

SUMMER 2026



Hunger for justice.



Romero

News

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The Romero Catholic Multi-Academy Company

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Welcome

Chair's Welcome

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank every pupil, member of staff, governor, parent and parish partner who helps make the Romero Catholic Academy such a special family of schools.

Looking through this edition of our newsletter, I am once again reminded of the incredible opportunities our young people experience and the commitment of our staff to helping them flourish. From our inspiring Romero Evolves conference, where staff and governors gathered to reflect on "Drawing New Maps of Hope", to the joyful Oscar Romero Awards celebrating pupils who live out our Child Charter values, there is much to be proud of.

There have been many achievements beyond the classroom too. Whether in sport, the arts, leadership, community projects or charitable work, our pupils continue to demonstrate courage, kindness and aspiration. I was particularly delighted to see so many examples of collaboration between our schools, reflecting our mission:

**Forming Christ-centred pilgrims of hope,
With kind hearts, questioning minds,
A thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.**

As we say farewell to valued staff moving on to new adventures and thank those retiring after years of dedicated service, we also look ahead with hope and excitement for the future.

To those receiving examination results this summer, I wish you every success for the future; may new opportunities arise for you as you take your next steps with confidence, embrace new challenges, and pursue your ambitions with determination and optimism.

To all our families, I hope you enjoy a well-deserved break filled with rest, laughter and precious time together.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Have a wonderful summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Brendan Fawcett
Chair of Directors



Cardinal Wiseman Shine at the Catholic Swimming Gala

Wiseman swimmers made a huge splash at the Catholic Swimming Gala in Birmingham on Monday 20th April, delivering one of the school's strongest performances in recent years. Competing against a broad field of Catholic schools from across the city, the Year 7 and 8 teams represented Wiseman with pride, determination, and an impressive level of confidence.

From the opening races, the swimmers set the tone for a highly successful day. Each event showcased not only individual talent but also a strong sense of teamwork, with students encouraging one another poolside and celebrating every achievement together. Their commitment and competitive spirit were evident in every heat, making it clear that they had come prepared and focused.

The standout achievement of the gala was Wiseman securing the **Overall School Prize**, a remarkable accomplishment that reflected consistency and depth across all races. The boys' teams were particularly dominant, delivering a series of outstanding swims that earned them both the **Year 7 Boys' Trophy** and the prestigious Overall Boys' Title.

Whether powering through individual races or delivering strong relay performances, the boys demonstrated composure and maturity well beyond their years. Confident strokes, well-timed finishes, and calm execution under pressure all contributed to their success. Just as importantly, their sportsmanship and mutual support highlighted the strong team ethos that runs through Wiseman's sporting teams.

Such an impressive performance is also a testament to the dedication and hard work behind the scenes. Special thanks go to Miss Stoney and Mrs Shirley, whose commitment over the past couple of months played a crucial role in preparing the teams for this event. Their guidance, encouragement, and high expectations helped ensure that students arrived ready to perform at their best.

The Catholic Swimming Gala was a fantastic showcase of Wiseman's sporting talent and team spirit, and the achievements of the Year 7 and 8 swimmers will be remembered as a highlight of the school's sporting calendar. Congratulations to all involved on an outstanding day of success.



A Heartfelt Thank You to John Fallon

The Romero Catholic Academy wishes to express its sincere and heartfelt thanks to John Fallon for his continued generosity and support of its schools across the MAC.

Through the Eamonn Fallon Goalkeeping Charity, John Fallon has made a meaningful and lasting contribution to school communities by donating football sportswear to Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School, Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School, Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School, and Saint Patrick's Catholic Primary School.

These contributions go far beyond providing equipment. They create valuable opportunities for pupils to participate fully in sport, build confidence, and develop a strong sense of belonging within their school communities. Access to high-quality sportswear ensures that more children can engage in physical activity, supporting their wellbeing, teamwork, and aspiration.

John Fallon's kindness, generosity, and dedication to supporting young people across Coventry have made a genuine difference. His work through the charity not only provides practical support but also serves as an inspiration to pupils, demonstrating the positive impact of giving back to the community

The Romero Catholic Academy is committed to nurturing the talent of tomorrow, and partnerships such as this play an essential role in helping pupils to thrive both in and beyond the classroom. John Fallon's support reflects the core values of the Academy: compassion, service, and commitment to others.

His wider contribution to the Coventry community is also recognised as outstanding. His continued efforts offer an inspiring example of how individuals can positively influence the lives of children and families.

On behalf of all staff, pupils, and families across the Romero Catholic Academy, warmest thanks and deepest appreciation are extended to John Fallon for his ongoing support and the lasting impact it brings to the schools.



Thank you





THRIVES
SHINES
ASPIRES

REFLECTS
SERVES
EXPERIENCES



**Oscar Romero
AWARDS**



 Sacred Heart Church
Harefield Road, Coventry CV2 4BT

 6:00 pm

 Thursday 18 June 2026

Oscar Romero Awards' Night 2026

The annual Oscar Romero Awards' Night was a joyful celebration of the remarkable young people across the Romero Catholic Academy. Held on 18th June, the evening recognised pupils who exemplify the values of the Romero Child Charter through the six strands of Reflects, Serves, Experiences, Aspires, Thrives and Shines.

The evening began with a liturgy led by CEO Helen Quinn and a welcome from Brendan Fawcett, Chair of the Board of Directors. Together pupils, families and staff reflected on the legacy of St Oscar Romero and the call to use our gifts in service of others.

Awards were presented to pupils from every Romero school, recognising those who demonstrate faith in action, service to others, courage in embracing new experiences, resilience in overcoming challenges and the confidence to share their God-given talents.

