

Romero News

News and events from across
The Romero Catholic Multi-Academy Company



Romero Remembers

The MUGA pitch is named after much loved principal

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Cardinal Wiseman vocation week; speakers inspire all

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Romero feast day Mass reminds us of our Saint.

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Welcome

Dear Romero Community,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our Spring 2026 edition of Romero News. As we move from the rich celebrations of the Jubilee Year into the gentle but challenging invitation of the Year of Saint Francis, there is a real sense across our MAC of continuing the journey with renewed purpose. Saint Francis' call to simplicity, stewardship and compassion will, I hope, shape the months ahead for all of us whether staff, pupils, governors or families.

You will see on the front page the wonderful photograph of pupils from across our MAC celebrating our Romero Feast day; their smiles capturing perfectly the joy and energy that run through this edition. That same sense of life fills every story within these pages. Whether it is the powerful remembrance of Kevin Shakespeare and the naming of the community pitch in his honour, the creativity of World Book Day, the inspiring success of our dance troupe, or the deeply moving Year 5 retreat at Alton Castle, each article reflects a Catholic community that continues to flourish.

There is so much to celebrate: the commitment of our staff, the leadership shown by pupils of all ages, the partnerships between schools, and the memorable moments, big and small, that remind us what it means to be part of the Romero family.

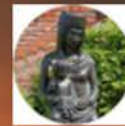
New chapters await - we wish Mrs Kingham the very best of luck as she begins her role as principal at Saint John Fisher - I am sure she will be very much missed at Saint Patrick. Thank you to Mr Madia for his tenure at Saint John Fisher during the Spring term, and we thank Mrs Restell for taking up the seconded post for a term at Saint Patrick to lead the school as we appoint a new principal for September.

As we step into the Easter season, may you find the peace, rest and hope that this time of year promises and on behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter.

Brendan Fawcett, Chair of the Board of Directors



Parish Mass Times



Easter Services 2026

Thursday 26th March: St Anne, 6pm Friday 27th March: Corpus Christi, 6pm Friday 27th March: Our Lady of Assumption, Mass & Penitential Service, 6.30pm Saturday
 Coventry & Newcastle Catholic Diocese



	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday	Easter Sunday
Corpus Christi and Saint Anne Parish	7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (at Saint Anne's) watching until 9.30pm	3pm Passion of Our Lord (at Corpus Christi)	10am Office of Readings and Easter basket blessing 8.15pm Easter Vigil (at Corpus Christi)	11.00am Mass (at Corpus Christi)
Sacred Heart Parish	7.00pm Mass of the Lord's supper followed by watching until 11pm	12-1.30pm Fast lunch in the Hall 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion 7.00pm Stations of the Cross	9am Blessing of the Easter Baskets. 7pm Easter Vigil	10.30am Mass
Saint Elizabeth Parish	7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper	11am Passion play by children 12.30pm Stations of the Cross. 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion	7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass	9.15am and 11.15am Mass
Saint John Fisher Parish	7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, watching with the Lord until 10.30pm (Night prayer at 10.15 pm)	3.00pm Passion of Our Lord 7.00pm Way of the Cross	8.15pm Easter Vigil	9.30am and 11.30am Mass
Saint Patrick Parish	7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, watching until 9pm	10.00am Children's Liturgy 3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord 7pm Stations of the Cross.	10.30am Polish Blessing of food 8pm Easter Vigil Mass	10.30am Mass

Celebrating the Retirement of Sheila Rendall

This term, we say a very special thank you and a fond farewell to Sheila, who has retired after an incredible 39 years of dedicated service in the Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School kitchen.

Sheila joined the school back in January 1987, and in that time she has prepared an estimated one million school meals for generations of Good Shepherd pupils. From her early days on Spring Road to her final week in the kitchen, Sheila has been a constant source of warmth, care and delicious food.

A Heart for Children – and a Love of Mac and Cheese!

Sheila has seen many things change over nearly four decades, but her commitment to the children has always remained the same. As she shared:

“A lot has changed in the last 39 years but it’s always been a case of, if the children are happy, then I’m happy. I’ve always tried to make sure the food looks and tastes great, and there is rightly much more focus on nutritious meals now compared to when I first started”.

In recent years, Sheila became especially famous for her ‘Mac and Cheese’, which quickly became a firm favourite with pupils—and staff!

