



### 50th Birthday Celebrations

Two of our primary schools, SS Peter & Paul (left) and Good Shepherd (right) held special events this term to mark their half-century milestone. Both celebrations were wonderful and we thank all those involved in the preparation.

## Message from the Chair

Much has happened in this busy academic year, there has been significant work going on in our schools but it has also been a year that has seen significant changes politically and globally. This year we have seen two of our schools celebrate 50 year anniversaries, in Good Shepherd and SS Peter and Paul, both marked accordingly.

It is now two full years since our Romero MAC was formed. As we look to continue our work, within the newsletter you will find details of a significant number of initiatives and changes that are either planned, in progress or have been completed, all in the interests of improving our schools for staff and pupils alike. We're currently in consultation to add 2 new Nurseries to our MAC, at Sacred Heart and St Gregory's schools – we will provide an update as this consultation and project progresses. Whilst often going unnoticed, it would be remiss of me not to recognise the significant work all of the volunteers within our school communities, including the Board of Directors, Local Academy Committees, parish volunteers and indeed others supporting our schools. The amount of unpaid volunteer hours is immense and without that, we simply couldn't function – a very clear example of the strength of faith our MAC has.

The end of the year, as always, sees changes within our schools. For those staff and pupils moving on to pastures new, be it secondary school, university, or other, I extend our very best wishes for what we

hope will be great futures for all. We also welcome new leadership to two of our schools. Andrea Sheratt will become Principal at St. Patricks and I'd like to welcome Tom Leverage to Cardinal Wiseman. Those of you familiar with our newsletter will certainly notice a difference in this latest version, where we're introducing our new branding, reflecting an update to our identity. Thankfully, our Vision, Mission, Values and Aims in delivering the best possible education to our children and supporting our staff and wider school/parish communities remains unchanged, with our commitment to delivering it, unrelenting.

Over the coming months you will see updates to all of our school websites as we look to continue raising the profile of our schools and their work and achievements. I encourage you all to continue engaging with us. Feedback is important to us so please do contact our Hub team if you have anything to share.

Finally, on behalf of the Romero MAC Board of Directors I would like to wish you a very happy, holy and safe Summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Dean Kavanagh, Chair of The Board





# Working Smarter Together

The items highlighted below are examples of our strength working collaboratively as a MAC.

## Cardinal Wiseman Building Developments

We will be opening up a new visitor and student entrance in September 2017 which will create a safe and positive welcome to the school. It will remove the need for our visitors and pupils to enter at the vehicle entrance and the beautiful landscaped area at the new entrance will create a very positive first impression for pupils and visitors.

## Parent Mail Implementation

We have negotiated a very competitive contract with Parent Mail that will mean our eight schools will become cashless on their return in September. The new system will reduce administration time in our offices, help our staff to invest more time on teaching and learning activities and save our families precious time and risks in sending money to our schools.

## Catering Changes

We are delighted to confirm that from September 2017, catering across our MAC will be provided by Caterlink. Caterlink embrace natural ingredients, love seasonal produce, and develop ethical trading with many of our suppliers. Their meat, fruit & vegetables and bakery are all sourced from suppliers as near to the school as possible. All their meals are nutritionally compliant to the Government Standards for Food Served in Schools, giving our children the nutrition they need to reach their potential. The contract will invest thousands into our kitchens and extra hours for the kitchen staff to enable us to provide food that is 95% cooked on our sites. We will also offer excellent facilities for our staff to ensure they enjoy the benefits of the new improved catering service. Caterlink have extensive experience in catering for pupils that have specific dietary needs, ranging from gluten free diets, lactose / dairy intolerance and even textured diets for those with special requirements. Caterlink are a nut-free caterer and none of their products will contain any trace of nuts.

## Website

We're live! We're excited to announce that our new and refreshed website is now live. The updated site includes our new and improved branding identity, along with changes to navigation and dropdown menus for both mobile and desktop versions. We've also improved the structure of our content, to make it more user friendly. There's a whole host of smaller but impactful changes, all to make your experience of our website much better for you.