The stories behind each award highlighted the extraordinary kindness, leadership, determination and compassion shown daily by our young people. Particular congratulations go to the overall winners in each category, who were selected from an exceptionally strong field of nominees from across the MAC.

Their achievements serve as an inspiration to all pupils and embody the mission of Romero Catholic Academy to form Christ-centred young people with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.

The evening was a powerful reminder that, in the words of St Oscar Romero, we are all called to make a difference through our actions, faith and service. We congratulate every nominee and winner and thank our families and staff for supporting these wonderful young people on their journey.



Romero Winners

School	Romero Reflects	Romero Serves	Romero Aspires	Romero Experiences	Romero Thrives	Romero Shines
Presented by Cardinal Wiseman SLT	Mrs Armstrong PiCCL/ Assistant Principal	Mrs Burtonwood Principal	Mrs Hirons Vice Principal	Mr Allen Vice Principal	Kieran Joseph Guardian Ballers	Mr Forinton Assistant Principal
Corpus Christi	Viktoria	Ishaan	Jack	Kai★	Emmanuel	Bella
Good Shepherd	Alina	Mirusan	Daniella★	Lillie-Marie	Oluferanmi	Lola-Rose
Sacred Heart	Peter	Laurent	Esther	Luke	Rory★	Riyan
SS Peter & Paul	Poppy-Mae★	Tanaka	Yvonne	Eden	Karthikeya	Matthia
Saint Gregory	Esther	John	Millie	Emily	Mason	Jacob★
Saint John Fisher	Ellie-Cayden	Rico★	Eyde	Orlaith	Karky	Ava
Saint Patrick	Heavenly	Nivedha	Hunter	Kenan	Loevan	Grace★
Cardinal Wiseman	Dasha	Luke	Laura★	Faith	Harry	Kaci

Romero Child Charter



**ROMERO
REFLECTS**



**ROMERO
SERVES**



**ROMERO
EXPERIENCES**



**ROMERO
ASPIRES**



**ROMERO
THRIVES**



**ROMERO
SHINES**



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Coventry Catholic schools celebrate Oracy & Earth day

Thirteen Catholic schools from across Coventry came together to plan and participate in a special day for Earth Day on 22nd April.

The theme of the day was 'Old Enough to Save the Planet: Use Your Voice for Good.'

Pupils took part in a range of engaging activities, including oracy-focused assemblies, outdoor learning experiences, and reading activities. They also became advocates for positive change, using their voices to share environmental messages and inspire others to take action for our planet.



#ROMEROEVOLVES

Celebrating Service, Leadership and New Horizons



More than 500 teachers, leaders, support staff and governors from across the Romero Catholic Academy came together to explore the future of Catholic education as part of its annual conference.

Romero Evolves, hosted at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School, brought together colleagues from across all eight Romero schools for a day of professional development, reflection and celebration centred around the theme 'Drawing New Maps of Hope'.

The conference also included a Mass celebrating the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, bringing colleagues together in prayer and reflection while celebrating the values that unite all Romero schools. Father Tony celebrated the Mass.

Helen Quinn, CEO of the Romero Catholic Academy, said: "**Romero Evolves is one of the highlights of our year because it brings together staff and governors from across all of our schools to learn, reflect and celebrate together.**"

"It is an opportunity to invest in our people, and strengthen the relationships that help make us one family of schools."

"The theme 'Drawing New Maps of Hope' reflects our commitment to continually evolving while remaining rooted in our Catholic mission to ensure all pupils become the best version of themselves."

"We were delighted to welcome Sufian Sadiq to share his expertise and it was also a privilege to recognise colleagues celebrating long service and those beginning retirement, thanking them for the commitment they have shown to generations of children and families."



"Be a Good Egg" - An Inspiring Message from Sufian Sadiq

A particular highlight of the day was the keynote address from Sufian Sadiq, Chief Talent and Transformation Officer at Chiltern Learning Trust, introduced by Lorraine Stanton.

Under the memorable title "**If You Can Be Anything in Life, Be a Good Egg**," Sufian challenged colleagues to think deeply about character, leadership and culture. He explored the qualities that make great teachers, leaders and pupils, arguing that professional expertise alone does not automatically create great leadership. Instead, he encouraged staff to focus on the personal characteristics and values that enable people to thrive.

Using the metaphor of an egg, Sufian spoke about how people flourish when they are placed in the right environment and treated with respect. He reminded colleagues that "work doesn't break us, treatment does," and highlighted the importance of recognising people's contributions, building positive relationships and creating cultures where everyone feels valued.

He also challenged schools to avoid "deficit ideology"—the tendency to focus on what people lack rather than what they can become. Instead, staff were encouraged to remain curious about one another, embrace differences, and recognise that strong communities are built not from identical people but from individuals bringing different strengths and perspectives.

His closing message was simple but powerful: "**If you can be anything in life, be a Good Egg.**" It was a message that resonated strongly with colleagues and perfectly reflected Romero's commitment to forming Christ-centred pilgrims of hope.



CHILTERN LEARNING TRUST

Strength in differences

- Just because they don't fit in your tray, doesn't mean they won't fit in somewhere else.
- Communities aren't made of replicas, we all offer something different.
- Love the ones you have.

Otherwise, they will get 'Poached'.

HONESTY • CARE • COLLABORATION



CHILTERN LEARNING TRUST

Imagine a tray of Eggs

Your culture is your tray - it is what keeps you together.

- Know what makes them crack? 'Curious' or 'Furious'?
- Get to know them, people stick to people not buildings or badges.



HONESTY • CARE • COLLABORATION • INSPIRATION • AMBITION • BELONGING

CHILTERN LEARNING TRUST

If you can be anything in life, Be a Good Egg!



