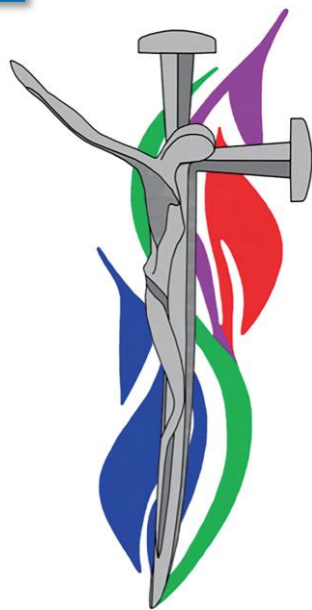


# Holy Cross Catholic Multi Academy Company

## SUMMER NEWSLETTER

### 2022



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**To all Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors  
and Directors  
at Holy Cross Catholic Multi Academy  
Company Schools**

As we come to the end of another extraordinary year we look back and see how much has been going on across our schools, despite the challenges that continue to be caused by the Coronavirus and the heatwave at the end of the year.

This newsletter gives a flavour of the activities that have been taking place across our school communities. They have included sporting events, charity events, city of cultural events, charity social action events and celebrations of our Catholic faith.

Through the year there have also been well earned external validations achieved during the year particularly the section 48 inspections that took place at St Thomas More, St Augustine's, Cardinal Newman and Bishop Ullathorne. Well done to all the staff on the excellent outcomes of the Section 48 inspections. Internally across the MAC there have been peer to peer school reviews, SEND reviews and various subject meetings all of which have been undertaken to be able to learn internally from each other and improve provision.

Recently the primary schools have also received some really encouraging results relating to academic achievements following SATs. Again very well done to all the pupils and staff.

At this time of year, we also say goodbye to staff and pupils that are leaving this year and wish them well in their future endeavours.

Thank you to all the staff, children, parents, volunteers, Governors and Directors for all that has been achieved this year. Wishing you all a very pleasant break from school.

God Bless you all.

John Teahan

Chair, Board of Directors



## Dear Staff, Parents and Carers, Governors and Directors

As we come to the end of another academic year we look back on the many successes achieved throughout the year. We also look forward to the summer holiday and the opportunity for rest and relaxation and quality time with our family and friends. Once again this year has brought many challenges but we continue to be amazed at the many wonderful achievements in all our schools and the tremendous resilience of our young people and staff to overcome challenge. Time flies and as we reflect on the last year we can be very proud of all that our young people have achieved across our Holy Cross Catholic MAC.

A huge thank you to all our young people and staff who make our schools wonderful places to work and who have worked so hard and supported one another, not just in their school but across the MAC. Over the last twelve months we have further developed opportunities to work together across our school communities, and the support we have gained from working together as a family of schools is much appreciated.

I would like to thank all our parents and carers for your continued support, patience and understanding. The partnership between parents/carers and schools has never been as important as it is now and it is up to all of us to make sure it remains strong and mutually supportive. On the last page of this newsletter please see information from Coventry regarding access to support during the summer holiday in a variety of key areas if needed.

On Wednesday 13 July we had our first joint mass together for schools across the MAC since academising in September 2019. We were unable to do this before due to the pandemic. Year 6 pupils and staff gathered together to celebrate the end of the year and we were able to say Good luck to Year 6 as they prepare to start secondary school and thank staff who are leaving us this year. We had a wonderful choir and musicians from Bishop Ullathorne and Cardinal Newman schools and we were very grateful to Fr Sebastien for inviting us to St John Vianney church and celebrating mass with us.

For the first time in three years we have been able to review progress made by our pupils in external tests and we are delighted with the results achieved by our primary pupils in their assessments. I am sure that our Year 11 and 13 students and staff will be anxiously waiting for their GCSE and A level results in August but whatever the outcomes I know that our staff and pupils could not have worked any harder and we are incredibly proud of them all!

At the end of the academic year we say goodbye to staff who are leaving us and thank them for their contribution to our schools and their dedicated service to our communities. We wish them every success, good health and happiness in the future. We also wish every success and happiness to Years 6, 11 and 13 as they all prepare for the next phase in their educational journey or the start of employment.

