



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

OPAL LAUNCH DAY 2022 (press release)



Children at a Coventry primary school have become the city's first to try out an award-winning initiative which transforms playtime into an outdoor adventure designed to promote wellbeing. Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School has unveiled its Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) play areas to its 420 students following eight months of staff training and volunteer support from the community, with children keen to pull on their wellies and explore.

The initiative aims to provide each child with the best play time possible to improve their health and fitness and ensure they return to the classroom happy to promote better learning. Sacred Heart, which is part of the Romero Catholic Academy, was the first school in Coventry to sign up to the initiative and is one of only a handful so far across the West Midlands to put the scheme into action.

The new play areas – which include a water area with a pond and tap; mud kitchen complete with pots, pans and aprons; a construction zone; sandpit; quiet spaces; and a woodland trail – were created thanks to support from staff and parents who volunteered their time, and local businesses which provided additional labour and materials.

Martins Fixings donated 20 tonnes of play sand, P Murphy and Sons Construction provided labour and tools to dig the sand pit, and Jaguar Land Rover provided volunteer support from eight staff members for the creation of the construction zone, which includes a play car, pallets and piping for children to experiment with their imagination, along with many parents, staff and children supporting in the huge development of the OPAL play community.

Thank you to the children in Miss Reilly's Class for their Assembly on Wesak (Buddha Day). Thank you to all the parents that were able to join us. Congratulations to the children that received an award or certificate.

Workers of the Week

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Mia B	Natalia S Gyamaa O-M	Eddie H Sebastian W	N/A	Daniel J Dalton A	Theo L Joanna M	Evelyn L Manika S	Whole Year (SATs)
PE Days – New days for Summer 1							
N/A	Thursday	Wednesday	Monday	Friday	Thursday	Tuesday Wednesday	Thursday
Attendance: 94.1% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.							
%	94.6%	92.3%	96.6%	92.9%	96.3%	95.5%	97.5% 😊
House Point Winner		Leonardo – 214 points 😊 Winning House overall – Michelangelo 2484 points 😊					
Class Attendance Winner		6N Mrs Aldrich & Mrs Davies 😊					



Goodbye 😞 Next Friday we say a very sad goodbye to Mrs Laura Stevenson, our wonderful Vice Principal, as she takes up her new post as **Headteacher** at St John's C of E Primary School, Allesley. She has been with us since 2008 (14 years) and over the years has progressed from a class teacher to Assistant Vice Principal and Vice Principal. She has been a huge support to all our community and has championed teacher workload and ensured that we look after all our staff to ensure they have a positive work/life balance. We will really miss Mrs Stevenson but know she will take a little bit of Sacred Heart to St John's.

Scooters

If your child has a scooter or bike on the school playground, please take it home this weekend. Any scooters or bikes left on the school site from Friday will be labelled up for OPAL.

Current Vacancy

Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) fixed term contract for a year

<https://romeromac.com/vacancy/higher-level-teaching-assistant-sacred-heart-catholic-primary-school/>



Year 4/5 parents

We are keen to secure our place on the trip to Normandy for May 2023, so, if your child wants to take part in this wonderful experience, please return your consent slip ASAP (copies in the office if you need one and it has been Arbored out). We only have a limited number of spaces left, so confirm your interest before it is too late.

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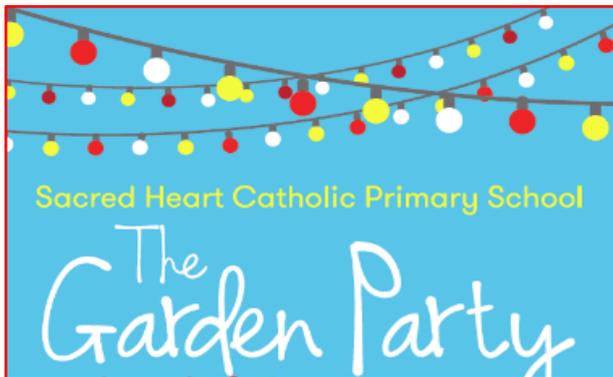


Year 3 Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Tomorrow, Saturday, 21st May, our 2nd class (Mrs Baker's children in Year 3) will take their next step on their Journey of Faith and receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. The Mass will begin at 10.30am will be a wonderful celebration to mark this special occasion with the children and their families. Year 3 children need to arrive at church at 10:00am for individual and family photographs. If your child is available to sing in the choir, please could they attend church from 10am and report to a member of staff. We will keep our Year 3 children in our prayers and ask God to watch over them on their special day.