A Well-Deserved Retirement Ahead

To mark her retirement, pupils presented Sheila with beautiful flowers and a personalised rolling pin as a token of the school’s appreciation for her hard work, talent and kindness.

A lifelong Coventry resident, Sheila is now looking forward to travelling around the UK with her husband Stuart and spending more time with her growing family, including her five grandchildren and great-grandchild.

Thank You, Sheila

We are incredibly grateful for everything Sheila has done for our school community. Her warmth and compassion have touched the lives of countless children, and her presence in the kitchen will be greatly missed.

We wish her a joyful, relaxing, and adventure-filled retirement!



Remembering Kevin



On Friday 27 February, a number of staff from across Coventry Catholic schools, came together to play in a charity football match which was held to mark the first anniversary of Kevin Shakespeare's passing.

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School has renamed its Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) the "Kevin Shakespeare Community Pitch" in honour of its former principal who helped make the £300k scheme a reality.

Mr Shakespeare, who served as principal at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School from 2014 to 2019 before taking up the role at Corpus Christi, passed away from cancer in March 2025 aged 51.



Since opening in 2020, the floodlit 3G facility has provided around 70,000 places for people to play football, rugby, Gaelic football and other team sports.

The £500 raised by the charity match, which featured colleagues from 18 Coventry schools where Kevin either attended as a pupil or taught, helped bring the school community's fundraising for Myton Hospices to over £5,000 in the last 12 months.



Kevin's wife Sally unveils the "Kevin Shakespeare Community Pitch" with mum Bernie, in the presence of Principal Andy McConville (left) and Romero Catholic Academy CEO Helen Quinn (right)

Kevin's wife Sally and children Hollie, Chloe and Jack, attended the match along with his mother Bernie and his sisters.



Coventry West ran out 2-1 winners over Coventry East after a late goal from Kevin's son, Jack Shakespeare, clinched the trophy in front of family and friends who had gathered at the school.

The teams were comprised of staff from the 18 Catholic primary schools in the city, along with several secondary school colleagues and some of Kevin's close friends. Romero's in-house catering service provided hot food and drinks for players and spectators.

Earlier in the day, the school hosted a football festival featuring schools Kevin had taught at, attended as a pupil himself, or that his own children had attended, with girls' teams playing in the morning and boys in the afternoon. The event also featured a special appearance from Sky Blue Sam!

Andy McConville, principal at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School, said: "Kevin was a driving force in getting this facility built and since then it has had an enormous impact on the school and the community. We often have to turn away bookings because of how popular it is.

"To see so many former colleagues coming together to celebrate Kevin one year on has been the perfect way to celebrate his legacy, which is felt incredibly strongly by everyone at Corpus Christi.

"Corpus Christi pupils and children from across the Romero Catholic Academy have benefitted from regular access to the high-quality facility for lessons and extra-curricular activities as a result of the MUGA, with Mr Shakespeare also instrumental in establishing the school's first girls football team."

Helen Quinn, chief executive officer of the Romero Catholic Academy, which includes seven other Catholic schools in the city, said: "Kevin was a wonderful principal and his passion for football was well-known. The MUGA will continue to benefit our children and community for many years to come, just as Kevin always hoped.

"We'd like to thank everyone who has supported our fundraising for the Myton Hospices in his memory over the last year – the response has been incredible to see. Making the 3G pitch a reality was just one of the ways he had impacted the community during his time with us, and we're incredibly proud to be naming it in his memory."





Celebrating Saint Oscar Romero Feast Day

On Tuesday 24 March, we held a wonderful Mass at Saint Patrick Church to celebrate the patron Saint of our MAC, Saint Oscar Romero.

Father George and Father Tony celebrated the Mass at Saint Patrick. Father George centred his homily on how Saint Oscar continues to inspire us today, to 'be more' in how we live our lives.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Mass.





Connie Talbot

This term pupils from SS Peter and Paul and St Patrick had the unforgettable opportunity to take part in Young Voices, an experience that left them inspired, buzzing with excitement and full of musical pride.

From the moment schools arrived, the children were immersed in the magic of the event. They joined thousands of other young singers for the full rehearsal led by the energetic conductor, David. His enthusiasm set the tone for the day, helping the children feel confident, united and ready for the big performance.



A major highlight of the afternoon was the incredible performance by Urban Strides, the dynamic youth street-dance group whose talent and energy had the children completely captivated. Their moves brought the arena to life and added an extra layer of excitement to the build-up.

