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Brendan Fawcett

Welcome to our Summer newsletter

Welcome to our Summer newsletter, which is once again filled with some amazing stories from across our schools; it has been a very busy term for our eight schools.

Our Lay Chaplains, Beth and Tom have been working closely with our Year 3 students, ahead of their First Holy Communion. On page 4 you will be able to read about other activities that have been happening between the chaplaincy team, GIFT team and pupils across school.

It was magnificent to see the theatre packed to the rafters for Cardinal Wiseman's performance of Wizard of Oz. This performance was the first Secondary production in our state-of-the-art theatre and I would like to extend my personal congratulations to the whole cast and staff who worked so hard. I am very much looking forward to watching next year's production!

Congratulations to the team at Sacred Heart on achieving platinum status for their OPAL offering. It is the first in the city and the assessors

said the 18 months it took to achieve platinum was one of the quickest they have seen.

Summer Term is always full of Sporting events, and the annual Romero sports awards was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate all our up-and-coming sports stars. This year, we were lucky enough to have Tom Cruse as guest speaker at the event and I agree with what Tom said **"Celebrating what you're good at, being yourself and working hard are all important. If these pupils can set a goal work backwards from it; there's nothing stopping them achieving."**

On the subject of achievement, I do hope that all students in Year 11 and Year 13 receive the results they deserve; may the results enable you to go onto your next destination as you find your place in the world. I am

pleased to see how many of our Year 11 intend to stay with us into Year 12 - long may the journey of learning continue!

We often say that our staff are our greatest asset and I, along with the Board, want to take this opportunity to thank all our staff and governors. You have all worked tirelessly this academic year to ensure our 3,500 pupils are safe, secure, and happy so they can flourish in all that they do. Our social event on July 14th was our way of saying 'Thank you' and I hope many of you were able to attend.

I wish you a restful and relaxing summer holiday.

God Bless.

Brendan Fawcett

On behalf of the Romero
MAC Board of Directors



Romero Way of the Cross

During Lent all the Primary schools in the Romero Academy sent their Gift Teams, to Cardinal Wiseman to plan an act of collective worship which took place at another primary school. The Gift Team (Growing in Faith Together) is a group of students who help to lead the faith life of the school, organising and leading acts of worship and helping to create displays around the school.

All Gift Teams were taught the Lenten Romero song 'The In Between' by Matt Maher by Beth Mitchell, assistant Lay Chaplain at Cardinal Wiseman, and Wiseman students who are part of the Chaplaincy Leadership programme.

Each act of worship covered a theme connected to Lent to help children reflect on the meaning behind Lent and how we could join Jesus in preparing for Easter.

All acts of worship were live streamed

to all other schools in the Academy, meaning everyone joined together in prayer. A cross was passed through each primary school where a part of the cross was decorated to represent the importance of faith in their school community.

Holy Communion day retreats

Throughout the summer term Year 3 students, from all Romero primary schools, have visited Cardinal Wiseman to take part in a sacramental preparation retreat day for their First Holy Communion.

The day is themed around Superheros, and how when receive Christ in the form of Communion he works through us to make us the best disciples possible - the superheroes of the Church! Just like superhero's use their superpowers, it's important that we allow Christ's light to shine through us in everything we do. The Year 3's were led by some of the amazing Year 8 and 9 students who are currently a part of the Chaplaincy Leadership Programme at Cardinal Wiseman.





Living sustainably at Cardinal Wiseman

More than 100 local primary school children dug in to help create a multispecies forest that will educate city youngsters in the future.

Year 5 and 6 pupils from across the academy and local area began the process of planting more than 300 trees that will grow to become the 'Wiseman Wood'.

The wood, which is located behind the school's main playing fields, will serve as a learning and reflection space for current and future pupils. The area contains saplings of birch, coppice, apple and cherry trees, as well as holly, hawthorn and wildflower meadows to encourage birds and insects to pass through the school's grounds.

The day marked 15 years since King Charles III visited the school to plant a lime tree in its grounds, to celebrate Earth Day in 2008.