Assessments

In addition to Year 6 SATs, pupil assessments will be taking place in all other year groups over the next month (no set timetable). Some of these tests are statutory (Year 1 and 2 Phonics Check, Year 4 Multiplication Check) and some tests are carried out by school as part of our Romero Academy Assessment Policy. The assessments will allow teachers to continue to track pupil progress over this school year and plan for the next academic year. Written progress reports for EVERY year group will go out to parents on **Monday 18th July 2022**.



SAVE THE DATE

Friday 24th June 2022.

(2:30pm until 5:00pm).

More details to follow soon.

If you want to run a stall during the Garden Party, please email me for a booking form – cost £10 per stall: p.madia@romeromac.com



Year 6 Maths Challenge

On 28th April, a group of Year 6 children (Mateusz, Ron, Oyebola, Aidan, Adrian, Justin, Clara, Frannitta, Frannicca, Louie, Henry) took part in the Junior Maths Challenge at Cardinal Wiseman, along with children from every Romero school. The JMC is run by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust and is typically aimed at KS3 students. We are blessed with some very gifted young mathematicians in our school who have been able to demonstrate that they are more than ready to rise to this challenge. All of the children performed exceptionally well, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. Well done Year 6.

Parent/Carer Survey - Your Voice Matters!

Here at Sacred Heart, we strive to provide a high-quality education in which all our pupils reach their God-given potential; your view is important in providing feedback on how well we are achieving our vision. To this end, we are delighted to share our fifth annual survey to parents/carers across all eight schools within The Romero Catholic Academy. It will close on Friday July 15th, 2022.

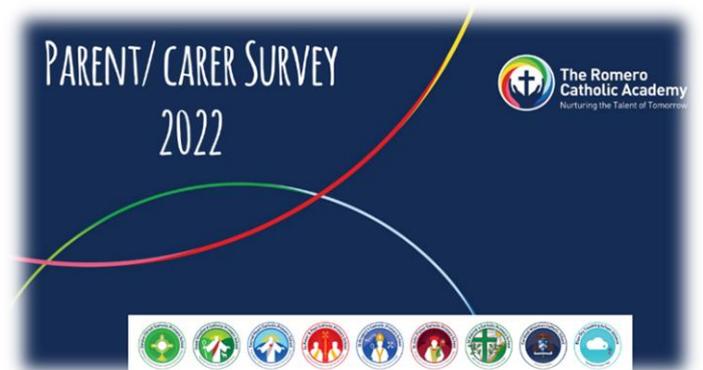
The link can be found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Romero2022>

Through this survey, we would like to know what you think is working well and what you would like us to improve. We have included a question specifically on the recent Ofsted at Cardinal Wiseman as we are interested in your view in the school now confirmed as 'Good' in all areas. The survey takes approximately 6 minutes to complete, and comments are optional.

You can provide your details, or you may answer the questionnaire anonymously if you would prefer. As always, if you wish to raise a concern, there is a process to follow, and we would appreciate you bringing it directly to the attention of staff at the school so we can resolve the matter in a speedy manner.

We would like to take this opportunity to 'thank you' in advance for completing our survey. As always, the survey will be analysed at school level and across Romero, as the results will be collated and viewed by the Board of Directors. We will share the responses and the key themes emerging in Autumn with a 'You said, we did' update in our newsletter. We will include the FAQs on the website – www.romeromac.com



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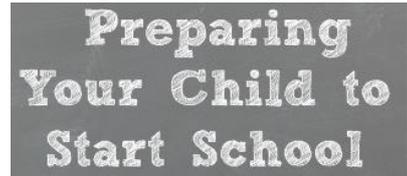
May is for Mary



On **Friday 27th May (next week)**, we will be holding our annual May Procession to pay homage to Our Lady; to think about her in our own lives and our faith. We will praise her through hymns and prayers. Mrs Severs' class will lead us in our May Procession; we hope to have the assembly outside (weather permitting). Parents are welcome to attend. Please can I ask for all children to bring in small **plants/shrubs/bulbs** so on the day, we can adorn the shrine of Our Lady, but then, after the procession, our Eco Team will plant the flowers/plants/bulbs across our school site, so that every spring our school will be FULL of flowers, a much more sustainable approach. Thank you.