## Logo

Big news! Today, in line with the launch of our new website, we're releasing our new brand Romero MAC identity, which includes a new logo, colours, and font used across our MAC. You'll see the new look on our website, Facebook, Twitter and any other branded material that we use. We believe the new look enhances our corporate image and is another step in our journey of becoming a Beacon of Excellence in Catholic Education. We would love to hear your thoughts and feedback on the new branding by contacting us at [office@romero.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:office@romero.coventry.sch.uk)



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DAILY BASIS

"WE WERE THE  
FIRST FOOD FOR  
LIFE CATERER"

"95% OF FOOD  
IS MADE FRESH  
DAILY"

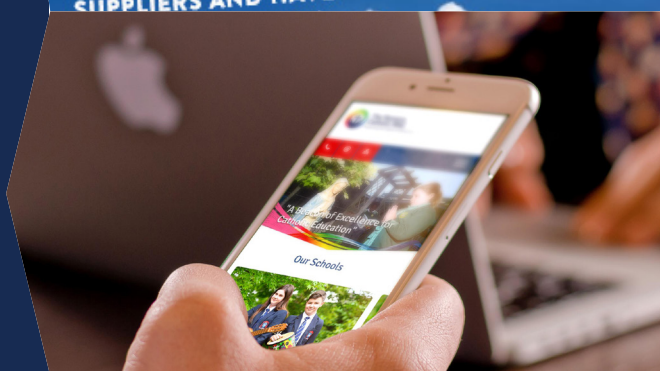
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ARE FREE RANGE  
& RSPCA FREEDOM  
FOOD ASSURED"

"WE USE LOCAL  
SUPPLIERS AND HAVE

"WE ONLY USE FISH  
THAT IS ON THE MSC  
GREEN LIST"



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# Romero Event News

## Sacred Heart Nursery & St Gregory's Nursery

A consultation has begun regarding a proposal to establish a nursery class at both Sacred Heart Catholic Primary school and St Gregory Catholic Primary school. This is a great opportunity for our schools and will result in more nursery places being available to meet the increased demand for nursery provision in the city due to more available free nursery provision for 3 and 4 year olds as set out in the Government strategy.

There will be two public consultation meetings held in September. This will be an opportunity for members of the community to explore the Nursery projects further:

- **Sacred Heart Catholic Primary,**  
Bray's Lane, Coventry Wednesday 6th September at 5pm
- **St Gregory Catholic Primary,**  
Harry Rose Road, Coventry Tuesday 5th September at 5pm

Please confirm your attendance to the consultation meetings or for further information please contact **02476 451888** or **office@romero.coventry.sch.uk**

## Romero Networks Maths/English Sarah Malem

Sarah Malam, Headteacher at Courthouse Green has led a year long programme on raising standards in English and Maths for middle and senior leaders across the Primary schools. As a serving inspector, Sarah has led a review in each of the seven primary schools on reading, writing or maths, with the group of leaders monitoring, reviewing and developing action points on the relevant aspect. As a result of the programme, attendees evaluations show that they feel more confident in evaluating provision, identifying progress in outcomes and the key school improvement activities that will have most impact. The ability to focus on school performance data and how this leads to trails with a serving inspector/ Headteacher was also valued.

We thank Sarah for leading the professional development for 14 leaders.  
Jordana Woodward, Claire Carlin, Angie Masterson, Lauren Devine, Linda Edge, Colette Cunningham, Lesley Burton, Sara Dzydzan, Marg Baker, Julie Duggan, Lisa Downing, Greg Hamilton, Natalie Stanton, Melissa Allport.

## Year 4 Sports Festival

On July 6th Year 4 children across our MAC joined together to take part in our annual Year 4 Sports Festival held at Cardinal Wiseman secondary school. The children had a wonderful day taking part in healthy competition, whilst making new friends they hope to meet again when they move up to secondary school. **#CardinalWiseman**  
**#transition #movingonup**

## Primaries Sports Day

All our Romero Primary schools held their annual sports days this terms. There were lots of activities and events and all the children had a fabulous time. Some even finished the day off with a refreshing ice lolly.



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# News from our schools

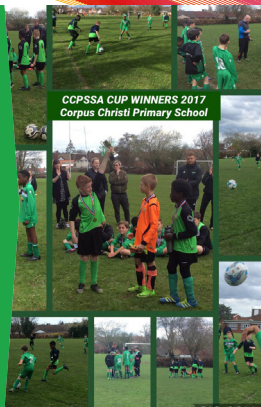
## Malawi

Students on the Malawi trip took a visit to Bhunda School and St Matthews School in Malawi, where they led a class, teaching the children how to write letters to their pen pals at Corpus Christi.