Pupils also had the opportunity to

make their own bird feeders from recycled items, while learning about the ecology of plant-life and nature within the school in a carousel of activities.

The event was led by pupils from Cardinal Wiseman's Eco Club. This is a group of 12 pupils who meet weekly to discuss eco-friendly changes that can be made around the school, as well as long-term initiatives like the Wiseman Wood that future pupils will benefit from.

Benita, who is part of the Eco Club, said: **"I think it's great that we are able to get involved in these kinds of activities at school as it's something we should all be thinking about, especially for the younger generation who will be leading climate action into the future."**

"We have been ambitious in our long-term goals to ensure pupils have good knowledge of the natural world and the issues facing it..."



"Planning and hosting the day has been a really exciting experience, and I hope the younger pupils will take a lot away from it, including in their curriculum learning at school."

James Elkins, Science Teacher and Eco Club Coordinator at Cardinal Wiseman, said:

"We are extremely proud of the eco-learning and green initiatives that we deliver at Cardinal Wiseman, with pupils always at the heart of these activities. We are also applying to Eco Schools to hopefully attain Green Flag status for our school."

"We have been ambitious in our long-term goals to ensure pupils have good knowledge of the natural world and the issues facing it, and today has represented a great

chance to continue bringing more of the Romero family into the fold."

Kelly Smith, teacher at Saint John Fisher Catholic Primary School, said:

"For some of our pupils it is their third Eco Day. They have learnt so much along the way and their enthusiasm has been absolutely amazing. They are really keen to learn about how they can help to save the planet."

"The day has given us plenty of ideas for exciting projects and activities to bring back and implement at our own school, and it's been brilliant to be involved."

The day was also supported by Jonathan Ensell, who is the founder of Roots to Fruit Midlands, a horticulture education programme.

He said: **"In terms of practical educational facilities related to nature and the environment, I've not seen anything close to the scale of what Cardinal Wiseman and the Romero Academy are doing."**

"The features they have created today will provide multiple generations of learners with incredible opportunities to learn about the natural world."





A garden fit for a King

Ss Peter and Paul school celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III by unveiling a new eco-inspired play and education facility.

Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School, has celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III by unveiling a new eco-inspired play and education facility; naming its new outdoor learning environment the 'Coronation Garden' to mark the historic occasion.

The garden, which contains a range of structures including a reading shelter made out of recycled wood, will provide all pupils throughout the school with an area to learn, play and relax - with plenty of opportunities for den building and climbing.

The facility was funded by the Romero Catholic Academy and officially opened by Foundation Director Dean Kavanagh in a ribbon cutting ceremony, with plans to add more to the facility and expand it in the years to come.

Head Boy Boris and Head Girl Britney planted an apple tree within the Coronation Garden and pupils also

took part in a litter picking session before being joined by parents and staff for a coronation picnic.

Lorraine Stanton, Executive Principal at Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School, said: **"Opening our new outdoor learning environment was a fantastic way to mark the Coronation, bringing staff, pupils and parents together to enjoy a picnic and get hands-on with activities in the garden."**

"The garden can be used in a wide variety of ways, allowing pupils to have a relaxing moment or to get creative, and provides a great setting to host classes for all pupils from reception right through to year 6."

"We are extremely grateful to the Romero Academy for funding this project and we are looking forward to seeing our pupils make use of it over the years."





Living in solidarity

Neighbourhoods in Coventry have been adorned with hundreds of artistic expressions of love thanks to a creative project honouring mums in the city.

Pupils at Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School have distributed more than 200 pebble art creations throughout parks and green spaces in the area for locals to find and help spread the love.

Pupils in all year groups at the school were given a pebble to decorate with felt tips or paint around the theme of 'spreading joy for others' in honour of any maternal figures in their lives inspired by Mother's Day, before sealing them with varnish to protect them against the outdoors.

Parents were also invited to get involved to help pupils or create their own pebble art.