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#ROMEROFAREWELL

Wishing a Fond Farewell

The afternoon also provided an opportunity to honour colleagues retiring this year. Presented by Eleanor Barry, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, the Retirement Awards celebrated careers dedicated to supporting children, families and school communities.

We extend our heartfelt thanks and best wishes to:

Sheila Rendall – Catering Team, Good Shepherd

Lesley Burton – Teacher, Saint Patrick

Patricia Blaney – Teacher, Cardinal Wiseman

Linda Bell – Teacher, Cardinal Wiseman

Colin Beesley – Assistant Principal, Cardinal Wiseman

Jan Gordon – Office Team, Cardinal Wiseman

Rita Chitty – Teaching Assistant and founding member of the Rise and Shine Club, Sacred Heart

Kathy Layng – Office Manager, Saint John Fisher (& formerly Good Shepherd)

Mary Lindley – Teaching Assistant, Sacred Heart

Rose Brown – Sixth Form Administrator, Cardinal Wiseman

Their collective contribution has touched countless lives and exemplified the values of care, service and commitment that define the Romero family. We thank each of them for their remarkable contribution and wish them every happiness in retirement.



#ROMERO25YEARS

Celebrating Long Service

One of the highlights of the day was the presentation of the 25 Years of Service Awards by Foundation Director Victor Ballanti. The awards recognised staff whose dedication, commitment and service have made a lasting difference to generations of children and families.

Congratulations to:

Paul Madia – Executive Principal and School Improvement, Sacred Heart and Romero

Marie Taggart – Office Manager, Sacred Heart

Nikki Gaffney – EYFS Teacher, Sacred Heart

Kerrie Peters – Nursery Manager, Sacred Heart

Michaela Perry – HLTA, Good Shepherd

Lesley Burton – Teacher, Saint Patrick

Ann Twomey – Teaching Assistant, Saint John Fisher

Lorraine Gregory – Safeguarding Officer, Cardinal Wiseman

Caroline Leeming – Catering Assistant, Cardinal Wiseman

Wendy Chadwick – Office Manager, Saint Patrick

Together, these colleagues represent a remarkable 250 years of service to Catholic education, leaving a legacy that will continue to shape our schools for years to come.



Back row - left to right

Andy McConville - Corpus Christi

Laura Burtonwood - Cardinal Wiseman

Sufian Sadiq - Chiltern Learning Trust

Helen Quinn - Romero

Danielle Kingham - Saint John Fisher

Front row - left to right

Lorraine Stanton - SSPeter and Paul and Saint Patrick

Megan Scullion - Saint Gregory

Paul Madia - Sacred Heart and Romero

Michael Kirby - Good Shepherd

Looking Forward with Hope

As the day concluded, there was a strong sense of gratitude for the journey Romero has taken over the past decade and optimism for the future.

While organisational structures may evolve, the mission remains unchanged: to form young people with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.

Our Mission Model is overleaf.....



PLMR

Anchor a strategic school improvement model

What?

Engaged pupils in lessons

System focused

Pupil Premium gap significantly below national

Data: KS2 90%
KS4 A8 50+
(above average in all groups)

Pillar 3

How?

External support

Regular assessment

Explicit focus on inclusion

Evidence-based CPD

ICFP/AS

Work life

Career & pathways pu

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CST at the heart of decisions

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Context driven

Pillar 1

Exceptional com

Happy, confident and resilient staff and pupils

Directives and protocols followed

CSI outcomes at least good with some outstanding

Sacramental joy

Strong links with partner schools (and parishes)

Spirit of fraternity and relationships

Parental engagement

Pupil voice

Faith in action

RE Directory
Sec 2025 Pri 2026

Ambitious curriculum

Pupil*, staff*, parents* anonymous surveys

Adaptive teaching

Oracy

Knowledge-rich curriculum

Strong EYFS and strong Sixth form

Strong inclusion: few PEX and low repeat suspensions

Strong Catholic transition

Parish service is flourishing

Sense of belonging is palpable

Provide a faith based, values driven highly inclusive Catholic education

Pillar 2

Strong safeguarding culture

95%+ attendance

Strong SEN achievement

Strong extra-curricular

Oracy

Knowledge-rich curriculum

Strong EYFS and strong Sixth form

Strong inclusion: few PEX and low repeat suspensions

Strong Catholic transition

Parish service is flourishing

Sense of belonging is palpable

Forming Christ-centred pilgrims of hope...
...with kind hearts,
questioning minds,
a thirst for knowledge,
and a hunger for justice.

Evangelise mission through the diverse interaction of our community of faith, with our families, parishes/



Our flourishing Archdiocese

Mission Model

'Forming Christ-centred pilgrims of hope with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.'

Saint Raphael the Archangel



"Our mission comes to life when we intentionally serve the children our system might otherwise overlook"





May Procession: Mary Our Mother

Our St Patrick school community came together in a beautiful and reverent celebration to begin the month of May with our Holy May Day Procession. Led in prayer and song, the children processed with great respect and dignity, honouring Mary, Mother of Jesus, as we crowned her with flowers and placed her at the heart of our worship.

Each class took part with quiet reflection and joy, offering flowers as a sign of love, devotion, and gratitude. These simple yet powerful gestures reflected our shared faith and the deep sense of community that defines St Patrick. In these moments, we lived out our mission, "With Jesus, we love, grow and succeed," as we came together in love, supported one another in prayer and grew in our faith as a united school family.

In assembly, we reflected on Mary's example of faith, love and obedience to God, reminding us of our mission to live as she did, showing kindness, humility and trust in all that we do. Like Mary, we are called to say "yes" to God in our everyday lives. In doing so, we help one another to flourish, ensuring that every member of our community feels valued, supported and able to succeed.

