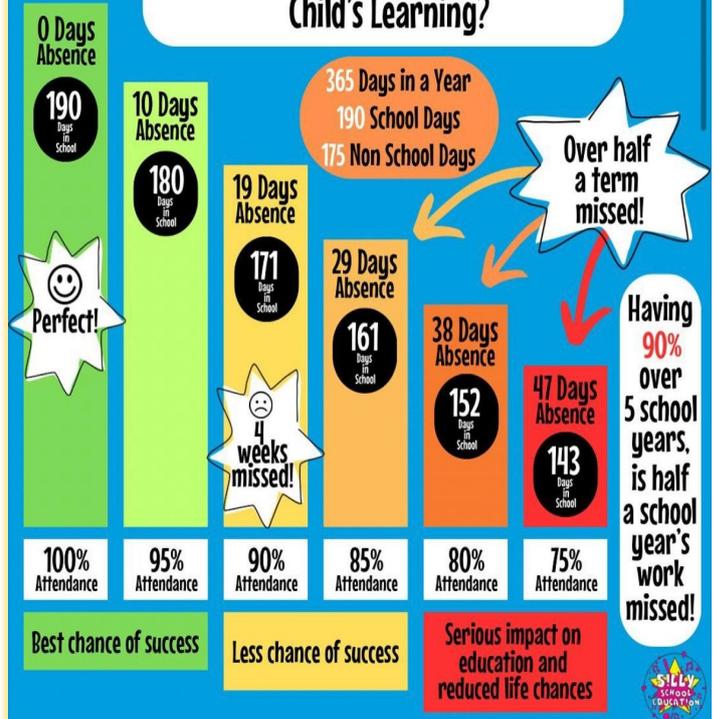
Attendance Support

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

Every Day Counts

Just before the holiday, all schools in England received a message from the Secretary of State for Education, outlining the concerns linked to attendance nationwide. Whilst our attendance has improved and the number of children below 90% attendance has decreased, there is still work to be done. Our teachers are providing an excellent education in every classroom, everyday - every day missed is a missed learning opportunity. Attendance will remain a huge focus for the whole school this year.

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?





Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Substance Misuse

This week, our focus is on parental substance use. Parents who have a substance use problem can have chaotic, unpredictable lifestyles and may struggle to meet their children's needs. This may result in their children being at risk of harm, parents who have a substance use problem may have difficulty: staying organised and giving their children effective and consistent support, keeping their home and family clean or recognising and responding appropriately to their own and their children's physical needs. Parents who drink excessively or have a drug use problem can also become emotionally unavailable to their children. Another effect may be that a child may have to take on the role of carer for their family. This could include doing the housework and looking after younger siblings.

Visit the NSPCC website or call their helpline on 0808 800 5000 for more information.

Weekly Prayer

God of life, help us to listen to your Son Jesus and to live our lives as he asks us, making a real change to ourselves and the lives of all we meet. Amen.

E- Safety Tip



Composer of the Week

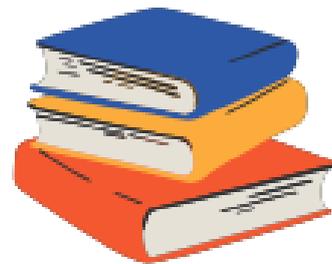
<p>108 hrs: 20.2.24</p> <h3>Vaughan Williams</h3>		<h3>Classical</h3> <p>(19th/20th century)</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Born in Gloucestershire, Ralph Vaughan Williams was related to Charles Darwin and the ceramics giant Josiah Wedgwood Young Ralph studied piano and violin and collected traditional folk songs from an early age. These tunes went on to inspire many of his subsequent works. Vaughan Williams studied at the Royal College of Music in London. He also spent a short time continuing his studies in Berlin In 1907-1908, Vaughan Williams studied orchestration in Paris with Ravel. It inspired one of his most fruitful periods of composition. Vaughan Williams' most popular piece, The Lark Ascending, was written in 1914 but the outbreak of World War I meant he had to put its premiere on hold Aged 41, when World War I began, Vaughan Williams served in France and Salonika. Prolonged exposure to gunfire began a process of hearing loss that eventually caused severe deafness in his old age Vaughan Williams was rather sentimental about military bands which he recognized as being crucially important to the UK's cultural and community life. So in 1923 he composed English Folk Songs Suite for them. Vaughan Williams was still composing great music into his 80s 	
<p>Born: 12th October 1872 Died: 26th August 1958 Nationality: English</p>	<p>Famous piece of music: English Folk Song Suite. Listen here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0DzC4kbvTSc</p>	

God Bless and we hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Helen Milligan and Mr Spindlow



READING *Competition*



Y2-Y6 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIN AN AMAZON FIRE TABLET!

TO BE WITH A CHANCE TO WIN, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS READ!
ONCE YOU HAVE FINISHED YOUR ZPD BOOK, LOG ONTO ACCELERATED READER
AND COMPLETE THE QUIZ.

The amount of quizzes taken (with a pass rate of 85% or higher) will determine the winner.

THE COMPETITION ENDS ON TUESDAY 19TH MARCH AND THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY 29TH MARCH.





WORLD
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DAY

World Book Day



This year, we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March**. Throughout the day, children will immerse into the wonderful world of reading. They will continue the celebrations during the following week with a visit from West End in Schools 'bringing books to life' through dance. Please pay £2.50 for this on ParentPay.

We are still happy for costume donations up until Friday 1st March.
Thank you so kindly





Easter Day Menu

Wednesday 13th March 2024

ROAST TURKEY
QUORN ROAST
BROCCOLI
CARROT & SWEETCORN
HAM or CHEESE SANDWICH
ROAST POTATOES
YORKSHIRE PUDDING
CHOCOLATE EASTER NESTS
EASTER CORNFLAKE CAKE
FRUITY JELLY
FRESH FRUIT
JUICE



Happy Easter Day!