Megan Scullion, Associate Principal at Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School, said: **"It was brilliant to bring together so many parents and pupils**

at our craft session on Friday, and great to see some of the creations that our pupils made.

"While Mother's Day is an important opportunity to show gratitude to mothers, grandmothers and other family members and carers, our pebble art project is designed to extend this out into the wider community over a longer period of time.

"The project is one of many community initiatives that our pupils are involved in throughout the school year as we look to play an active role in bringing people in the area closer together. We hope that people will spot the creations, and that they bring a moment of joy or reflection when they are walking their dog or are simply out and about."





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**The Wiseman
Connection**

Alumni: Life after Wiseman

Courage Khumalo

School Life

Courage Khumalo, 29, is originally from South Africa and moved to the UK aged 10.

Courage, who remembers being a lot taller than others his age when he arrived, enjoyed school but often found that he struggled to maintain his attention during lessons. He started his Romero Catholic Academy journey at Saint Patrick's Catholic Primary School after attending a school in Zimbabwe.

He said: "I joined up with the rest of my immediate family after taking the flight by myself, leaving behind my auntie who I had been living with for the last couple of years. I was very excited as I hadn't seen my mum or sisters in a long time, but it proved to be a difficult transition.

"Teachers took time to speak to me

and make me feel at home, which I really appreciated, but from the start I had a few issues settling in, and then found it hard to stay out of trouble in class.

"I was a big kid and I remember getting into a fight on my first day. It was a huge culture shock for me as children have a lot more freedom and can be closer to the teachers, rather than them being a very serious figure of authority."

Courage moved to Cardinal Wiseman in 2005 and found he was faced with new obstacles to overcome, eventually finding his feet thanks to extra-curricular activities – including basketball.

He said: "If I'm being honest, it got to a point where I needed lots of support to get through school. I found it so easy to get into trouble, despite having mostly good relationships with my teachers. I was very easily distracted and easy to wind up, and it started to affect all aspects of school life.

"Things eventually got better as I had more opportunities to put my mind to things outside the classroom. During my later years at school, I became heavily involved in extra-curricular activities from basketball to choir and musical theatre. Once I had found these outlets where I could apply myself, other aspects of school became a lot easier.

"I helped out a lot wherever I could, and I would take pretty much any opportunity I had to be busy. At one stage I was even advised not to be a student leader as I was already doing so much on top of my lessons, as well as doing including being Sports Ambassador for the West Midlands and Adidas.

"After first discovering basketball at Cardinal Wiseman, I was very serious about it and was probably playing five or six times per week. When you are on the court you have to focus your mind and your body, but there's also lots of tactical

elements and opportunities to improvise, so as a young man with lots of energy it was an incredible outlet and a perfect fit for me at the time.

"I could use any frustration that had built up during the school day or at home and turn it into focus on the court, and it's something that I look back on as an important part of my formative years."

Career

Courage played youth basketball to a high level as a centre, but chose another path after being told by an American scout that **"you can teach talent, but you can't teach height"** as despite his size he was still 5 or 6 inches shorter than his competitors.

"I played in England youth camps and teams across the West Midlands. It had very quickly moved from a hobby I was passionate about to a huge part of my life.

"When it got to the point where I had progressed as far as I could, as the centre is usually the tallest player on the team playing near the basket, I decided to go back to Sixth Form at Cardinal Wiseman and go down the education route.

"I picked up A Levels in ICT, Science and PE, and got a place at Coventry University through clearing studying biological and medical science.

"I really struggled to begin with, and later, when I was 26, found out I was dyslexic, which explains some of my struggles at school."

Courage added: "I've had a few different careers since graduating, but what I really enjoy is working with people and helping them overcome challenges.

"I got to do this for a while when I was volunteering as part of Guardian Ballers, which is a brilliant initiative that connects boys and girls in Coventry and creates a great sense of community and opportunities to develop through sport.

"I've since moved away for work and have been in a variety of industries, but Coventry still feels like home. I hope that in my next career move I can do something where I am working with young people. I would really like to come back to my city one day and help people who faced some of the challenges that I did as a youngster."



