



Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,

This term has absolutely flown by and has been a real hive of busyness! Children in all year groups have worked so hard on their learning and should feel so proud of everything they've achieved this term! As always, any visitors to school have been so impressed by the children's work ethic and beautiful manners – I am so proud of you all children!

It was an absolute pleasure to share many of the children's successes in Achievement Awards this week and I want to say an enormous well done to everyone, who got an award. You have all shone in so many different ways!

Some real highlights from this term were the Year 5 trip to Alton Castle; our wonderful Mousike Ensemble; the Year 6 visit to Sky Studios; First Aid lessons; the Big Dance Off; OPAL Stay and Play; and of course, our Big Lent Walk and stunning Holy Week Performance, led by Year 3 and Year 4. Needless to say, both staff and children, are ready for a well-deserved break! I hope you all have a fun-filled, relaxing Easter, spent with your friends and family, ready to come back refreshed for Summer term on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

## Walk with me Oh Lord – our pilgrimage to the cross



### Social Action

Over the last six weeks, the children have spent time praying, reflecting and taking action to grow closer to God. We began our pilgrimage to the cross in school on our Lent Day, where children made Lent promises to 'Fast from... and Feast on...'. Since then, children have been busy raising money for our Lent charities and CAFOD, through our Cake Sales and Big Lent Walk. Thank you so much to everyone, who donated in any way – your support is greatly appreciated. Please can I ask that any money collected from sponsor forms is returned to school as soon as possible.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 children loved the opportunity to explore Coombe Abbey this week, whilst out on their Big Lent Walk. Many of the children came back absolutely exhausted but with the lovely feeling that they had accomplished something.

Unfortunately, due to roadworks and problems with the minibus, Year 3 and 4 had to do their Lent Walk in school, but they still had a great time, walking and chatting with their friends to raise money. Our Reception and Key Stage 1 children also found it a real challenge, but all the children completed their walk with a positive attitude. Well done to all of you! When we combined everyone's efforts, we were able to walk nearly 1000 miles for CAFOD.

### Student Leadership – GIFT Team led Liturgy

On Tuesday morning, our wonderful Year 5 GIFT Team led a beautiful act of worship for our friends at Saint Peter and Paul. Sacred Heart and the other Romero schools all participated in this Lenten prayer time via live stream. We are very proud of their confidence and reverence. #romerorefects

### Year 3 and 4 Holy Week Reflection

On Tuesday evening, Year 3 and Year 4 gave us the most stunning performance as they reflected on the events of Holy Week. It truly was such a special show: the children sang their hearts out and did a magnificent job of guiding us reverently through Jesus' final journey on Earth, from the joyful events of Palm Sunday through to Jesus' death on the cross. There were so many different aspects to the performance, including readings, reflections, a Sacred Dance, acting and silhouettes and every single child performed their role brilliantly. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff involved in the performance: Mr Finn, Mrs Severs, Mrs Hanlon and Mrs Chitty who coordinated the show and prepared the Year 4 children; Mrs Chitty, for sewing the magnificent costumes; Miss Allport, Mrs O'Connor, Miss Gibson, Miss Ashford, Miss Preston and Miss Jini, who taught our Year 3 children all the songs and supported the event in the evening. So much work goes on behind the scenes and these staff all gave up so much of their own family time to ensure the performance was a success 😊. An enormous well-done to every single child in Year 3 and Year 4 – your families and teachers were extremely proud of you all!



For further details visit  
<https://www.cafod.org.uk>



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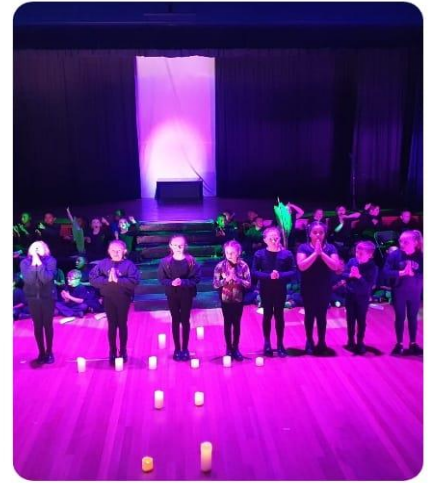