During this special time, we also reflected on the example of St Francis, whose life calls us to live simply, to walk gently with others and to care for the world God has entrusted to us. Inspired by both Mary and St Francis, our children are learning to take responsibility for one another and for creation, living out the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, particularly care for creation, solidarity and the dignity of every person. In this way, we continue to grow together in faith and purpose.

The crowning of Mary was a particularly special moment, symbolising her place in our lives and within our school as our guide and mother. As we placed flowers before her, we offered our own prayers, for our families, our school and our wider community, standing together in hope, unity and love.

This celebration was a truly special and prayerful start to this sacred month, filled with reverence, joy and a strong sense of belonging. It reminded us that at St Patrick, our faith is not only taught, but truly lived and shared, shaping the way we love, the way we grow and the way we succeed together, always with Jesus at the heart of all we do.

Claire Restell, Interim Principal, Saint Patrick



Diocesan Leaders Visit Saint Gregory for Catholic Life and Mission Review

Saint Gregory Catholic School was delighted to welcome senior representatives from the Birmingham Diocesan Education Service (BDES) as part of a Mission Accompaniment Visit focusing on Pillar 1: Catholic Life and Mission.

The visitors included **Steve Bell, Director of Education, Eric Kirwan, Chief Operating Officer, Mark O'Connell, BDES Academy Lead, and Ben McArdle, Senior Adviser for CSI Inspections.** Their visit provided an opportunity to evaluate and celebrate the ways in which Catholic Life and Mission are lived out across the school and the wider Romero Catholic Academy.

A highlight of the afternoon was a pupil-led tour of the school conducted by Head Boy, Harry Baker and Head Girl, Olivia Baker. The pair confidently guided the visitors around Saint Gregory, showcasing the vibrant faith life of the school, its welcoming community and the many ways in which Catholic values are embedded in daily school life. Their enthusiasm, knowledge and pride in their school made a lasting impression on the visitors.

During the visit, diocesan representatives met with directors, executive team, staff and pupils, exploring how the MAC and school's mission is lived through prayer, service, chaplaincy, relationships and the curriculum. The visit formed part of a wider process of accompaniment, which BDES described as a journey of listening, reflection and shared discernment aimed at strengthening Catholic education across the Archdiocese.

Following the visit, on Tuesday 9th June, BDES recognised Catholic Life and Mission as a clear strength of the Romero Catholic Academy, highlighting the commitment to ensuring that children are loved, known and enabled to flourish within their schools and communities. BDES also praised the positive engagement with parishes, parents and clergy which supports this mission.



Olivia and Harry Baker sharing their evaluation of pupil-prepared prayer

The Board of Directors would like to thank Mrs Scullion, the staff and pupils for their warm welcome and contribution to such a successful day.

Special congratulations go to **Harry Baker and Olivia Baker**, whose excellent hosting demonstrated the confidence, leadership and values that make Saint Gregory School such a special community.



Monster Makers: Romero Pupils

Turn Creativity into Confidence

Primary and secondary school pupils in Coventry have joined forces with an award-winning sculptor to build confidence through self-expression to prepare for the move to secondary school.

Pupils from Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School and Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School took part in a five-week sculpture workshop led by acclaimed artist Faith Bebbington.

Centred around the theme "My Monster", the project, which was funded by the Futures Trust and managed by dot-art, used creativity to help pupils explore change and transition, giving younger children the opportunity to get to know older students in a relaxed and supportive environment ahead of their next stage of education.

Working with newspaper, wire, recycled materials, papier-mâché and paint pens to add detail to the surface, the pupils designed and built their own three-dimensional monster sculptures, each reflecting their own ideas and personalities.

Across six sessions, six children from each school were introduced to Faith's work before learning a range of sculpting techniques, including constructing figures, adding features such as wings and extra limbs, applying papier-mâché and decorating their finished creations.

As well as developing artistic skills, the workshops helped pupils build confidence, strengthen communication and teamwork, and form new friendships across the two schools.

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Cardinal Wiseman students also took on mentoring roles throughout the project, helping to guide and encourage the younger pupils while developing their own leadership skills.

Lorraine Stanton, Executive Head Teacher at Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School, said: **"Moving to secondary school is a significant milestone for every child, so giving our pupils the opportunity to meet older students in such a creative and supportive setting has been incredibly valuable."**

"The project has helped build confidence, encouraged collaboration and shown how creative activities can support children's personal development."

"We are incredibly grateful to Faith Bebbington and the students at Cardinal Wiseman for making it such a memorable experience for everyone involved."

Laura Burtonwood, Principal at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School, said: **"This project is just one of a wide range of initiatives we have in place to help make the transition from primary to secondary school as smooth and positive as possible, and it has been wonderful to see the friendships and confidence develop throughout the workshops."**

Faith Bebbington said: **"For me as an artist educator it was great to have the luxury of a five week project to work with the children and young people to help express themselves and realise their ambitions for their sculptures."**

"Each pupil created an individual sculpture based on the drawing they made in the first week for their own personal monster. They got more and more ambitious with their sculptures as the project progressed."

Lorraine Stanton and Laura Burtonwood



Care for Creation: Young Changemakers Summit- Wednesday 24th June 2026

Aim: To bring together schools in a shared commitment to sustainability, inspired by Catholic Social Teaching principles of stewardship and care for creation, fostering collaboration and practical action that promotes the common good for people and planet.

9:30 Start

- Welcome and prayer from Grainne Griffiths (Headteacher Holy Family Catholic Primary School) and Donna Nicol (Sustainability Lead Holy Cross MAC).

9:40-10:20 Workshop with James Trewby from the Columbans and Interview with Climate Activists

10:25-11:25 Presentations

Each school will present on a sustainability theme. A group of 3 children will present about their chosen topic for 3 minutes, after half an hour, presenters swap with their class mates so everyone gets to see at least 5 presentations.