The children were also extremely lucky to perform alongside Connie Talbot, well-known for her appearance on Britain's Got Talent. Singing beside a star the children recognised made the experience even more magical. For many, the chance to perform with a live band was something they had never done before—and they absolutely loved it. The sound, the atmosphere and the thrill of performing in such a huge venue created memories that will last a lifetime.

Overall, the day was filled with music, teamwork and joy. Pupils from both schools sang their hearts out and represented their schools brilliantly. It was a proud moment for everyone involved and the schools are already excited for next year's Young Voices adventure!





When the MAC Turned Into a Storybook: A Day of Colour, Cosy PJs and Characters!

World Book Day is always a special occasion across the MAC, but this year's celebrations were truly exceptional. Each of our schools embraced the joy of reading in their own unique way, creating a vibrant, imaginative and memorable day for pupils and staff alike.

Saint Gregory school centred their celebrations around the much-loved book **'The Day the Crayons Quit'**. Each year group represented a different crayon, bringing the story to life through an explosion of colour, creativity and character. The hallways were filled with bright outfits, handmade props and excited children embodying their chosen crayon, capturing the book's humour and charm perfectly.

Other schools took a cosier approach, spending the day in their pyjamas and celebrating the comfort of getting lost in a good book. Pupils enjoyed reading sessions, storytelling and with plenty of chances to talk about their favourite stories.

Some schools focused on vocabulary, encouraging children to dress as a word, a fantastic way to build language skills while sparking imagination. From "courageous" to "sparkly," "gigantic" to "mysterious," the creativity on display was incredible!

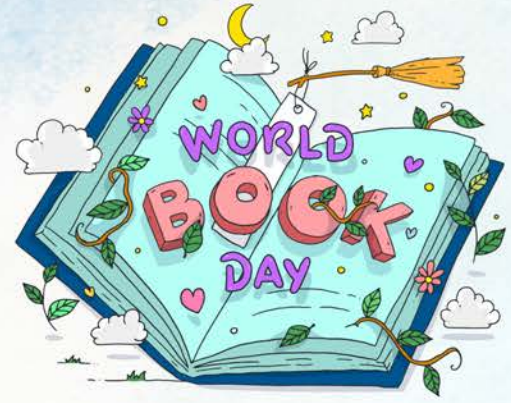
Over in our secondary school, Cardinal Wiseman staff proudly took centre stage transforming into well-known book characters for the day.

Walking through the corridors, students found themselves greeted by everything from classic literature icons to modern favourites. It added an extra layer of excitement and showed our young people that the love of reading doesn't stop in primary school.

Across the MAC, the atmosphere was joyful, energetic and united by a shared love of books. It was wonderful to see our pupils and staff celebrating stories in so many imaginative ways.

What an amazing day across the MAC, full of colour, character and creativity!







The Great Big Dance Off 2026

The Ss. Peter and Paul's school dance troupe worked incredibly hard in preparation for the national "Great Big Dance Off" competition held on the 12th March. Building on their impressive second-place result in the previous Romero Dance Competition, the troupe expanded after holding new auditions to increase their numbers.

Made up of enthusiastic pupils from Year 1 to Year 6, the team brought wonderful energy and commitment to every rehearsal in readiness for a new challenge.

Under the dedicated guidance of Miss Cook and Miss Pepper, the dancers trained weekly and even chose to come in before school for extra practice sessions in the run-up to the event. Their commitment truly shone through when they travelled to Nottingham to compete against 26 schools from across the region. The atmosphere was vibrant and exciting and our dancers performed with confidence, teamwork and joy.

We were absolutely thrilled when the troupe achieved an outstanding 3rd place, securing their spot in the national finals taking place in June. Reflecting on the team's success, Miss Cook said, **"I am just so proud of all the girls; they have been amazing."** Miss Pepper added, **"it was just the best day and a joy to see the girls recognised for their hard work."**

Miss Cook and Miss Pepper, SS Peter and Paul



Saint Gregory's and Good Shepherd Schools Unite for a Joy-Filled Lenten Retreat at Alton Castle

Year 5 pupils from Saint Gregory Catholic Primary School and Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School came together on March 2 - 4 2026 for a joint retreat at Alton Castle, creating a truly memorable experience of faith, friendship and community across the Romero Catholic Academy.