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Worker of the Week

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PE Days – New days Summer 1							
N/A	Thursday	Monday Wednesday	Thursday	Thursday	Monday Friday	Tuesday Monday	Wednesday Friday
Attendance: 96.0% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.							
86.1%	96.1%	92.4%	93.2%	97%	93.1%	96.2%	97.6%
House Point Winner		Rollover					
Class Attendance Winner		3H Mrs O'Connor & Miss Gibson					



Stoke Library Visit

This week, it was the turn of Mrs Stanton's class to visit Stoke Library. The children had a fantastic time listening to stories and exploring the library. They learned all about how a library works and they can't wait to return in the future! Thank you so much to the staff at Stoke Library for welcoming us. 📖



Reading at home with your child is the BEST thing you can do to support their learning.

Please try and spend at least **10 minutes** a night hearing your child read and sharing stories. Good readers make good writers and helps to improve children's imagination, creativity and knowledge of the world.

We would love for you to share your favourite books with us! Why not put a review of your favourite book on the school reading padlet? Let's share our love of books with each other

and give some recommendations to our friends. To access the padlet, please scan the QR code or follow the padlet link.

<https://padlet.com/mtaggart4/115cpcoorjckyh4h>



Sky Studios – Lights, Cameras, Action 🎬

What an incredible day and an amazing experience! We will cherish the memories made as we got the opportunity to explore every inch of Sky Studios.

From the cameras to the editing suite, to the wardrobe department, we were given the chance to explore what it is like to work for Sky Studios. We hope that the Year 6's experience on Wednesday has taught the children to dream big, reach for the stars and realise that the world is their oyster! Perhaps we have some tv stars, directors or future scriptwriters in our midst.

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### Year 1 Parent Workshop

On Tuesday evening, Year 1 parents joined us for a Maths Parent Workshop. The staff gave parents practical advice for how to support their children at home with mathematics. This workshop is the start of an ongoing home learning project that the children in Year 1 and Year 2 are participating in. Thank you so much to all the parents, who joined us – it was lovely to have so many of you there! We hope you found it valuable. Also, thank you to the staff in Year 1, who organised and led the workshop.



### Football Champions

A huge congratulations to our school footballers who, this week, have been crowned official league title winners for Coventry East Football after a 5 -1 win vs St Anne's. After 8 league games, the team have smashed 8 wins, scoring 63 goals and only conceding 4. A fantastic achievement. We have had a total of 17 players play in a league game and they have all played their part in winning the trophy!! Once again, congratulations! We are proud of you. You have all worked incredibly hard to win the league. 🏆📌

#romerothrives



### Romero Football Tournament

Our Year 4 footballers had a great afternoon yesterday, attending the 'Romero Football Tournament' at Corpus Christi! The team played amazingly well and managed to get 4 wins. There was some amazing football on show from all schools! Well done to everyone who took part 🏆📌

### Parking reminder

Please can I continue to ask that parents are considerate when parking to collect children from school and mindful of the residents of Brays Lane and surrounding roads. Residents have mentioned that a number of parents are still parking well in advance of 3:20pm – some as early as 2:30pm. Please can I request that this doesn't happen as it directly impacts residents' ability to park outside their houses. Please can you also ensure that engines are switched off when you are parked as leaving engines running creates unnecessary pollution and affects the air quality of our area. Can I also remind you that parents are NOT permitted to drive into or park in the staff Car Park. Thank you for your cooperation with these issues.

### \*Change in Parents Evening Date\* - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Due to a number of reasons, we have to change the date for Parents Evening this term. The new date will be Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April from 1pm – 7pm.

Mrs Severs' Class Parents Evening will be Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 5pm - 7pm and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 1pm – 5pm

### Summer Uniform

After the Easter Holidays, children are welcome to wear summer uniform. This means that in all year groups, children may wear **grey tailored shorts** instead of trousers or **blue gingham summer dresses**. In addition, children may choose to wear a **blue polo shirt with the Sacred Heart logo** instead of a shirt and tie. Please can all children ensure that they come to school in the correct PE kit, on their PE days, so that they can access the PE curriculum. Please note new PE days for Summer 1 in the newsletter.

**Shoes** – please can I ask for children to ensure that they have school shoes for the summer term.

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Mr Gerry Campbell – sad news

Earlier this week, we were notified that Mr Gerry Campbell (Headteacher of Sacred Heart in the 80s and 90s), sadly passed away in Coventry. He was a well-respected man and cared so much for Sacred Heart school and the parish community. Below are a few messages and memories of Gerry and the wonderful contribution he made as headteacher of Sacred Heart.

