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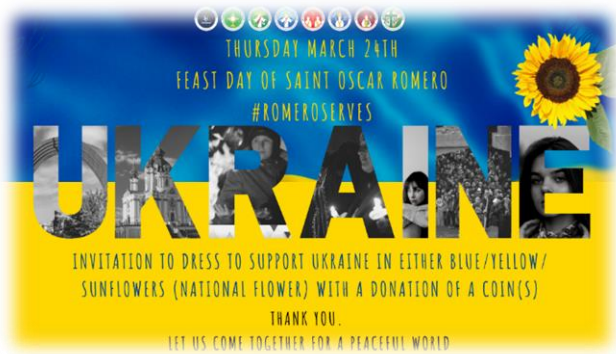


Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

Feast Day of St Oscar Romero – Romero Serves

We had the most fantastic day yesterday celebrating the Feast Day of St Oscar Romero, starting with an assembly led by Mrs Quinn. We were so proud to see three of our talented singers join together as a Romero choir to lead us in singing 'All The Room Was Hushed and Still'. Congratulations Alexa from Year 6 and Nicole and Charlotte from Year 5; you were all fabulous! Huge, heartfelt thanks for the generous donations from children, parents and staff which will go towards supporting the charities working tirelessly to help those from the Ukraine. As a school community, we have raised £445.23 from dressing up yesterday and you can see the picture of all the children dressed in blue and yellow here. Well done everyone; thank you so much.

'Let there be peace on earth, let it begin with me.'



Workers of the Week

| Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Gabriel L | Chukwuemeka A Nathan I | Jay J K Jack W Nicole W | Louis N Mary W | Daya B Oliver F | Yvan B Gabriel A | Jacob S Charlotte T | Frannitta M Milosz M |
| PE Days – New days for Spring 2 | | | | | | | |
| N/A | Wednesday | Thursday | Monday | Wednesday | Tuesday Thursday | Thursday | Friday |
| Attendance: 94.6% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%. | | | | | | | |
| 94.5% | 99.0% 😊 | 94.0% | 96.0% | 89.4% | 94.6% | 97.1% | 92.3% |
| House Point Winner | | Michelangelo - 67 points 😊 Winning house overall – Michelangelo - 1941 | | | | | |
| Class Attendance Winner | | 2E Miss Parry & Rec B Mrs Rice & Mrs Gaffney 😊 | | | | | |

Mother's Day is this weekend, and it is the day we say 'thank you' to our Mothers, those here on earth and those who are in heaven. We ask God to bless our Mothers on this special day and I wish all our Sacred Heart Mums a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday! Unfortunately, the clocks do go forward an hour this weekend, and one hour less of sleep isn't the gift perhaps the Mums were hoping for! Remember to set your manual clocks and think positively that we are now moving closer towards those lighter and brighter evenings.

Lent 2022: Please remember to take the time to look at the Diocesan 'Walk With Me' calendar that the children brought home for ideas. During Lent, we are all asked to pray more, repent, support charities and to give something up or do something extra. The 'Walk with Me' calendar is a good way to spend some time in reflection during Lent and our children have been enjoying checking this each day.



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Good Shepherd Appeal

Thank you for all the envelopes that have already come into school. Please find any change or coins laying around the house and pop them into the envelopes. The support from family members makes a huge difference to the success of the appeal – please rally round and help your child fill their collection envelope! They need to be returned by the 8th April.



Parent Consultations

On Wednesday 30th March, we will be holding an appointment system for all classes for parents to meet with their teacher (1:00pm until 7:00pm online on TEAMS). Please make sure you make an appointment to see how your child is doing. All appointments will be made through our online system on Arbor. We will be sharing with you how your child is progressing and what their projected standard will be. A link will be sent out next week.

OPAL Update

In the background, we are continuing to work on the development of our site ahead of our big OPAL launch on 16th May. As we begin to countdown to the big launch each week, we'll have a different focus in order to get ready.

This week's focus is wellies. Every child will need a pair of wellies to enable them to access our new outdoor OPAL provision. The wellies will enable your child to access every area, no matter what the weather and to keep shoes and lower parts of uniform clean. The aim is that once you have bought one pair of wellies, you will no longer have to purchase a pair of wellies again, as we will place all wellies in our wellie library for the children to exchange once they have outgrown them.

You can start bringing your wellies into school anytime between now and May 16th. Thank you for your support with this.



We are recruiting!

Class Teachers vacancies for September 2022

<https://romeromac.com/vacancy/class-teachers-sacred-heart-catholic-primary-school/>

Lunchtime Supervisor vacancy

<https://romeromac.com/vacancy/lunchtime-supervisor-sacred-heart-catholic-primary-school/>

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion gifts and cards will be on sale in the church hall on Friday mornings from 9.15 am until Noon. Items will also be on sale during the church's Spring Fair on Saturday 9th April, 10 am until 4.30 pm and before and after all weekend masses.