On behalf of everyone at the Holy Cross Catholic MAC, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a peaceful, happy and relaxing summer holiday and we pray that in September we can begin our new academic year with normal schools' systems and routines.



Holy Cross of Jesus be our hope.

Marina Kelly

Catholic Senior Executive Leader



# Holy Cross Catholic Chaplaincy Team

The Holy Cross Catholic MAC Chaplaincy Team have done a wonderful job organising our Holy Cross liturgies throughout the year. Pupils from all our schools meet together termly to plan our joint services, supported by our lay chaplains.



## Holy Cross Catholic MAC End of Year Mass of Celebration

The team planned our recent end of year Mass of Celebration for Year 6 at St John Vianney church. We were very grateful to Fr Sebastian for inviting us to St John Vianney church. We also had the opportunity to say thank you to all the staff who are leaving our community this summer and to wish them well in the future.



## Holy Cross Feast Day Mass – 14 September 2022

Our Chaplaincy team have also planned our feast day mass on 14 September at Coventry Cathedral. Pupils and staff from Years 3, 6, 12 and 13 will gather at Coventry Cathedral to celebrate mass on the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. After mass Year 3 will complete the Coventry Peace Trail, Year 6 will have a preparation day for their confirmation and Year 12 and 13 will do workshops with Cathedral staff. Pupils and staff unable to attend will watch the live stream in their schools.

# Capital Works Update

## Bishop Ullathorne

The new Bishop Ullathorne 4-Court Sports Hall will begin construction in September and we are hoping it will be ready for use by June 2023.

In conjunction with this scheme we are refurbishing the existing large boys changing room into two smaller changing rooms, whilst the current girls' changing room is being remodeled into a brand new music suite area.



## St John Vianney Nursery

The SJV Nursery will open in September! The brand new modular building has been constructed off site and will be craned into place at the end of July ready to have the finishing touches added for a new term start!

There are still a few places available and if you are interested in a Nursery place for your child in September please contact the school as soon as possible.

## Cardinal Newman

Work continues towards the design of the new build school under the DFE School Rebuilding Programme but we are waiting for a contractor to be appointed and for the construction time line. This summer the tennis courts will have a £100,000 complete resurfacing as these areas are not affected by the DFE scheme.

## Other Capital Works

During the summer we will be finalising the schools IT security programme and adding new security gates at St John Vianney, Christ The King and St Augustine's schools. In addition Christ the King school are installing a brand new childrens' playground area at Westhill Road.

We were also delighted to obtain planning permission at St Elizabeth's school to extend the main school hall and create a much needed new Learning Resource Centre which we hope will be completed early 2023.

# Holy Cross Catholic MAC Academy Catering

## A Warm Welcome

We are delighted to announce that Academy Catering have been awarded the contract to deliver the catering services for Holy Cross Catholic MAC schools from September 2022. Academy Catering believe their commitment to ensure quality in all aspects of food service is unrivalled in providing freshly prepared meals in Education.

From September we will be using the Arbor cashless payment system which is safer than carrying cash and makes it easy for parents to monitor what their child is eating.

## Nutritious & Delicious

Catering Academy produce delicious & healthy meals every day. To help achieve this they have a dedicated Company Nutritionist who analyses menus to ensure they are compliant with allergen legislation & the standards set out in The School Food Plan. All our team are fully allergen trained to the Food standards agency requirements.

## Free School Meals

If you are entitled to free school meals you can be assured of complete confidentiality with our cashless system. All our menus are designed to promote inclusivity and there will be a range of meal deals across all of the Holy Cross MAC Schools.

A reminder that if your child is in year 1 or 2 you are automatically entitled to a FSM - please contact your school office if you would like more details.

## Feedback

Feedback, thoughts and suggestions about the catering service are important to Catering Academy. You can let us know what you think via any of the following options:

- Speak directly to any member of the catering team
- Speak to your school office who will pass you comments to us

## Theme Days

Catering academy will be holding regular theme days and events throughout the year to offer added variety and interest. These days encourage pupils to come into the restaurant for a nutritious and delicious lunch experience. Also coming soon – interactive fun events during the lunch and post lunch time provisions.



# News from Our Schools



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# Christ the King Catholic Primary School

## First Holy Communion

Well done to all the Year 3 pupils at Christ the King who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May. It really was a very special day for all involved



## Queen's Jubilee

We have been admiring the Christ the King Platinum Jubilee timeline that the children from Nursery to Year 6 have created.