Advice to pupils

Courage said: "Looking back, I am really grateful for the experiences I had while at school. I'm a big believer in throwing yourself into any opportunities that come your way as you never know what you might gain from them.

"If you can surround yourself with good people during key moments in your life, then you stand a chance of succeeding. That's definitely what I found at school, and it's something I would say to anyone regardless of the issues they are facing. Once you add your own determination to the mix, you can do anything."



Wizard of Oz comes to Cardinal Wiseman

A capacity crowd were whisked away to the magical land of Oz, pupils delivered their debut stage production at a new state-of-the-art facility.

A group of 19 pupils at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School received stellar reviews from a combined audience of more than 500 parents, family and friends last week as they piled in to see the school's production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

The pupils, including five from year 11 providing sound and lighting support, were the first to make use of Cardinal Wiseman's refurbished performing arts facility as part of a full school production of the classic tale, with cast and crew gathering twice a week for rehearsals following auditions in October last year.

The new theatre, which was unveiled in 2021 and named after Saint Charles Lwanga, saw the school hall transformed to include theatre-style automated seating, professional lighting and a hi-tech sound system.

Kirsti Greenway, Performing Arts Teacher at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School, said: **"It's been absolutely brilliant to have devised and delivered our first school production in this amazing facility, and to have had so much support**



from our Principal, Matthew Everett and the wider academy to put as much as we can into this performance.

"The new theatre provides an amazing platform for our students to express their creative talents, and gives them an early insight into how a theatre production works behind the scenes and the different roles and skills involved.

"I'd like to thank all the staff and parents who have supported us

along the way. We are extremely proud of what the pupils have achieved, and can't wait to get started on our next production."

Year 11 pupil Stephanie was one of two pupils sharing the lead role of Dorothy. She said: "It's been so much fun being involved.

"It's been a really exciting experience and I've made new friends along the way, and it's been great to see so many people from across the school supporting us."



The Wiseman Connection

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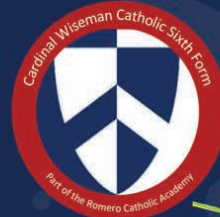
So many people have passed through our school – some still live in the catchment area and others have reached all corners of the world with undoubtedly many stories to tell of their lives and memories of their time at CW.



If you would be interested in working with our students during the 2022/23 Academic Year - please contact us via the email below!



We hope to welcome you soon!



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School improvement

Maths challenge

A number of children from across all eight schools were identified and selected by their teachers as being gifted and talented mathematicians. They enjoyed an exciting afternoon of tackling team challenges covering all area of maths (including Fibonacci sequences) as part of their preparations for completing the Junior Maths Challenge.

We are incredibly proud of all the participants and are delighted to announce that 20 children achieved the Bronze award, with 7 of those achieving the Silver award. A special mention to Michael at Corpus Christi who achieved the highest score in the MAC and a big thank you to Mr. Kirby for all of his work in organising the events.



Spelling bee

At the start of the Summer Term, pupils from across our eight schools gathered together to take part in our 'Romero Catholic Academy Spelling Bee'. The event aimed to create a 'buzz' around spelling in our schools and give pupils the chance to showcase their spelling skills.

The events were hosted at Saint John Fisher and Cardinal Wiseman Schools. Pupils worked together in their school teams to complete quizzes and challenges and the winning teams were awarded with trophies and medals which were presented in their school assemblies.

It was a fantastic event and the children did us proud!

Thank you to our host schools and a special mention to Mrs Smith (Saint John Fisher) and our Cardinal Wiseman Sixth Form Students who went above and beyond to ensure the Spelling Bee was a huge success.

Geography fieldwork (pictured at top of page)

This term, our Primary School children have been developing their geographical fieldwork skills in order to study human and physical features within our environment. Year 1 pupils have been lucky enough to visit the beach with trips to the seaside including Weston Super Mare and Skegness. Our Year 4 pupils are currently studying rivers and have all taken part in River Study trips at National Parks in Coventry's surrounding areas. Pupils have learned so much from these hands-on experiences and have shown themselves to be wonderful stewards of God's creation.