Items start at £1. Payment can be made by cash or debit/credit card. Early purchase recommended as gifts sell very quickly. Please contact Sue Wilby on 07523886340 if you have any queries.

Year 3 and 4 Holy Week Reflection

Year 3 and 4 are currently busy behind the scenes preparing themselves to deliver a very special performance. The children in these year groups are working to perform a special reflective performance to retell Jesus' last moments on earth. This performance will take place on Wednesday 6th April at 6pm.

In order to make this experience a special one, and to give it the recognition it deserves, we have booked the Cardinal Wiseman Theatre so that the children are able to perform their reflection on a real-life stage with working tech including lighting and sound systems. Parents, families and other children are then invited to come and witness their reflection at 6pm. Details will be shared in a separate communication through Arbor over the next week.



CAKE SALE



Lent 2022 Cake Sales – 1) Year 1/Year 5 made £120 Year R/Year 6 made £127.30 Year 2/Year 4 made £78
**** ONLY SHOP BOUGHT CAKES TO BE BROUGHT IN PLEASE ****

During Lent, we will be having a number of cake sales to raise money for our Lenten charities. Please support the event by buying cakes from a shop. On cake sale days, children can bring in money to purchase cakes (30p/50p in price). Don't forget! All cakes will be sold during break time and any left after school each Tuesday during Lent. Lent is a time for Almsgiving – raising money to give to charity – the cake sales are a one-off event for each phase during the four weeks we run this. Next Tuesday is Nursery and Year 3 cake sale.

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Grow a Pound for Lent

Year 5 and 6 are working incredibly hard to raise money for charity. They are selling things at breaktimes and after school to grow their pound over Lent. It is always an exciting and fun activity to do so please do support them. The only rule is that at least £1 needs to be returned back to school 😊 The 3 children that raise the most money and grow their £1 the most, will get the opportunity of becoming Principals for the Day with me during the summer term.

Mousike Ensemble Eco Warriors

As part of the music curriculum, the children in Year 2 and Year 5 have taken part in a big music event. They learnt songs that are linked to eco curriculum and learnt their instrument parts. They also performed a 'school showcase', with a dance choreographed by Miss Jade (thank you!). We welcomed 200 other children to Sacred Heart from across our Catholic Schools to perform and celebrate their learning and Mr Madia, Mrs Severs and Mrs Stevenson were blown away by their performances!



What does it mean to be a Romero Child?

Here at Sacred Heart, we pride ourselves on the experiences we provide for our children, whether that be spiritually, academically, or socially. The premise is simple: by providing our students with a vast range of experiences that are deeply rooted in faith which allow them chance to explore the world around them in all its

wonder, we prepare our children to be all that God intended them to be and assist them in maximising their contribution to the wider world.

In order to exemplify the way in which we hope to do this, we follow a Romero Academy initiative known as the 'Romero Child'. The Romero child is our 'Character Education' offer and aims to help children develop through 6 strands.

Romero Reflects **Romero Serves** **Romero Aspires** **Romero Experiences** **Romero Thrives** **Romero Shines**

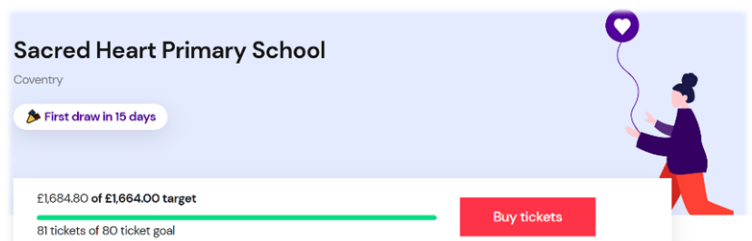
The experiences provided within each of the strands is adapted according to the age of each child. It is through these experiences provided through the Romero Child Charter that we hope to shape who the children grow up to be, assist them in answering God's call and help them to develop their own talents and reach their God-Given Potential. A further insight into the more specific details of the Romero Child will be communicated with you before Easter, however, we felt it was important during this time that you were aware of this initiative and know how it supports your child.

If you wish to know more about the Charter at this point in time, please use the link to read the brochure available on our website: [Romero Child Brochure](#)

Sacred Heart School Lottery

We did it! We have met our ticket sales target so thank you for the incredible support.

Don't forget, the more supporters we have and the more tickets you buy, the faster our funds will grow. Remember, we also take new supporters from outside of our direct school community, so help us spread the word about our School Lottery further. To help you spread the word, here is the link to our page on the School Lottery website: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/sacred-heart-primary-school> Everyone can support our campaign, so the more people that know the better! Good luck with our campaign!



Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

You may be aware that Pope Francis has announced that on Friday he will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

"This Act of Consecration is meant to be a gesture of the universal Church, which in this dramatic moment lifts up to God, through his Mother and ours, the cry of pain of all those who suffer and implore an end to the violence, and to entrust the future of our human family to the Queen of Peace."

Friday, has been especially chosen as it is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

His Holiness has asked all Bishops throughout the world to join him from their Cathedrals in this important time of prayer and in turn, Archbishop Bernard has asked the clergy and religious communities to join in this too. The Act of Consecration is taking place at about 5:30p.m. (UK time) as part of a Celebration of Penance (starting at 4:00).

Sacred Heart joined our prayers with those of the Consecration today by praying as a school community at 12.00pm. The full text of the Act of Consecration is available here [Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](#)

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Spelling Shed and Timestables Rockstars

| Spelling Shed | | Times Tables Rockstars | |
|---|---------------|------------------------|--------------|
| The King Bees and Queen Bees for this week are: | | Our top Rockstars are: | |
| Class 1C | Leonard K | | |
| Class 1D | Sebastian W | | |
| Class 2E | Jesus-Well L | Class 2E | Jesus-Well L |
| Class 2F | Peter S | Class 2F | Ikechukwu E |
| Class 3G | Maiya L | Class 3G | Daya B |
| Class 3H | Olivia R | Class 3H | Roxanna A |
| Class 4I | Noh K | Class 4I | Nikoletta R |
| Class 4J | Lyan B | Class 4J | Stella O |
| Class 5K | Hannah R | Class 5K | Katy B |
| Class 5L | Chimezuruko E | Class 5L | - |
| Class 6M | Daniel O | Class 6M | Daniel O |
| Class 6N | - | Class 6N | Ariel G |

Well done to our winners for this week! If you want to be in with a chance of winning a prize next week, make sure you log on to your Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rockstars account and get practising those spellings and tables.



Lent Dates

| Lent 2022 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|---|--|---|---|-------------------------------|
| Week beginning 28th March | Achievement awards Years 5 & 6: 9.00am hall Nursery: 9.00am lodge Reception: 9.30am lodge Nursery: 3.00pm - nursery | Achievement awards Years 3 & 4: 9.00am hall Year 3 & Nursery cake sale | Achievement awards Years 1 & 2: 9.00am hall Year 5 Reconciliation Parent Consultations | GIFT Team prayer time for children | Mrs O'Malley's class assembly |
| Week beginning 4th April | Class photo day (full uniform for all year groups - no PE today) | | Year 3 & 4 Holy Week performance at Cardinal Wiseman at 6pm | Year 6 Reconciliation GIFT Team prayer time for children | Mrs Cowley's class assembly |

Week at a glance

| Date | Time | Activity |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Value and Virtue – Intentional and Prophetic | | |
| Assessment Week – Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 | | |
| Sunday 27 th March | 10:30am | Third Sunday of Lent (Parish Mass) and Mothering Sunday |
| Monday 28 th March | All Day 9.00am/ 9.30am/ 3.00pm | Guitar Lessons Achievement Awards Years 5 & 6, Reception and Nursery (see Lent dates above) |
| Tuesday 29 th March | All Day All Day 3.30pm | Cake Sale – Nursery and Year 3 to bring in cakes Guitar, Piano and Violin Lessons Achievement Awards Years 3 & 4 (see Lent dates above) Girl's and Boy's football match away at St. Christopher's |
| Wednesday 30 th March | 11:00am 9.00am 1.00pm – 7.00pm | Year 5 Reconciliation Service (Sacred Heart Church) Achievement Awards Years 1 & 2 (see Lent dates above) Parent Consultations (booking via Arbor) |
| Thursday 31 st March | 9:00am Lunchtime | Year 2 to Mass GIFT Team prayer time |
| Friday 1 st April | 9:00am Morning | Mrs O'Malley's class assembly – parents welcome back in the hall Drumming Lessons |
| Sunday 3 rd April | 10:30am | Fourth Sunday of Lent (Parish Mass) Mothers' Day |

I hope you have a great weekend.

Mr P Madia
Executive Principal



Remember to follow us on our School Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartCov>

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Competition Time!

If you would like to enter the Vocations Art Competition, please see the poster for information and more details can be found on the website:

<https://www.vocations.org.uk/competition>

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Vocations Art Competition

Win prizes for you and your school!

Our Judges for 2022

Luke 24: 13-32

Archbishop Bernard Longley

Fr. Tomás Zuna

Sr. Miriam SMSF

'The Walk to Emmaus'
Create an inspirational piece of art making a link between the Walk to Emmaus and Vocation

For entries and more information, see:

Entries must be in by Friday 8th April

www.vocations.org.uk/competition

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