Set in the beautiful Staffordshire countryside, Alton Castle, a residential youth retreat centre run as part of the Kenelm Youth Trust, provided the perfect setting for pupils to step away from their everyday routines and immerse themselves in a time of prayer, reflection and adventure. As the retreat took place during the season of Lent, children were guided each day through thoughtful reflections focused on Jesus' journey to the Cross, helping them understand more deeply the significance of this liturgical season.

A particularly special moment was the opportunity for both schools to share in Mass celebrated together, uniting as one faith community. This time of worship invited pupils to pause, be still and recognise God's presence in their shared journey.

Alongside these reflective experiences, the Year 5 children took part in a wide range of outdoor activities designed to build confidence, teamwork and resilience. These included trekking, cycling, survival skills, low ropes and climbing, each challenge offering opportunities to support one another, celebrate strengths and step beyond comfort zones.

Staff and pupils from both schools embraced the opportunity to strengthen friendships and work collaboratively, living out the Gospel values with joy, respect, and generosity. The Alton Castle team praised the children for their enthusiasm, kindness and willingness to engage fully in every aspect of the programme.

Jade Standen, Year 5 Class Teacher, reflected on the experience:

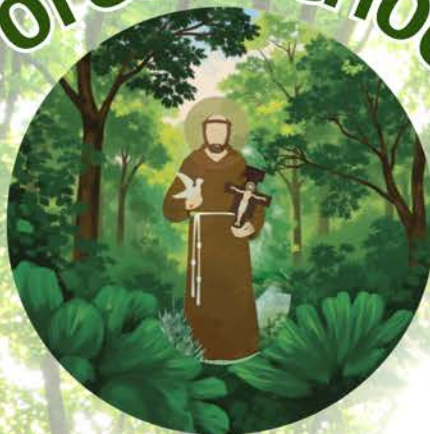
"It was a privilege to see our Year 5 children grow in confidence throughout the retreat. Watching St Gregory and Good Shepherd pupils support one another - whether during quiet prayer or the outdoor challenges - was truly inspiring. The retreat reminded us of the strength of our Romero family and the joy of sharing our faith together."

The children returned to school uplifted, reflective and full of stories about the memories they had made.

This shared visit shows the strength of partnership within the Romero Catholic Academy and the power of faith-filled experiences to help our young people grow in confidence, resilience and discipleship.



Forest School



This term, the Forest school based at SS Peter and Paul celebrated Julia Donaldson for World Book Day. Pupils began with an exciting Zog scavenger hunt, where the children searched high and low to find all of Zog's dragon friends — and Princess Pearl of course!

Afterwards, the children helped Princess Pearl by creating their own imaginative potions to add to her medical kit.

SS Peter and Paul Primary School has been awarded the "School for Nature" Certificate by Sir David Attenborough as part of the Big Schools Birdwatch.

The children counted and recorded the different types and species of birds that visit the school grounds all whilst encouraging them to discover more about wildlife and help the nature in the local area.



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Saint Patrick's Feast Day at Saint Patrick School

Saint Patrick's Day was celebrated at Saint Patrick School on March 17 and it was a joyful celebration of community, heritage and the talents of the pupils. The day began with a beautiful Mass, bringing together pupils, staff, families and parishioners in a spirit of reflection and togetherness. The children read and sang with such confidence and reverence, setting a meaningful tone for the celebrations ahead.

After Mass, the school hall was alive with excitement as we welcomed Coventry Comhaltas for a wonderful traditional Irish music performance. Their lively tunes filled the room and instantly lifted the atmosphere, giving pupils a memorable experience of authentic Irish culture.

This was followed by an impressive display of dance from performers at Elite Dance Academy, whose skill and energy captivated the audience. One of the highlights of the morning was watching pupils from Saint Patrick's own Irish dancers take to the stage. These pupils practise throughout the year for this special day and their dedication shone through in every step. The hall, packed with pupils, parents and parishioners, erupted with applause as they performed with pride and enthusiasm. In the afternoon, the celebrations continued with a fantastic performance from the McHugh School of Dance.



Several pupils from Saint Patrick, who attend McHugh outside of school, joined in the performance which made the moment even more special for the school community. Their confidence and talent were inspiring to watch and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the show.

The energy then shifted to excitement and anticipation as we launched Saint Patrick's Got Talent, an event that never fails to showcase the incredible creativity of our pupils. Children from across the school stepped into the spotlight with a variety of acts.