Platinum for Sacred Heart OPAL

Sacred Heart has been awarded Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Platinum status, becoming the first school in the city to receive the mark which places it among the top one per cent of facilities in the UK.

The assessors, who visit facilities and award OPAL accreditations across the globe, commented that Sacred Heart's transformation from launch to Platinum status in 18 months was the quickest they had seen.

Officially opening to pupils in May last year, staff worked with an OPAL mentor ahead of launch to learn how to make the most out of a range of play zones including a water area with a bath and taps, mud kitchen complete with pots, pans and aprons, a construction zone, sandpit, quiet spaces, music areas, and a woodland trail.

OPAL aims to provide each child with the best play time possible to improve their health, wellbeing and fitness and ensure they return to the classroom happy to help promote better learning.

Sacred Heart was the first school in Coventry to sign up to the initiative and remains one of a handful across the West Midlands to put the scheme into action.



Sophie Newman, Teacher at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, said: **"During seven years at primary school, children spend 1.4 years on average at play. We started the OPAL journey as we wanted to ensure that all of our children experience amazing play opportunities every day."**

"The assessors were absolutely blown away by the play provision we provide at Sacred Heart and were amazed by the journey we have been on over the last year or so."

"We are incredibly proud of this achievement and want to thank staff, parents and the wider school



community for their amazing support. It wouldn't have been possible without them, and we are now looking forward to building on this and have some more exciting projects in the pipeline."

"It will take lots of support and effort to maintain this high standard, from financial support to donations of items to play with, to people volunteering their time - we are always looking at ways we can continue to develop our play environment. If any businesses or individuals are able to support us in our goal to get the most out of playtime for our children, please get in touch with the school office."



Celebrating sports at Romero

More than 250 parents, carers and students helped to celebrate the sporting achievements of our eight schools at our annual awards ceremony.



Northampton Saints hooker Tom Cruse joined staff and pupils from across the Romero Catholic Academy at the 2023 Romero Sports Awards, as top teams and performers from the last year were recognised in front of a packed audience at Cardinal Wiseman.

Tirenioluwa Oketola of Saint Gregory's claimed the KS1 Achiever Award, with Nadia Sikona of Saint Patrick's taking home the KS2 prize. Cardinal Wiseman's Oliva Aynes was awarded the accolade in the KS3/4 category, with all three representing their schools across a range of sports.



Jack O'Connor of Corpus Christi and Shannon Whelan of Cardinal Wiseman were handed the Leader award in the KS2 and KS3/4 categories respectively for their dedication to extra-curricular sports and inspiring other pupils to take part.

The awards also highlighted the quality of PE provisions and extra-curricular initiatives designed to boost sports participation of thousands of pupils across the Romero Catholic Academy - with key staff recognised for going above and beyond curriculum requirements.

Good Shepherd girls football squad picked up Team of the Year thanks to the commitment of pupils in the first full year of the programme.

Harry Clark, PE teacher at Corpus Christi, was recognised for his role in creating the Road to Paris 2024 project, which has seen the school collaborating with others in the city to give young people the skills to host sports activities for all abilities.

Lisa North of Cardinal Wiseman was also recognised, sharing the award for Staff Member of the Year with Harry, for her contribution to a jam-packed year of competitive success for pupils across a range of sports - including at the 2022 International Children's Games in Coventry, and the creation of new extra-curricular activities.

Saint Gregory's picked up School of the Year after it was recognised for its sports leader programme, while all pupils are said to have



represented the school in a sporting competition over the last year.

Elise Liggins of Saint Patrick's was also recognised for her role in supporting sports engagement across the Romero Catholic Academy, including the organisation of the sports awards.

Eleanor Barry, Foundation Director at the Romero Catholic Academy, said: **"I'd like to thank parents, carers and staff for encouraging children to enjoy sport and Tom for joining us at the 2023 Romero Sports Awards."**

"The nominations and winners have shown an incredible range of talent and commitment, and it's been delightful to see so many parents and carers as their support is crucial in maximising their talents as we continue to work together to allow children to reach their God-given potential."