Rising Four/Five Information (New Nursery and Reception Children 2022)

There will be a meeting for parents of children allocated a place in Nursery and Reception on **Wednesday 22nd June at 6:00pm in the school hall**. During this meeting, you will meet the staff and have an insight into being a Nursery/Reception child at Sacred Heart. We will confirm the starting date in September shortly and a letter and admission pack will be sent to all parents/carers soon. We have invited the school nursing team, along with our care club, uniform examples, and samples of food to try from our Romero caterers.



Year 5 Mass – Mass of Enrolment – CHANGE OF DATE

Due to the date of Pentecost being over half term, we have needed to move the Year 5 Mass of Enrolment. Year 5 will now lead the whole school Mass on **Thursday 26th May**. This Mass will start their Confirmation programme and it will be during our Holy Day of Obligation – Feast of the Ascension. We have sent home two certificates – one for the children and one for the parents to fill in. Please ensure these are returned to school by **Monday 30th May**.

Beauty and the Beast – Year 6 Summer Show (Wednesday 13th July 6:30pm)

Tickets for Year 5 and 6's Summer production of Beauty and the Beast **will be going on sale after half term**. The children will be performing their show at 6:30pm at the Albany Theatre. Please book your tickets early to avoid disappointment once they go on sale. Adults £9 / Children £6. It will be an amazing experience for all involved and a brilliant way to create some lasting memories of their time at Sacred Heart! This is not one to be missed!



Sacred Heart Celebrates!

On Monday 6th June, as a school we will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee! We have a special day of activities planned for the children and will be embracing all that this celebration has to offer. A special lunch menu has been set for the day – traditional fish and chips, and ice cream! We will also be hosting 'Sacred Heart's Got Talent' in the afternoon and ending the day with an afternoon tea, family picnic style! Should you wish to join us, the gates will be open at 1.15pm for 'Sacred Heart's got Talent' and you can join us for our afternoon tea from 2.30pm. Fingers crossed the sun shines, and we can enjoy our festivities outside!

Year 2 Free School Meals

If your child is currently Year 2, their entitlement to Universal free school meals will end at the end of this academic year (July 2022). If you think you are eligible for free school meals, you will need to apply before they finish the school year to ensure you do not need to pay anything in September. You can apply via www.coventry.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



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	Leo B		
Class 2E	Jesus-Well L	Class 2E	Nael K
Class 2F	Elnathan E	Class 2F	Kofi F
Class 3G	Annabelle O	Class 3G	Annabelle O
Class 3H	Tala M	Class 3H	Tala M
Class 4I	Karen A	Class 4I	Filip J
Class 4J	Ada G	Class 4J	Adam N
Class 5K	Hannah R	Class 5K	Jayden G
Class 5L	Kamsiyochuckwu O	Class 5L	Kamsiyochuckwu O
Class 6M	Emrard O	Class 6M	Daniel O
Class 6N	Adrian W	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.



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Week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Grateful and Generous		
Saturday 21 st May	10:30am (Children to arrive at 10:00am)	Mrs Baker's Class First Holy Communion (Sacred Heart Parish)
Monday 23 rd May	All Day	Guitar Lessons
Tuesday 24 th May	All Day	Guitar/Violin/Piano Lessons
Wednesday 25 th May	All Day (late return) 6:00pm	Year 6 Theatre Trip to Manchester to watch Beauty and the Beast Year 4 Parent Meeting – Conkers Residential
Thursday 26 th May	9:00am 9:00am Lunchtime Afternoon 6:00pm	Year 3 to Mass and whole school – Holy Day of Obligation Ascension Year 5 Mass of Enrolment for Confirmation (parents please join us) Gift Team leading Rosary Club 5-a-side football tournament (EAST) at AT7 Centre Local Governing Body Meeting (Lodge)
Friday 27 th May	9:00am 9:00am Morning Morning 2:15pm	Mrs Severs' (Year 5) class assembly – parents welcome May Procession – please bring in bulbs, small plants and shrubs. Year 2 to watch Peter Pan at the Belgrade Theatre Drumming Lessons Farewell Assembly for Mrs Stevenson
Goodbye to Mrs Stevenson 		
We break up for Half Term on Friday 27th May at 3:15pm We return to school for Summer Term 2 on Monday 6th June at 8:40am		

I hope you have a great weekend.

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Executive Principal

REMEMBER ALL CHILDREN NEED A PAIR OF WELLIES



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