*“Gerry was my headteacher when I attended Sacred Heart in the 80s. I remember him for being a generous and funny man, always putting the children first. You would walk into his office to be greeted with a sea of smoke in the air and he always had treats! He will be sadly missed.”* **Mr Madia**

*“In his early days of teaching, Gerry taught PE at Secondary School. When he became Headteacher of Sacred Heart Primary School, he would always timetable himself to take the Reception class for PE; that way, he would get to know each child. I recall walking by the school hall where a lesson had just finished, and the children were laying on their backs with their feet in the air whilst Gerry went around the hall helping them to put on their socks. He really enjoyed these sessions!”* **Mary Wilson** (Ex headteacher of Sacred Heart)

*“Gerry was a caring and supportive head for staff and pupils. He always had time to listen and try to resolve any problems especially regarding family - family came first. When retired he enjoyed playing golf at the Windmill and would laugh talking about the old times”* **Catrina Madia** (Ex Teaching Assistant)

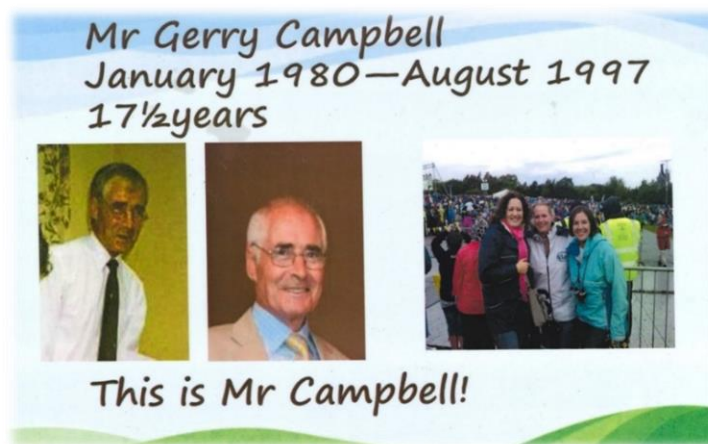
*“I worked with Gerry for 14 years and he never changed. He was kind and thoughtful and had a good sense of humour and would always pull your leg. I have the fondest memories of him.”* **Val Lloyd** (Ex Teaching Assistant)

*“So saddened to hear of the passing of Gerry. I taught for 8 happy years at Sacred Heart, and he was very supportive of my career as I moved on. One lesson learnt from him was to always keep your sense of humour!”* **Sian Smith** (Ex Teacher)

*“Gerry was a lovely man, certainly kind and caring. I loved the way he patrolled the corridors in the morning checking all is well. He was a father figure and proud of his school. A calming influence. He always saw the funny side of life with a warm sense of humour. One of my fond memories was during a particularly difficult time after school, I met him in the hall as he took out the Christmas tree, “come on Lynda let’s bring on Christmas” he said, and he made a decision to put all the difficult stuff to one side and bring on the JOY!!!!!!”* **Lynda Leigh** (Ex Teacher)

As a school and Parish community we are asking you to email any memories or photographs of Mr Campbell to [h.quinn@romeromac.com](mailto:h.quinn@romeromac.com) with the subject heading of GERRY. We are creating a memorial in his remembrance.

*Eternal Rest*  
grant unto them,  
**O LORD,**  
and let  
**perpetual light**  
shine upon them.  
**MAY THEY**  
*Rest in Peace*  
Amen



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Easter Celebration Day

On **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**, we return to school and celebrate Easter during the Easter season. **The children can come in non-uniform and there will be no charge for this.** The children will take part in a range of activities e.g. making Easter cards and every child will be given a Cadburys creme egg with their name on. The catch is the children have to find their egg in a hunt on the playground and can only eat the one with their name on! Staff will have to hunt for their own egg also. We will be coming together as a whole school during our Easter Celebration Mission at 9am with all staff and pupils.

The children have also asked for the Easter Bonnet Parade to return, so on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April** we will be holding our **Easter bonnet parade at 2.40pm** for children in **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.** Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will need to make their Easter bonnets over the Easter Holidays at home – we are looking for creative and unique creations. Each class will be judged and awarded prizes throughout the morning. Parents are welcome to attend the bonnet parade.