Each act brought something unique, and the courage and joy shown by all the performers made it an unforgettable part of the day. Just when the pupils thought the festivities were winding down, they were surprised with a final treat: a special Irish dance performance by the staff. Laughter, cheering and pure enjoyment filled the hall as teachers demonstrated their moves, much to the delight of the children. It was a heart warming and humorous finale that perfectly captured the spirit of togetherness that makes Saint Patrick's Day so special at the school. The entire day was a celebration of culture, community and pride in who we are as a school named after St Patrick. We are incredibly grateful to all the performers, families, parishioners and staff who contributed to making the day such a success. Most of all, we are proud of our pupils, whose enthusiasm, talent and joy made this year's St Patrick's Day a day to remember.



Mousike Ensemble Brings Musical Learning to Life



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School welcomed more than 200 children from five schools across Coventry and beyond for a special Mousike Ensemble event — a uniquely written programme combining music, learning and creativity.

Centred on the theme of “Journeys”, the event took pupils on a musical adventure through elements of the Geography and Science National Curriculum. Children explored topics such as travel, families, life cycles and the wider world through engaging, curriculum-linked songs.



Sacred Heart was joined by fellow Romero MAC schools — Saint Gregory, Saint John Fisher, and SS Peter and Paul — along with Saint Anne Catholic Primary School in Coventry. Other primary schools across the city also participated by hosting their own parallel Mousike Ensemble sessions.

The day was led by Sacred Heart Executive Principal Paul Madia and class teacher Cathy Severs, who stepped into character as “Pilot Madia” and “Stewardess Severs.” Through their playful and dynamic approach, they guided pupils on an imaginative learning journey enriched by music.



Children came together to perform a selection of themed songs, play musical instruments and take part in collaborative activities. Each school also presented its own showcase performance, giving pupils the chance to shine in front of their peers.

It was a particularly poignant journey for Mrs Severs who retires from Sacred Heart at Easter. We thank Mrs Severs for her 17 years service and wish her a happy retirement!





The Mousike Ensemble programme was co-written by Paul Madia and Chris Smith, Director of EmbedIT — a Midlands-based company supporting schools to integrate modern technology into classroom learning.

Reflecting on the day, Paul said:

“It was so uplifting to welcome so many schools to Sacred Heart for the Mousike Ensemble event.

“It was a great way to not only celebrate music, but also deepen understanding of geography and science topics which the children are exploring in class.

“The event included specially tailored original songs for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved.”

He added that the event was replicated across Coventry and Warwickshire in four additional schools, with more than 26 primary schools taking part in total.

“We aim to offer our pupils a rich curriculum that develops the whole child — and music is a wonderful way to help creativity flourish.”



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A Day of Inspiration and Reflection



Vocations Week: A Week of Inspiration, Insight and Opportunity

Vocations Week at Cardinal Wiseman, was a truly inspiring and enriching experience for our school community. Throughout the week, we were fortunate to welcome a wide range of speakers who generously gave their time to share their career journeys, personal experiences and the lessons they have learned along the way.

Their honesty, encouragement and willingness to engage with our students created an atmosphere of curiosity and reflection across the school. From industry professionals to former students, each visitor brought something unique, offering our young people a window into different pathways, challenges and opportunities.

Students from every year group took part in sessions that sparked new ideas, broadened horizons and encouraged them to think more deeply about their future choices. Many commented on how valuable it was to hear real stories from real people - stories of perseverance, ambition, setbacks and success.

These conversations have helped students consider not only potential careers, but also the personal qualities and values that will guide them as they move forward. Vocations Week has once again shown the power of connection, storytelling and community and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed to making it such a positive and memorable week.



VOCATION

Monday – Coventry City College

We began the week by welcoming Coventry City College, who delivered an engaging session to our Year 10 and Year 11 students. Their team also led an interactive beauty workshop for students interested in hair and beauty pathways at college. This hands-on experience offered learners a real insight into the practical skills and professionalism involved in the beauty industry, sparking enthusiasm among those considering a vocational qualification after Year 11.