Children stamp passports at each station.

11:30-12:00 – Sustainability Panel

Jelly Moring (Let's Go Zero), Jyan Dutton (Groundworks), Jen Tabb (Warwickshire Wildlife Trust) and Lauren Stundon (Lay Chaplain Bishop Ullathorne)

A small group of people who care about looking after our planet and share their ideas and experiences. Led by James Trewby

12:00-12:30 – LUNCH in the Community Centre

Lunch provided for staff and visitors.

12:40 – 13:20pm – WORKSHOP 1

13:30- 2:10pm – WORKSHOP 2

40 minutes per activity - See over page for details on groups and locations.

Recycled Vinyl Artwork – Led by Sixth Formers from Bishop Ullathorne
Location: Community Centre

Recycling Workshop – Led by Discover Materials
Location: School Hall and Playground

Sustainability and AI – Led by Zoe (She Can Teach)
Location: Community Centre (smaller room)

Nature Connection Activity – Led by WWT
Location: School Grounds

Seed Planting and Composting – Led by Groundwork
Location: School Grounds - Prayer Garden

Seed Bombs Activity – Led by Chaplaincy Team
Location: Community Centre

2:20pm – Messages and Take Aways
from the day led by Donna Nicol back in Church

2:30pm Closing prayer

Sixth Formers and Chaplaincy Team



Video of the event



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Young Changemakers' Summit 2026

Inspires the Next Generation of Care for Creation Leaders

On **Wednesday 24th June 2026**, pupils, staff and community partners came together at Holy Family Catholic Primary School for the Young Changemakers' Summit, a day dedicated to sustainability, stewardship and Catholic Social Teaching. All the Catholic schools in the city were invited to attend.

The summit provided an opportunity for schools to share their commitment to Care for Creation, with pupils presenting inspiring sustainability projects that showcased their creativity, knowledge and passion for protecting the environment. Their presentations highlighted the positive actions young people are taking to make a difference within their schools and communities.

The day featured a workshop led by **James Trewby** from **The Columbans**, interviews with climate activists and a sustainability panel involving representatives from organisations including **Let's Go Zero**, **Groundwork** and **Warwickshire Wildlife Trust**. Pupils also took part in a range of practical workshops, from recycling and nature activities to seed planting and sustainability-focused discussions.

A special thank you goes to James Trewby for his leadership and support throughout the day and to Holy Family Catholic Primary School, particularly Mrs Griffiths and Father Charles for their warm hospitality. Thanks also to all the workshop leaders, panellists and partners who generously shared their expertise and helped create such a meaningful experience.

Most importantly, congratulations to all the children who represented their schools so brilliantly. Their enthusiasm, engagement and commitment to caring for our common home made the summit a truly inspiring and hopeful event, demonstrating the positive impact young people can have as changemakers for the future.



Cardinal Wiseman lifts the Coventry Evening Telegraph Cup with 4-1 Final Victory

Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School, has added to its trophy cabinet after winning a prestigious city-wide football tournament.

Cardinal Wiseman's Year 10 and 11 combined football team eased past Caludon Castle 4-1 in the final to win the Coventry Evening Telegraph Cup in style – building on recent tournament triumphs in swimming and basketball.

The school kicked off the tournament with a 5-0 win over Cardinal Newman, before defeating Bishop Ullathorne 3-1 in the quarter final to set up a semi-final contest with President Kennedy, who they beat 4-0.

The victory comes after Cardinal Wiseman's Year 7 girls won the Coventry basketball league, while the school's young swimming stars made a splash at the Catholic Swimming Gala in Birmingham, claiming overall School Prize as well as Year 7 Boys' Trophy and Overall Boys' Title after a series of exceptional swims.

Chris Page, Cardinal Wiseman's Head of PE, said: **"We are incredibly proud of our pupils for the determination, teamwork and skills they showed throughout the tournament.**

"When the final whistle blew, the 4-1 scoreline reflected not only quality but character. A final that began with tension ended in triumph and the team lifted the trophy with style, control and four excellent goals.

"To come out on top in a city-wide competition is a fantastic achievement and reflects the hard work they have put in during training and fixtures.



"This trophy, coming so soon after our Year 7 girls won their basketball competition and the huge success in Birmingham with our swimming teams, shows the growing strength of sport across the school.

"We want every pupil to believe in what they can achieve, push themselves and fulfil their potential and these results are a brilliant example of that ambition in action."

Laura Burtonwood, Principal of Cardinal Wiseman, said: **"This is a wonderful achievement for the school and a moment our whole community can be proud of. Winning a city-wide football tournament takes resilience, commitment and real team spirit and our pupils have represented the school superbly.**

"Together with the recent success of our Year 7 girls basketball team, these victories continue a long tradition of success in regional competitions, helping to further establish the school as a centre for sporting excellence.

"It's so important that we continue to create opportunities for young people to discover their talents, develop confidence and strive to be the very best they can be - both in sport and across school life."

Saint Oscar Romero Gateway



We are delighted to share the exciting news that planning permission is being sought for a new Saint Oscar Romero Gateway at Cardinal Wiseman School. If planning permission is given, the building is set to open in Spring 2028. This means that our current **Year 5 pupils** will be among the first young people to benefit from this dedicated Year 7 learning and pastoral environment as they make the move from primary to secondary school.

Research highlights that the transition from Year 6 to Year 7 can be one of the most significant and sometimes challenging stages in a child's educational journey. New routines, larger surroundings, different teachers and new friendships can all create uncertainty for pupils and families alike. The Saint Oscar Romero Gateway has been carefully designed to make this transition smoother, helping pupils feel safe, settled and confident from the very beginning.

