



## From the Headteacher...

I recently met with Year 7 pupils at lunchtime. Pupils who joined from other primary schools commented that lessons are much more fun in the senior school and they were excited by new adventures. Some made reference to liking the new meal deals, after school clubs and homework! I am certain that they have thoroughly enjoyed their transition days.

I would like to congratulate and thank our pupils for their support on Saturday morning as we opened our doors to families looking for the next stage in their son or daughters educational journey. We had interest from many families and they spoke highly of the warm welcome and the excellent guides who toured the school with them. The pupils were fantastic ambassadors and certainly took the lead in showing families around the school. My thanks to the staff who have also worked incredibly hard in preparation for this event. Our site team were out in full force ensuring that our grounds looked immaculate. The PTA were in attendance serving refreshments and supporting Bishop Challoner once again. A huge thank you to everyone.

On Tuesday we held our Sixth Form Information Evening which was very well attended by our own students and their parents. There are some difficult decisions to make now on which subjects to study for A level. I am sure that the forthcoming taster day will enable them to make the right choices.

On Wednesday we welcomed pupils from a number of different schools to allow them the opportunity to take part in our 11+ taster morning including some of our own Year 6



pupils. We will be offering further taster sessions to our own Year 6 pupils in due course.

We are grateful for your generosity in providing tomato goods for Harvest Festival. I hope we will have an amazing spread of goods on display next Thursday. Pupils can come in their own clothes on Thursday 10th October and should wear something bright and colourful. We ask that children donate £1.00 and all proceeds will support children in Pong Tek.

The apples in our orchard are being picked and given to Nourish so that next week they will be using them in their meals including apple crumble!

I am sure many of you will be in attendance at the Family Bingo tonight. My thanks to the PTA once again.



Paula Anderson – Headteacher  
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## Mission Statement

Through faith and a broad education, Bishop Challoner School strives to develop and nurture each child's unique talents. To Live, Love and Learn like Christ and fulfil their true potential in an ever changing world.



## NURSERY NEWS

# Forest School Special Creatures

The Forest School children are very excited this week to be the guardians over some very special creatures.

Stag beetle larvae were found under the logs at Forest School 'base camp' this week. We are very privileged to be helping to protect a new generation of these beetles, which are on the People's Trust for Endangered Animals list. They are nationally very scarce and need our help.

The children took one small look at these creatures and then we covered them up again, in order to let them grow in peace and quiet.



The children at Forest School learn to have respect for all living creatures, and understand the importance of taking care and protecting things which need our help.

We are looking forward to seeing some more juvenile stag beetles in the Spring.

Mrs Coates - Forest School Leader



## JUNIOR NEWS

# Black History Month

Year 6 taster day celebrates Black History Month

As part of the Year 6 Taster Day that took place on Wednesday 2nd October the History department decided to take the opportunity to deliver a taster lesson on the History of Migration to Britain from 1500 to the present day. Pupils were placed in groups of three and each given a case study to investigate, for example Commonwealth Migration from 1945. Each group gave a presentation on their case study, examining why different groups came to Britain and the impact they had on British society.

Miss Holley - History Teacher



## JUNIOR SPORT

# Football Tournament

Mrs Black and I took eight Year 5 and Year 6 girls to West Lodge School to participate in a football tournament.

The girls played fantastic football. They finished third out of the eight teams, winning three games and losing just the one. A Special mention must go to Pippa for scoring three goals and Amelie for scoring two goals in one game to win the game 2-1. However, all the girls tried their best and never gave up. They behaved in an exemplary manner showing



lots of fair play and respect to all involved and were a credit to Bishop Challoner. The girls really enjoyed the afternoon which was the aim of the competition.

Mr Oliver - Director of Sport



## JUNIOR NEWS

### Junior Stars

Reception: Arin - Making a huge improvement to his letter formation over the last few weeks.

Year 1: Spencer - Working extremely hard in all subjects.

Year 2: David - For being so helpful in the Geography lesson.

Year 3: Kleidis - Lovely handwriting and presentation of work.

Year 4: Imogen - For showing superb mathematical skills

Year 5: Iona - Always ready to learn and lovely presentation of work.

6 Alpha: Amelie - Preparing and delivering a wonderful speech for Open Morning.

Year 6A: Maya - Always well prepared and ready to learn

Ms Barker - Head of Key Stage 1 and 2



CHAPLAINCY

# Feast of the Guardian Angels

On Wednesday, 2nd October we celebrated the Feast of the Guardian Angels.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that a Guardian Angel is a created being that is not human but is a pure spiritual being, intelligent, wonderfully loving, good and holy.

An individual Guardian Angel is assigned to each one of us at the moment of our existence and they help us to avoid the things that are wrong and guide us towards heaven. Our Guardian Angels can also help us to avoid physical dangers in accordance with what is best for us to get to heaven

Are there scriptural references to Angels?

There are a number of references to angels in the Scriptures, where they have helped people, for example, in the Book of Tobit the Archangel Raphael is given the job of helping

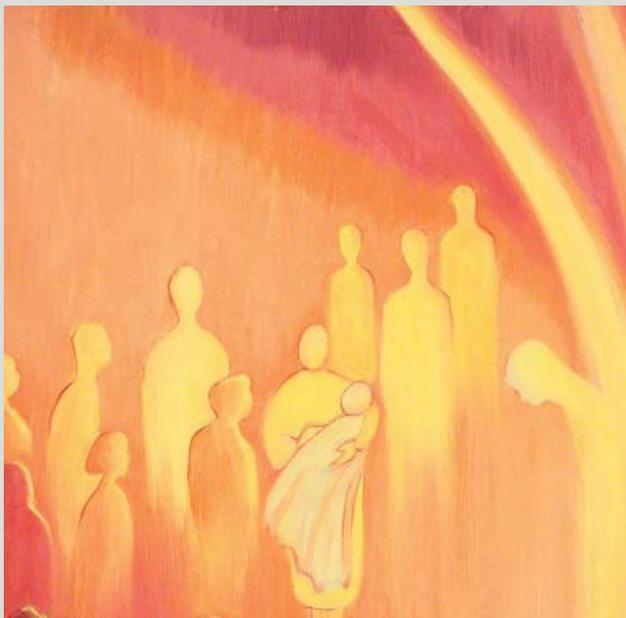


Tobit's son and his family.