**Year 3/Year 4/Year 5/Year 6** will be taking part in our annual competition. This year we would love for you to create an Egg Head. These can be as simple or as creative as you like, however should feature people/animals created from eggs. In the past, we have had some amazing entries ranging from Harry Potter to Boris Johnson. These can be brought in on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April and placed in the hall. Please ensure your child's name and Year Group is marked clearly on them. Thank you.

Week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity
<b>Value and Virtue – Learned and Wise</b>		
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	All Day All Day 5pm – 7pm	Easter Celebration Day – Non-Uniform (No charge) Guitar Lessons Mrs Severs Class Parents Evening (Teams)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	All Day All Day 1pm – 5pm	Piano and violin lessons Drumming lessons Mrs Severs Class Parents Evening (in school)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	All Day All Day Afternoon 3:30pm	Year 1 Warwick Castle Trip School Nurses Year 6 Cross Country Competition Year 2 Parent Workshop
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Morning 3:20pm	Spelling Bee Year 1 - 3 (St John Fisher) Football Semi-final vs Corpus Christi (home)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	9:00am Morning Morning	Mrs Gaffney/Mrs Cruse Class Assembly Spelling Bee Year 4 - 7 (Cardinal Wiseman) Reception Vision Screening

I wish you a happy and holy Easter.

Mrs Ellis  
Head of School

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## LINKS TO CLUBS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL



### Cheerleading & Tumbling

Name: The Tribe  
Location: Wawickshire  
Shopping Park  
[www.tribecoventry.co.uk](http://www.tribecoventry.co.uk)

### Gymnastics

Name: Nile Wilson Gymnastics  
Location: Humber Road  
02476 509 8295  
[coventry@nilewilsongymnastics.com](mailto:coventry@nilewilsongymnastics.com)

### Tennis & Cricket

Name: Coventry & North  
Warwickshire Sports Club  
Location: Binley Road  
024 7645 1426  
[info@cnwsc.co.uk](mailto:info@cnwsc.co.uk)

### All Stars & Dynamos Cricket

[www.allstarscricket.co.uk](http://www.allstarscricket.co.uk)

### Dance

Name: Elite Dance Academy  
Location: Coventry  
07708 855821  
[elite.academy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:elite.academy@hotmail.co.uk)

### Irish Dancing

Name: Katie Martin Irish  
Dancing and Events  
Location: Various locations  
[kmartinacademy1@gmail.com](mailto:kmartinacademy1@gmail.com)

### Athletics

Name: Sphinx AC  
Location: Lyng Hall School  
[www.sphinx.org.uk](http://www.sphinx.org.uk)

Name: Godiva Harriers  
Location: Warwick University  
[www.coventry-godiva-harriers.co.uk](http://www.coventry-godiva-harriers.co.uk)

### Football

Name: SoccerRockz  
Location: AT7 Centre  
[www.soccerrockz.com](http://www.soccerrockz.com)

### Swimming

There are numerous locations across the city to take your children to learn to swim. Once they are able to swim City of Coventry Swimming Club is a great club to continue developing their competitive swimming ability.  
[www.coventry-swimming.org.uk](http://www.coventry-swimming.org.uk)

There are many more amazing sports clubs on offer in the city, however, these are the clubs we'd highly recommend.

If you're struggling to find an appropriate sports club and would like support please come and speak to us and we'll point you in the right direction :)

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**Sleep Tight Workshop for parents/carers of children aged 1 year and over**

**There are two sessions available:**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 9:30-11:30 a.m.**

**or**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 12:30-2:30 p.m.**

**Sessions will be delivered virtually on Microsoft Teams**



Sleep issues are common for children and young people and can have a huge impact on the quality of family life. This two-hour workshop looks at the importance of sleep, understanding sleep cycles, causes of sleep issues and what you can do to support your child to sleep better.

This session will be delivered by a parenting practitioner who has been trained by The National Sleep Charity.

To book your place on a workshop email:

[parenting@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:parenting@coventry.gov.uk)

Please include the following details in your email:

Your name, address, postcode, age of child and child's name, name of any professionals supporting you. e.g., health visitor, family worker, social worker, school nurse, parents email address and your preferred workshop date



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## Family Learning Coventry Adult Education Service

### Free, downloadable, pre-recorded online courses for parents/carers with children in Coventry Primary Schools or Nursery Settings.