Tom Cruse said: "I probably had an unorthodox route into sport as I didn't turn professional until I was 22, but my dad was someone who definitely inspired me from a young age, not just in rugby, but in terms of having a love of sport."

"At Northampton Saints, we talk a lot about putting your personality on the pitch. Celebrating what you're good at, being yourself and working hard are all important. If these pupils can set a goal work backwards from it, there's nothing stopping them achieving."



Great big dance off

Staff and pupils at Sacred Heart are celebrating after the school's dance team claimed second place in the national final of the Great Big Dance Off, putting in a showstopping performance in front of a national audience.

The competition saw the best 31 primary school dance teams from across England perform at The New Theatre in Oxford, with the panel of judges ranking Sacred Heart in second place after progressing from the regional heats in March.

Sophie Newman, of Sacred Heart, said: **"We were ecstatic to make it through to the National Finals again this year. After coming fourth at last year's finals all of our dancers were really enthused to keep performing and training hard, and their hard work has paid off with an incredible result considering the strength of the competition."**

"Our dance team are such a dedicated and energetic group, and we had some fantastic feedback from judges and audience members. We are extremely proud of everyone who took part and would like to thank all

parents, carers and support on our journey over the last year."

The achievement came just days after the Romero Catholic Academy launched the Cov Schools Dance Off, which saw 80 youngsters take part in the first city-wide entry level dance competition for primary school pupils, with Sacred Heart claiming the top prize.

Corpus Christi and Saint Patrick's, which are also part of the Romero Catholic Academy as well as Saint Augustine's Catholic Primary School, Eastern Green Junior School and Grangehurst Primary School also took part in the event, held at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School, with many youngsters performing on stage and competing in a dance competition for the first time.

Eastern Green Junior School claimed second place with

Corpus Christi picking up third.

Sophie said: **"Everyone who took part can be proud of their performances, with some great teamwork and enthusiasm on show throughout the evening. We are extremely proud of our Sacred Heart team who all put in magnificent performances on their way to claiming top prize and would like to congratulate everyone who took part."**

"It's the first year we've run this competition which we've set up especially as a local, fun opportunity for Coventry Primary school dancers to compete in an entry level competition."

"We hope to continue this as a yearly event and grow in size with even more schools and pupils to celebrate the talent and love for dance across our city's primary schools."



Corpus Christi's got talent

Corpus Christi pupils wowed the crowds after taking centre stage in an all-school talent competition.

Nursery to Year 6 children from Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School, showcased their hidden talents and performing abilities in Corpus' Got Talent - which took place as part of the school's Feast Day celebrations.

No stranger to having talented pupils put on a show, Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School hosted the day, providing its top of the range theatre facilities for youngsters to show off their skills and deliver a host of crowd-pleasing performances.

Among the entries were show-stopping singing and dancing and breathtaking musical performances, as well as impressive martial arts and comedy displays, and even Rubik's Cube challenges.

Zoe Stanbridge of Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School said: **"It was an amazing experience for our children from nursery to Year 6, who took part and shone on the stage with their performances."**

"Parents were overwhelmed with the



level of talent showcased during the evening and made a very enthusiastic and delighted audience as they watched their children excel, not to mention our witty comperes, who took us through the evening and added to the entertainment.

"It was lovely to be able to give an opportunity for a huge number of children to shine so brightly and each

one of them has a real sense of accomplishment from the day.

"It was an evening where every member of staff was full of pride and reminded what a privilege it is to work with our unique young people.

"There has been a real buzz around the school with children already thinking about what they might do next year for their auditions."



CLASS OF 2023



Prom night for year 11

Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School has held another successful in-house Prom in celebration of their Year 11 Class of 2023.

Following success from across the last two years, the school continued its tradition of hosting the annual event in the John Paul II Sports Hall for the third year in a row.