Tuesday – Guardian Ballers, GMI Construction & NHS Ambassador

Tuesday brought three impactful sessions:

- Kieran Joseph from Guardian Ballers spoke to our KS3 students, sharing his personal career journey and explaining how he uses basketball as a tool to support young peoples' mental health and wellbeing. His message of resilience and purpose deeply resonated with students.
- A representative from GMI Construction delivered an informative talk to our Year 11 students, outlining the wide range of roles within the construction industry and the many routes available into the sector.
- An NHS Ambassador also met with Year 11, offering valuable insight into the diverse opportunities within the NHS, from frontline roles to the extensive support functions that keep the service running.

Together, these sessions encouraged students to recognise both traditional and emerging career opportunities across different industries

Wednesday – Gym shark

On Wednesday, students welcomed Hollie Cook from Gym shark, who spoke to those interested in pursuing a career in finance. Hollie provided a detailed overview of the many roles within the finance sector and explained how large organisations like Gymshark operate. Students expressed how exciting it was to gain first-hand insight into such a well-known global brand, with one student remarking:

“To gain an insight into a big organisation like Gym shark and how they operate has been really exciting.”

Thursday – Maersk International & Former Student Sinead Matthews

Thursday offered students a rich mix of industry knowledge and creative inspiration:

- James Hammond, a shipping manager from Maersk International, gave students a fascinating overview of his career journey and the global shipping industry. His talk provided a valuable perspective on logistics, international trade and the skills required to thrive in a fast-paced, global environment.
- We were also delighted to welcome back former Cardinal Wiseman student, Sinead Matthews, now a successful actress. She met with our performing arts students, speaking openly about her experiences in the acting industry. Sinead has worked alongside well-known actors and actresses in productions such as *Pride & Prejudice*, *Mr Turner*, and more. During an honest and inspiring Q&A session, she shared how independent projects can create wider opportunities and she offered practical advice for building a career in the arts.



Romero Year of Reading



As part of the Year of Reading, our Romero Library Quiz teams recently came together for a fun and engaging workshop morning.

Pupils explored a range of quiz texts and showed great enthusiasm and curiosity throughout. Their teamwork, communication and knowledge really stood out, as did their love of reading.

Saint John Fisher went on to win in the finals at Central Library!

We are so proud of all our wonderful teams. Keep your eyes peeled for more reading fun across Romero as we continue to celebrate the Year of Reading.

Our school have had visits from authors and illustrators throughout this spring term.

Rik Worth and
illustrator Jason
Collver introduce
their new book *Pets
Tell Tales: Ancient
Rome..*



"Bringing
Dragons to Life"
Across Romero,
pupils have met
M.P. Robertson
illustrator



Coventry author,
Aaron Ashmore,
celebrating our
city's history and
culture.



THE BIG LENT WALK



During Lent, the children at Sacred Heart Primary School have thrown themselves wholeheartedly into the Big Lent Walk, enjoying the chance to get outside, stay active and raise money for CAFOD.

On Monday 16 March, the school was delighted to welcome Sister Eleanor from CAFOD. She led an inspiring assembly and workshops, helping the children understand the incredible ways CAFOD supports vulnerable communities around the world. Her stories and examples really touched the children, leaving them motivated and eager to make a difference.

Every child took home a sponsor form, and throughout this season they have been running or walking laps of the school field, proudly adding each lap to their personal QR code. The determination and enthusiasm on display have been wonderful to see, with children encouraging one another and celebrating every milestone.

The Big Lent Walk has been a fantastic blend of faith, fitness and fundraising, and we cannot wait to see how much we raise for this brilliant cause. Well done to all our walkers - your kindness and energy are truly inspiring!



Welcome to Our Future Year 7 Students!

Transition Timeline

March

2nd March

Find out your secondary school place

Welcome from Ms Burtonwood

24th March

Enter our Easter Competition

April

14th April

Easter Winner announced by email and social media

May

11th - 14th May

Good luck in your SATs!

Good Luck

June

22nd June

Year 7 Team announcement

23rd and 24th June

Pupils with SEN meet and greet session

26th June

Year 7 Tutor Letters

26th June

Meet and greet morning session (this will be invite only)

30th June

Transition evening

July

1st July

Transition Day
School day at Cardinal Wiseman

6th July

Feedback from parents

September

Wednesday 2nd September

Welcome to Cardinal Wiseman



Welcome to Our Future Year 7 Students!

We are delighted to welcome all our new Year 7 pupils who will be joining Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Secondary in September. This is the beginning of an exciting new chapter and we are so pleased that you will soon be part of our school community.

Starting secondary school is a big step, but it is also a wonderful opportunity to make new friends, discover new talents and grow in confidence.