Family Learning is part of Coventry City Council, and we provide workshops and courses for Coventry parents/carers. These are our three, autumn term, online courses:

English in the Primary School - recorded online sessions course code FL22564

Maths in the Primary School - recorded online sessions course code FL22563

These two courses tell you more about what our children learn at school and how you can help at home.

Positive Family Foundations - recorded online sessions course code FL22562

This course tells you about how children develop, and looks at practical examples around raising well-behaved, happy, safe, and secure children.

**Where:** A pre-recorded online course to watch wherever and whenever suits you (each video is approx. 30 min long)

**When:** we will email you the resources each week - beginning 24/4/23, for 10 weeks

**How:** Enrol by clicking 'Enrol online' and then 'Family Learning' on [www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted)

To find out more:

kate.steventon@coventry.gov.uk or 024 76978730

steve.withers@coventry.gov.uk or 024 7697 1301

Family Learning – programmes that promote strong positive relationships within families; enabling parents and carers to support their children's learning and development.



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## Family Learning Coventry Adult Education Service

### 'English in the Primary School' for female parents / carers

Have you ever wondered what the children learn in English and phonics lessons, and how you can help?

You can come along to a free Family Learning 10-week course for parents to develop your confidence in phonics and in reading with your children. This friendly, informal course is for parents / carers with children from Nursery to Year 6.

We will:

- Explain the teaching methods used at British Schools
- Learn phonics phrases your children use, such as 'blending' and 'digraph'
- Provide you with games to take home and play with your children

We can also provide a free crèche for your pre-school children

Who: any female parent / carer of a child aged 3-11 years old

Where: Foleshill Women's Training, 70-72 Elmsdale Avenue, Foleshill, Coventry, CV6 6ES <http://www.fwt.org.uk/>

When: 9.30-11.30am every Tuesday from 25<sup>th</sup> April for 10 weeks

To join: Just come to the venue at the time of the course, or you can enrol by searching for 'Family Learning' on <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted>

To find out more contact: [kate.steventon@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:kate.steventon@coventry.gov.uk)

\*If you would like space/s in the free crèche, please email [kate.steventon@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:kate.steventon@coventry.gov.uk)\*

If you can't make this course look out for our online courses on [coventry.gov.uk/adulted](https://www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted)

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## Family Learning Coventry Adult Education Service

### 'Positive Family Foundations' at Hearsall Academy, Earlsdon A free Family Learning course for parents

These free sessions are for any parent / carer who has a child in a Coventry Nursery / Primary School.

Where: Hearsall Community Academy Kingston Rd, Earlsdon, Coventry CV5 6LR

<https://hearsallacademy.org/>

When: 1-3pm every Tuesday from April 25<sup>th</sup> for 10 weeks (if you need to leave early for school pick up that's fine)

To join: Just come to the venue at the time of the course, or you can enrol by searching for 'Family Learning' on <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted>

(You don't need to have children at Hearsall to attend)

To find out more contact: [steve.withers@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:steve.withers@coventry.gov.uk) or [kate.steventon@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:kate.steventon@coventry.gov.uk)

#### We will:

- Learn about and reflect on, our own and other family units
- Look at practical examples focused on raising well-behaved, happy, safe and secure children
- Investigate general theory on parenting styles and family groups
- Consider how we as parents/ carers use rewards, consequences, rules and expectations
- Give out plenty of free resources and suggestions of activities to do with your children

The sessions are focused on practical information, activities, and resources for you to use at home with your family – encouraging a Positive Family Foundation!

If you can't make this course look out for our online courses on [coventry.gov.uk/adulted](https://www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted)

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### 'Positive Family Foundations' at Woodside Family Hub A free Family Learning course for parents

These free sessions are for any parent / carer who has a child in a Coventry Nursery / Primary School.

Where: Woodside Family Hub, Upper Ride, Willenhall, Coventry CV3 3GL

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/woodsidefamilyhub>

When: 1-3pm every Tuesday from April 25<sup>th</sup> for 10 weeks (if you need to leave early for school pick up that's fine)

To join: Just come to the venue at the time of the course, or you can enrol by searching for 'Family Learning' on <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted>

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**There is a free crèche available for pre-school children – please let us know by email if you require a place.**

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