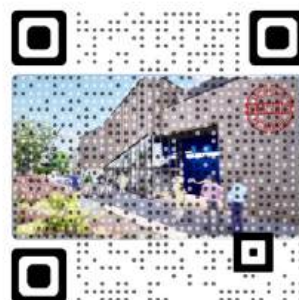
Inspired by the witness of Saint Oscar Romero, who believed deeply in the dignity and potential of every young person, the Gateway will provide a nurturing environment where pupils can grow in confidence, develop friendships and flourish academically, spiritually and personally. Rooted in our Catholic mission of being "**One Community in Christ**", the Gateway will ensure that every pupil feels welcomed, valued and known.

The Saint Oscar Romero Gateway will be more than just a building. It will be a place where pupils are **rooted, nurtured and fruitful** – supported to become the people God is calling them to be. We look forward to sharing regular updates as this exciting project develops and to welcoming our future Year 7 pupils through its doors hopefully in early Spring 2028.

Tom Scott-Machin Laura Burtonwood



SCAN



FLYOVER VIDEO





Transforming Opportunities: Cardinal Wiseman Set to Launch New 3G Sports Hub

We are delighted to announce that on Thursday 25th June 2026, Cardinal Wiseman's planning permission application for a new all-weather 3G pitch was approved! Construction work is expected to begin in the coming weeks, and we will keep you all updated as the project progresses.

The vision for the new pitch is to transform Cardinal Wiseman into a hub where students of all abilities can thrive through high-quality sport and physical education. The 3G pitch will be a significant step towards achieving this vision, enabling year round training and competitive sport in a modern, high-performance environment.

The facility will also support the school's planned Athlete Development Programme, offering specialised coaching, mentoring and sporting pathways from Year 7 through to Sixth Form.

Greater access to sport and extracurricular activities is expected to enhance student wellbeing, engagement and behaviour. Beyond benefiting our students, the new facility will strengthen Cardinal Wiseman's role at the heart of the local community by promoting inclusion, health and civic pride through sport.

This pitch is more than an investment in sporting excellence at Cardinal Wiseman; it represents a commitment to the future of sport across Coventry and beyond



Congratulations to our Star Employees!

Across the Summer term we have welcomed nominations from all of our schools and shared services team recognising our people going above and beyond whilst highlighting our values of:

Respect, Integrity, Service and Excellence.

We congratulate all winners and nominees and welcome future nominations from all school stakeholders.

Each winner was awarded a gift and certificate.

Entity	Name
Corpus Christi	Alex Shaw
Good Shepherd	Sammy Roberts
Sacred Heart	Lisa Harding
SS Peter and Paul	Lisa Pepper
Saint Gregory	Kerry McCormick
Saint John Fisher	Paige Carter
Saint Patrick	Elise Liggins
Cardinal Wiseman	Lorraine Gregory Nikki Scott
Shared Services Team	Carole Claridge



Vocations Vocations Vocations



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Children at **Saint Gregory** explored careers ranging from policing and healthcare to engineering, music and publishing during a week designed to inspire the next generation.

Pupils at St Gregory's Catholic Primary School, took part in the school's annual Vocations Week, meeting professionals from a wide range of industries and learning how they use their skills and talents to make a difference.

A range of professionals volunteered their time throughout the week, giving pupils from Nursery to Year 6 the opportunity to ask questions, learn new skills and gain a greater understanding of the potential careers they could work in.

Visitors included local Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), representatives from the NHS, the University of Warwick, Rolls-Royce, the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and the armed forces, giving pupils an insight into careers across public services, engineering, higher education, manufacturing, the creative industries and beyond.

Pupils also took part in a live illustration workshop, learning how to draw dragons. Other activities included exploring police vehicles, learning first aid skills, taking part in engineering and detective challenges, hearing from a professional musician and listening to first-hand accounts from professionals working across a range of sectors.

Year 6 pupils were also given the opportunity to experience life behind the scenes during a special **Takeover Day**, stepping into a variety of staff roles across the school to gain an insight into the responsibilities and skills required in different careers.





The week concluded with a celebration day where children arrived dressed as the careers that inspire them, with the school filled with future doctors, teachers, artists, police officers, chefs, engineers, dancers, lawyers and many more as they proudly shared their ambitions for the future.

Alongside learning about careers, pupils also explored the Catholic understanding of vocation, reflecting on how they can use their unique gifts and talents to serve others and make a positive contribution to their communities.

The celebration day also raised funds for Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY), a charity with a close and personal connection to a member of the St Gregory's school community.

Mrs Scullion, Principal at St Gregory's Catholic Primary School, said: **"Vocations Week gives our children the opportunity to discover the many different ways they can use their gifts and talents in the future."**

"Hearing first-hand from people working across such a wide range of professions helps bring those possibilities to life and encourages our pupils to think confidently about their own aspirations. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who gave their time to inspire our children and make the week such a success."





WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2026

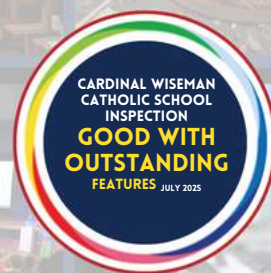
PROSPECTIVE YEAR 7 OPEN EVENING

5.30pm - 7.30pm

Ms Burtonwood, Principal, will deliver
a presentation at **5:30pm**,
in the Saint Charles Lwanga Hall,
with a repeat session at **6:15pm** to
ensure all prospective families
have the opportunity to attend.

Join us and see what opportunities await you at
Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Secondary School.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!



#BEINCREDIBLE #WEAREWISEMAN



Safer Street Scheme

Coventry City Council are continuing with the School Safer Street Scheme. The scheme restricts roads to traffic, for a short time at the start and end of the day outside Cardinal Wiseman, to keep our students safe and reduce congestion for residents.