At Cardinal Wiseman, we are committed to helping you feel supported, valued and inspired every single day.

Throughout your first year, you will get to experience a wide range of subjects, join clubs and activities and learn from your dedicated teachers who are passionate about helping you succeed. Whether you love sports, reading, science art, music or trying something completely new there is a place here for you.

Most importantly, you will be joining a caring and welcoming community where kindness, respect and faith guide everything we do. We can't wait to see the enthusiasm, curiosity and unique gifts that each of you will bring to our school.

On the left page, we have mapped out the road map of transition. We are here to guide you through your transition journey.

If you have any transition questions. please don't hesitate to contact us:

transition.cw@romeromac.com



Check out our Facebook page and Instagram.

We have a post for new pupils on our #TransitionTuesdays



Raising Digital-Smart Children:

A Parent's Guide to Cyber Safety at Home

Today's children live in two worlds at once — the physical world we grew up in, and the fast-moving digital world that grows with them. For ages 5 to 16, being online is part of learning, socialising and exploring. But just as we teach children how to cross the road safely, parents now play a vital role in teaching them how to navigate life online with confidence and security.

The Department for Education's most recent safeguarding guidance highlights that online risks are now considered part of everyday child protection and that children may be harmed, influenced or exploited through digital spaces just as easily as in person.

This means that home is the first and most important shield against online threats — from misinformation and strangers, to scams, harmful content and privacy risks.

Understanding the Digital Risks Children Face

Most parents worry they're "not techy enough" — but you don't need to be an expert to keep your child safe. Organisations such as the NSPCC remind us that online life is full of positives, but also risks: exposure to inappropriate content, grooming, cyberbullying, fake news and pressure to share personal details. Their guidance is designed to help parents start ongoing, open conversations and learn how children use different apps, games and devices.

The government also provides a parent-friendly hub covering topics such as home filters, parental controls and ways to report harmful content, all designed to make online safety manageable for families.

Useful Trusted Links for Parents

Here are the most reliable places for parents to learn more and keep up to date:

- **NSPCC Online Safety**
 - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- **DfE: Keeping Children Safe Online (Parent Support)**
 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online>
- **UK Safer Internet Centre — Parents & Carers Hub**
 - <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>
- **Thinkuknow (CEOP)**
 - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>
- **NSPCC Parental Controls**
 - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>



HAPPY

100th Anniversary

ROMERO CMAC



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Geography Trip



Year 2 had such a lovely afternoon in Brinklow being geographers!

The children absolutely loved exploring Brinklow and spotting all the differences compared to Coventry.

Their excitement, curiosity and brilliant observations made us so proud - fantastic fieldwork skills in action!



Young Voices



Rehearsals are complete and we're ready for the best night of the year..... The Young Voices Choir!!!

@yvconcerts

#romeroexperiences #youngvoices #goodshepherdsготtalent #singitouloud



Year 1



What a fantastic day Year One have had at Warwick Castle! We first saw the incredible battlements, arrow slits, turrets and barbican as we entered the castle, then we went up the mound to see over the castle. Next was the Great Hall where we explored inside the castle, then the Kingmaker. We watched the fantastic bird show and had some yummy lunch, before heading off to the maze and Zog playground. We have some very tired children on the coach on the way back, I'm sure they will tell you all about their amazing adventures today!



Our Year 4 pupils had an exciting visit to watch a training session with Coventry Blaze at Planet Ice Coventry. They enjoyed seeing the team in action on the ice and took part in an insightful Q&A session, where the players shared their experiences and answered some brilliant questions from the children. A fantastic and inspiring experience for everyone!





KS2 Football



Some of our KS2 Footballers were back in action recently against top of the league Corpus Christi. Despite the result not going our way, the team showed great effort and determination throughout.



Big Lent Walk



Step by step, we walked with purpose
Today our children took part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk, showing kindness, resilience and a real understanding of helping others. Every step we took helps bring hope and support to communities in need.



Phenomenal Year 6 team ...



Saint John Fisher have only gone and WON the Library Quiz Grand Final! After battling their way through to the final, they absolutely smashed it and came out on top - a truly outstanding performance against tough competition!



WORLD BOOK DAY



Ms Burtonwood sat down for a quick Q&A with one of our Sixth Form students, Scarlett. Together, they talked about their shared love of reading, discussing their favourite books and the authors who have inspired them.





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