## CCPSA Cup Winners Corpus

Well done to Corpus Christi who won the Coventry Catholic Sports Partnership Award on March 31st. Thank you to St Augustine's for giving them a great game!



## 50th Celebrations

On 17th May, Good Shepherd celebrated their 50th anniversary with a beautiful anniversary Mass. Thank you to all who attended and helped celebrate such a special occasion.



## Year 1 Weston Super Mare Trip

Year 1 at St John Fisher had a fabulous day at Weston Super Mare. They enjoyed a wonderful day at the beach and the weather was beautiful.



## 50th Celebrations

SS Peter & Paul held a special event to mark its half-century milestone. Children and staff were joined by visitors including former pupils and teachers for the Feast Day Mass, which celebrated the history of the school. A ceremony to remember former pupil Sophia MacDonald who passed away in October last year, was also held during the day, and a memorial bench and blossom tree situated in the school grounds were blessed.



## Sports Day

Staff at St Gregory's and St John Fisher also took part in some sporting events this year with a friendly netball match St Gregory's vs St John Fisher on 23rd June! Well done all, great teamwork.



## Bugsy Malone Show

Sacred Heart pupils took part in their fabulous performance of Bugsy Malone this term. The pupils were able to get on stage at the Albany Theatre for their performance. Well done to everyone involved.



## Rise Theatre Productions

Children at St Patrick's had a fantastic visit from Rise Theatre who helped them learn all about the life of Oscar Romero.



## It's a Knockout

Cardinal Wiseman had a fabulous day on Friday 14th July starting with Mass to welcome back the Malawi team and also to give a Thanksgiving of service to Mary Middleton and Liz Kenward, followed by an afternoon of inflatable fun and games! We would also like to thank Monarch Education for attending the day and providing refreshments for the event.



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## Starters

Welcome to all our new starters. We are excited for you to join us on our journey to reach our vision as a 'Beacon of Excellence for Catholic Education'

Cardinal Wiseman	<b>Miss M Batley</b>
Cardinal Wiseman	<b>Mrs SR Mislang</b>
Cardinal Wiseman	<b>Miss D Heaney</b>
Cardinal Wiseman	<b>Mrs S Jefferson</b>
Cardinal Wiseman	<b>Mrs DM Singleton</b>
Cardinal Wiseman	<b>Miss R Robertson</b>
Cardinal Wiseman	<b>Mr JE Wells</b>
Cardinal Wiseman	<b>Miss MP Cantillon</b>
St Gregory's	<b>Mrs A Greenwood</b>
St John Fisher	<b>Miss L Maddy</b>
St John Fisher	<b>Miss L Somers</b>
Good Shepherd	<b>Ms E Williams</b>
Good Shepherd	<b>Ms J Rafferty</b>
Good Shepherd/Romero	<b>Mr N Bellamy</b>

## Leavers

Farewell to all our staff leaving for pastures new. We thank you for your support within the academy and wish you all the best for the future.

Corpus Christi	<b>Mrs A Busby</b>
Corpus Christi	<b>Miss J Spires</b>
Corpus Christi	<b>Miss J Kilcoyne</b>
Corpus Christi	<b>Ms Michelle Pazderski</b>
Cardinal Wiseman	<b>Ms VA Lewis</b>
Cardinal Wiseman	<b>Mr E Edwards</b>
Cardinal Wiseman	<b>Ms TM McDonald</b>
Cardinal Wiseman	<b>Mrs M Studenna</b>
Cardinal Wiseman	<b>Mrs J Lloyd</b>
Cardinal Wiseman	<b>Mrs S Grute</b>
Cardinal Wiseman	<b>Miss AC Harkin</b>
Cardinal Wiseman	<b>Miss S Maddison</b>
Cardinal Wiseman	<b>Ms Mariola Studenna</b>
Good Shepherd	<b>Ms K Reyatt</b>
Good Shepherd	<b>Mr M Hewitt</b>
St John Fisher	<b>Mrs M Dalton</b>
St John Fisher	<b>Mrs G Paleolog Donald</b>
St John Fisher	<b>Mrs ES Carr</b>
St Gregory's	<b>Mrs KK Tambar</b>
Sacred Heart	<b>Ms H Hampton</b>
Sacred Heart	<b>Mr T Kirby</b>

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD,  
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future..  
**Jeremiah**