Please see the below image for the roads covered by the scheme:



The scheme is in operation from 8:30am – 9:30am and 2:45pm – 3:45pm every weekday.

Anyone driving on Potters Green Road, Wedgewood Close, Minton Road and Dalton Close may receive a fixed penalty fine from the Council which is currently set at £70.00.

For **parents/ carers** at either end of the day who use a car, please **arrange a meeting point** within a 5 minute walk of the school so that you can avoid congesting this road within the time period stated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact admin.CW@romeromac.com



ANPR cameras

Capture licence plates of vehicles travelling through section of Potters Green Road, between the times of enforcement at the start and end of the day detailed on the sign.

Be the Difference: Become a Foundation Governor and Shape the Future of Catholic Education

Are you passionate about Catholic education and eager to make a lasting impact in your community?
The Romero Catholic Academy is calling on committed individuals to step forward and serve as Foundation Governors in our schools.

As a Foundation Governor, you will:

- Safeguard the Catholic ethos of the school;
- Support school leadership in delivering high-quality education;
- Contribute your skills to strategic decision-making;
- Grow personally and spiritually through service and collaboration.

Whether you're a parent, parishioner or professional with a heart for Catholic education, your voice and values are needed.

Benefits of Being a Governor:

- 1. Make a Real Difference** - by being the 'eyes and ears' of the board, you help shape the future of children and young people by influencing the quality of education and the spiritual life of the school;
- 2. Live Your Faith** - as a Foundation Governor, you actively support and promote the Catholic ethos, ensuring the school remains true to its mission working alongside the parish;
- 3. Develop Leadership Skills** - you gain experience in skills that are highly transferable to other leadership roles;
- 4. Grow Your Network** - you'll work alongside dedicated professionals, educators, and community leaders, building strong relationships and expanding your influence.

Meetings across the year

Each school has their own pattern of meetings - some are mornings, afternoons or evenings.
We offer a hybrid of teams and in-person meetings.

Autumn 1 (September 11 for all governors)	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
All LGBs together (MAC vision and Safeguarding)	Local Governing Body meeting 1.5 hours	School visit morning or afternoon	Local Governing Body meeting 1.5 hours	School visit morning or afternoon	Local Governing Body meeting 1.5 hours

 **Apply Today! Contact Katie Holmes 024 76451888 or...**

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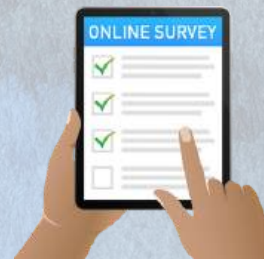
You will need to give the name of your Parish priest to confirm you are a practising Catholic.

"Let all that you do be done in love."

1 Corinthians 16:14

Parent Surveys: You Said We Did!