The guest list - which was made up of students, staff and invited members of the school's Alumni - brought together almost 200 people for an evening of celebration and remembrance, in reflection of the students' journey at the school.

Charlotte Lindsay, who was the student's Head of Year from 2019, said: **"It was wonderful to be able to celebrate together after all of the students' hard work and commitment to their studies. They all looked truly wonderful."**

"As a generation, they have had to encounter challenges that no other has faced having gone through education during the pandemic. Taking in their stride changes in routine and compulsory additional learning - each day they proved themselves to be a generation with core resilience. They may not realise it yet, but overcoming



such difficulties will truly help guide them through the future challenges they have to face, having experienced so much so young.

"Everyone has a different pathway and will go off and do different things. It fills me with such excitement to know that there is so much excitement ahead for them all, but also sadness because for many, I will not get to be part of their new chapter. It has been difficult for me to come to terms with this, however I feel confident that whichever direction they take, they all have the tools to go out there and be the best version of themselves.

"My final note for the evening was that they go and achieve great things, enjoy the summer and most importantly, make sure they spend at least a moment of their time during the evening to thank a teacher that has helped them along the way. These words go a long way in reminding why each and every member of staff in the room does their job, and I can speak on behalf of the entire staff body when I say - we are incredibly proud of them all."



Social Snapshot



Corpus Christi
@CorpusChristi

This morning Father Stephen spoke to the children in Early Years and KS1 about Vocations and what it means to be called by God.



Corpus Christi
@CorpusChristi

Our Athletics team participated in the annual Catholic Athletics Gala at Warwick University earlier this week.



Good Shepherd
@goodshepherdcoventry

We have had our chippy tea and have set up our beds for the night. Now for some fun and games before we start our campfire.
#romeroexperiences



Good Shepherd
@goodshepherdcoventry

Year 4 have had a great day taking part in a cricket competition. We have learnt so many new skills and shown great sportsmanship. Well done Year 4.



Ss Peter and Paul
@sspeterpaulcoventry

COMMUNION DAY!
A huge congratulations to our Year 3 children who received the special sacrament of First Holy Communion today. Thank you to all parents, carers, family and friends who helped make the day so special.



Sacred Heart
@SacredHeartCov

We're off to see the wizard, the wonderful Wizard of Oz! We are so proud of our children. Their talent, dedication to learning their lines, focus and commitment meant that our show was nothing short of spectacular.



Ss Peter and Paul
@sspeterpaulcoventry

Last Friday, Year 1 children enjoyed our Romero Music Morning. The children listened to different singers, made their own dance and created their own posters based on their favourite artists! Well done Year 1!





Sacred Heart @SacredHeartCov

Year 1 have really enjoyed using our story map and creating actions to help us retell the story of The Lighthouse Keeper's lunch.
#romerochild #romerothrives



St Gregory @stgregoryscoventry

A snapshot from takeover day! The children loved shadowing the staff at school, listening to readers, supporting with the delivery of readers and helping students with their learning. Well done Y6.



St John Fisher @SJFCoventry

Yesterday some of our children took a trip to The Halo Centre Food bank warehouse. They packed parcels which will be sent out to 14 Foodbanks across the city. Members of the SVP (St Vincent de Paul) of St John Fisher parish joined us.



St John Fisher @SJFCoventry

SJF had a very special guest show up at the school fete! We are not sure who was more excited, the children or staff! A huge thank you to Gustavo Hamer for taking the time to have pictures taken with children and staff and for signing shoes! A true gentleman. #PUSB



St Gregory @stgregoryscoventry

Parachute in Nursery: Today we talked about Pentecost and to explain the Holy Spirit we talked about the wind and breeze. We used the Parachute to explore the elements of wind and strength.



St Patricks @StPatricksCov

It was a pleasure to welcome all of our new Nursery and Reception parents, we are so excited to meet all of the children on transition day. Thank you for choosing St Patrick's.



St Patricks @StPatricksCov

They're all ready to start the Climate Cantata performance with @coventry_music.



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