In the Book of Daniel, the Archangel Michael is named 'the great prince of your people' and is presented as the guardian of Israel.

Perhaps the most famous angel is the Archangel Gabriel who was sent to Mary to ask her to become the mother of Jesus.

Jesus himself also tells us that there is a Guardian Angel for each of us, including little children, for he says, 'See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven.' (Matt. 18:10).



CHAPLAINCY

## Where are the angels?

The Catechism tells us that from the moment that our life begins until we die we are surrounded by the watchful care of our Guardian Angels, they protect and guide us towards heaven. It's wonderful to think that we have this connection with heaven, an angel directly connected to God, who can see God's face whilst they are here with us on earth.

Mr Lohan – School Chaplain



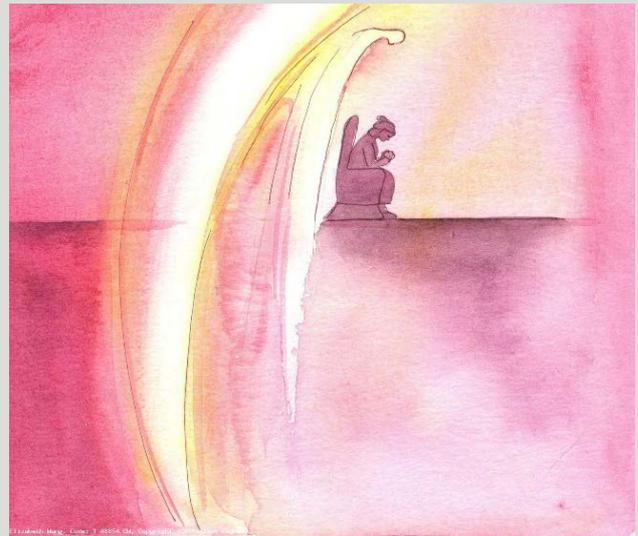
## CHAPLAINCY

# Guardian Angel Prayer

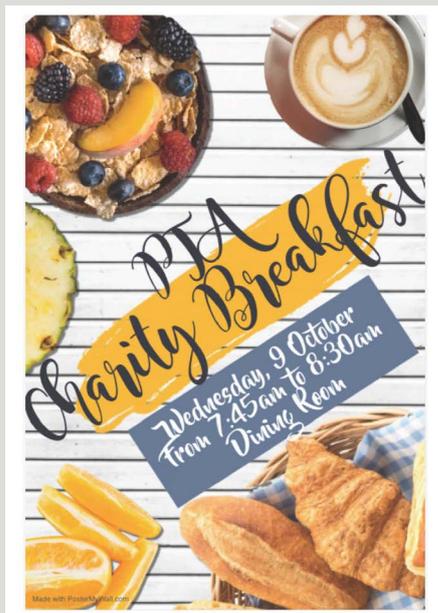
A simple prayer to our Guardian Angel to be said each day or night.

We can thank them in our prayers for taking care of us. We can try to be good and to remember that they are beside us at all times and looking upon God. We can ask them for help in difficult situations or when we are afraid, and we can say a prayer to our guardian angel acknowledging that they have been appointed by God to care for us. I invite you to pray to your personal angel: A simple prayer to our Guardian Angel

Mr Lohan – School Chaplain



Angel of God,  
my guardian dear,  
By God's love  
you are here,  
throughout this day, (or night)  
be at my side,  
to light and guard,  
to rule and guide.  
Amen.



## CHARITY NEWS

# PTA Charity Breakfast Wednesday 9 October

Macmillan Cancer Support is one of the largest British charities and provides specialist health care, information and financial support to people affected by cancer. It also looks at the social, emotional and practical impact cancer can have, and campaigns for better cancer care.



ONE LAST THING...

## Safeguarding Essentials

The latest version of Keeping Children Safe in Education came into force on 2nd September 2019. One of the key updates is that "Upskirting" is now a criminal offense. Upskirting is a term used to describe the act of taking a sexually intrusive photograph up someone's skirt without their permission. Such actions are now punishable by up to two years in prison. Further information can be found at :

[HTTPS://WWW.GOV.UK/GOVERNMENT/NEWS/UPSKIRTING-KNOW-YOUR-RIGHTS](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/upskirting-know-your-rights)

## History Department notice

There will be a lecture on the history of Black migration to Britain on Thursday 10th October at 1.10pm. Location to be confirmed.

# Nursery Stay & Play

## Wednesday 9th October

### 1.30 - 2.30pm

To book a place contact:  
[hknowles@bcsweb.co.uk](mailto:hknowles@bcsweb.co.uk)

For children aged 18 months + with a parent

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Tuesday  
8 OCTOBER

- Y8 Science Trip

Wednesday  
9 OCTOBER

- PTA Charity Breakfast
- Y5 Retreat
- Y10 & Y11 Study Skills
- Nursery Stay & Play
- Y8 Trip to Grease

Thursday  
10 OCTOBER

- Harvest Festival
- Junior Autumn Recitals

Friday  
11 OCTOBER

- Y10 Mass