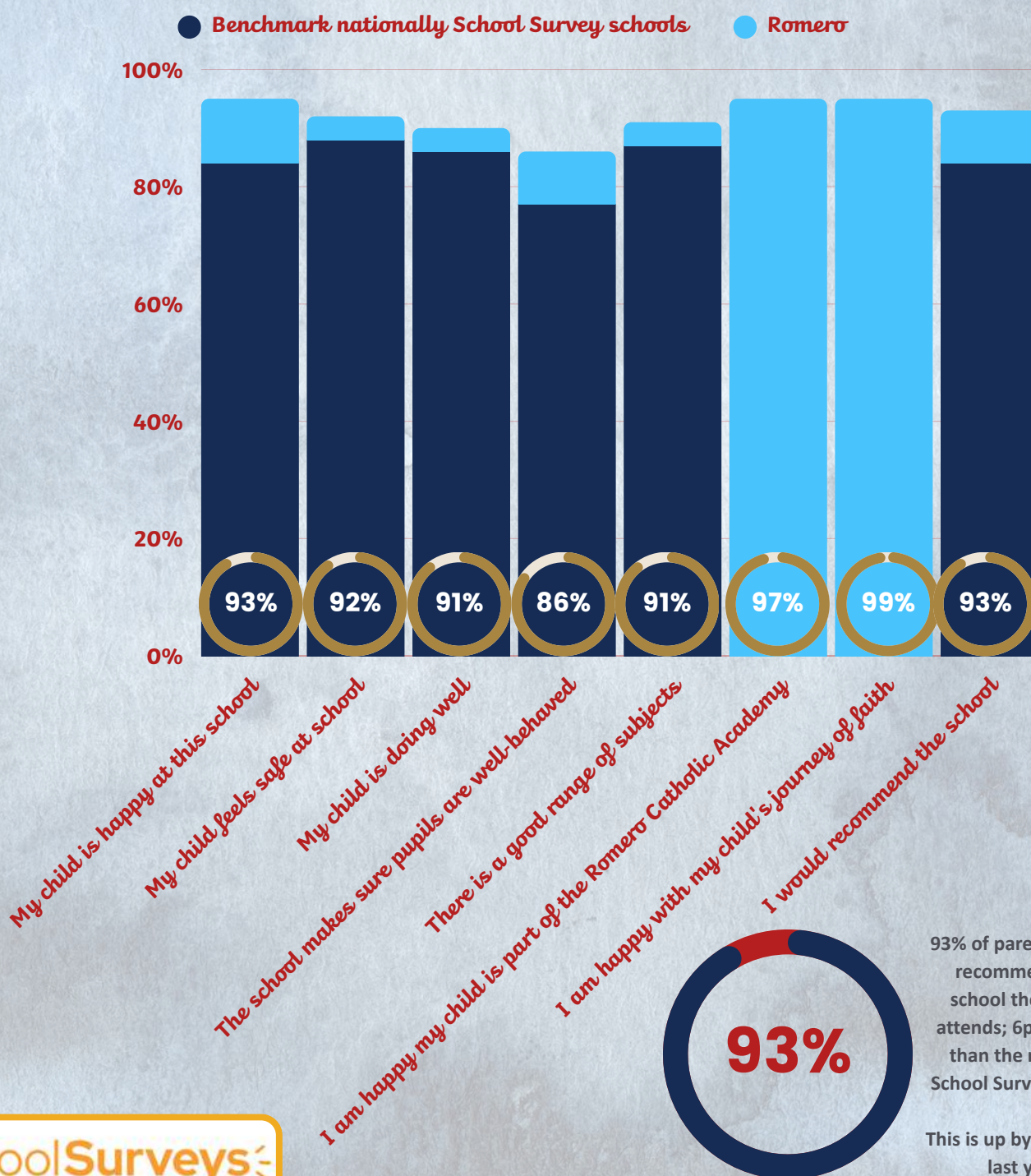
386 responses across schools



We value your feedback. Our annual survey helps us understand your views and track progress since last year highlighting where you feel we are performing well as a family of schools and any areas for improvement as constructive feedback.

The survey was open for a month and promoted through the newsletters. Survey results and a “**You said, we did**” summary will be shared in the Autumn. All levels of governance review the feedback carefully.

For the second year, we have used School Survey. This enables us to benchmark against all schools nationally who use this portal. In every question asked, our overall response was **above** the benchmark and all those below increased on last year. Individual schools will access their own survey and be able to compare nationally.



Highly Sprung Physical Fellowship - A Celebration of Unity



Thirty pupils from Cardinal Wiseman, recently took part in the Highly Sprung Physical Fellowship – the third time our school has been involved in this fantastic opportunity. This year's theme was Unity, and our pupils created and performed an energetic, fun-filled piece following the story of three brothers and their journey to inherit their father's farm.

The day took place at the Belgrade Theatre, giving students the chance to experience life within a professional theatre environment. Throughout the day, pupils participated in two inspiring workshops led by Fourth Monkey and Gecko, as well as taking part in a masterclass with Highly Sprung. They also experienced a full technical rehearsal on the theatre stage, developing their understanding of performance and backstage processes.

It has been an incredible experience for everyone involved and a valuable opportunity for pupils to gain insight into the professional arts industry. They represented the school brilliantly, showing creativity, commitment, and enthusiasm throughout the day. We are incredibly proud of everything they achieved and the positive way they embraced this exciting opportunity.

Nikki Scott
Head of Performing Arts





Cardinal Wiseman was proud to attend the Guardian Ballers 5-Year Celebration Event — and even prouder to be honoured with a Partnership Award recognising us as one of the very first schools to engage with the programme. It was a moment that highlighted our commitment as a school to student wellbeing.

Over the past five years, Guardian Ballers has grown from a bold idea into a thriving movement. The anniversary event brought together this extended community to reflect on the shared impact created through sport, mentoring and personal development.

Receiving the Partnership Award was a proud moment for our school. Chris Page, Head of Physical Education said: **“As one of the first schools to engage with Guardian Ballers, we believed in the programme’s mission from the very beginning. This mission includes: using basketball as a tool for wellbeing, building confidence and creating safe spaces for young people to grow emotionally.**

This award celebrates not just our participation, but our ongoing commitment to nurturing students and providing them with a Compass for Life.”

The evening was warm, uplifting, and full of celebration — a celebration of connection, growth, and the young people across the city whose lives have been positively changed by the programme.

Chris Page



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OUR JOURNEY WITH CARDINAL WISEMAN

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Through our community hubs and after-school basketball sessions, we created a consistent space where students could develop not only their sporting ability but also their confidence, discipline and sense of belonging. Guardian Ballers contributed to the growth of the school's basketball team, leading them to basketball finals, reflecting both increased skill and commitment.

beyond the sport, the programme contributed to a more positive school culture, strengthening relationships, improving confidence and giving students a safe outlet to express themselves.

Over five years we have engaged over 800 young people delivering over 1,440 sessions in total, creating a trusted space for both sport and wellbeing support. This sustained engagement has helped build confidence, improve behaviour and strengthen students' sense of belonging within the school.

On average, over 100 students have engaged with Guardian Ballers community activities (e.g. camps, events) each year; with four young people also progressing to be significant contributors to the Guardian Ballers programmes as young leaders.

“The impact of Guardian Ballers on our students has been significant. We have seen noticeable improvements in their confidence, engagement, and overall wellbeing. The sessions provide a safe and supportive environment where students can express themselves, build positive relationships, and feel a sense of belonging. This partnership has been incredibly valuable to our school.”

— Laura Burtonwood, Principal, Cardinal Wiseman School, Coventry

JUNE 2021 & FEBRUARY 2023
We hosted Entrepreneurship and Fashion Design workshops with Stick&Stone, where students produced custom clothing.

MARCH 2022
International Students Games in Coventry

NOVEMBER 2022
BBC & ITV features for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games equipment give away.

JANUARY 2023
Jameela Jamil, actress and Cardinal Wiseman alumni visited to film an episode of snapchat series 'I want to get better with Jameela Jamil'.

SCAN ME!



Congratulations Sacred Heart



Congratulations and well done all, for all your hard work in encouraging and maintain school attendance.

All your efforts have ensured that all our primary schools have equalled or surpassed national and region attendance data.

The attendance for each week was captured; the school for the highest attendance for that week was declared the winner. The results are as follows:

Place	Weekly wins	School(s)
1 st	10	WINNER Sacred Heart
2 nd	8	Saint Gregory
3 rd	5	Good Shepherd and Saint Patrick
4 th	4	Corpus Christi and SS Peter and Paul
5 th	1	Saint John Fisher

Wishing you all a
lovely summer
holiday





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