## Mud Run

Well done to these fantastic Yr 5 girls who completed the 3K 'Pretty Mud Run Race For Life' on Saturday. They had a fantastic time and raised £1,330.00 for Cancer Research UK. Well done girls! What a fantastic achievement!!



# St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

## Remembering Mason Scott

In June Father Tom, Year 4, Year 5 and the Scott Family joined together to open the new Peace Garden at St Augustine's school. As part of the Peace Garden, the school have a special bench in loving memory of past pupil Mason Scott.

Mason's bench overlooks the Peace Garden and the place where Mason spent many happy years.



## Sporting Success

St Augustine's Sports Teams have had some fantastic sporting successes this year and school teams have competed in lots of competitions around the city and pupils have demonstrated resilience, determination and sportsmanship throughout.

The school football team were undefeated in the Catholic Sports Football Tournament and played in a very exciting final against Christ the King. At full time the score was 2-2 and the game was decided by a 'Golden Goal', scored by Emmanuel from St Augustine's.



The High 5 Netball team were also undefeated in their tournament and after winning 4 games and drawing the other 3 games the team finished in third place overall.

And a huge well done to all of the children who represented our school so well at the Catholic Athletics Competition. There were children from all 18 Catholic schools in Coventry representing their school and competing during the afternoon and a huge well done to the team from St Augustine's who finished in third place overall!



# St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

## Jubilee Celebrations

To mark the extraordinary service of Queen Elizabeth and to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee, children and staff at St Elizabeth's enjoyed a special jubilee picnic lunch to mark the occasion. The children also planted a special 'Jubilee Tree' as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project which looks to plant thousands of trees throughout the year, including the development of seventy ancient woodlands across the country. The tree will stand as a reminder to our children that service to others, whether as a child or as a monarch, is the model of Christ and how we aspire to live our lives.



## Springtime Chicks!

Each year, the children at St Elizabeth's look forward to and enjoy watching and waiting for chicks to hatch in school. The experience is also part of a school special focus and celebration of this year's British Science Week. We were delighted to watch our spring time chicks hatch in their incubator, take their first steps and grow day by day. A special treat each year is when our children are invited to hold a chick, a wonderful experience which added to the fun and learning during British Science Week this year,



# St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

## Pilgrimage

It was a great honour to be chosen as the school to represent Coventry in the Good Shepherd Appeal this term. A live streamed Mass from St John Vianney Church was celebrated by Canon Tom Farrell and Fr Sebastian. It was wonderful to hear the whole school singing together in Church and we received many compliments. As we move out of COVID it has been wonderful to be able to celebrate many occasions such as the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St John Vianney Church, Year 6 Confirmation, weekend Masses led by the children and assemblies with parents and relatives invited. It has been lovely to open our doors again and welcome parents into our school building and our community.



This is the year of Pilgrimage and each class has visited Churches in our Diocese on their own pilgrimages.

We have made a pilgrimage to St John Vianney Church, All Souls Church, St Osburgs and completed the peace trail. We have also visited St Chads Cathedral, Harvington Hall and Hednesford. During their pilgrimage the children have had time to pray, reflect and learn more about our faith.



# St Thomas More Catholic Primary School

## St Thomas More Social Action Weeks - Christ has no hands on earth but ours

Each year group at St Thomas More has been inspired by their Catholic faith to make the world a better place. In response to *Laudato si'* and to *Fratelli Tutti* children explored, through their learning, the call to look after our common home and to show love to our brothers and sisters in our local area and across the world. Each year group spent a week identifying a cause that they wanted to learn more about and then agreed actions to improve the issue.

**Reception** decided they wanted to improve litter in our local area and so invited the Big Clean Up in to school to tell them how they keep Cheylesmore clean. Following this Reception pupils conducted a litter pick of their own environment.



**Key Stage 1** learned about the problem of plastic in the oceans and how this affects the animals, fish and plant life that lives in our seas.

They focussed on the three important ideas for plastic use: REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE and wrote a news report to share the message far and wide!

**Years 3 and 4** worked together to learn about the United Nation Rights of the Child, in particular the right to education. They researched the reasons why some children in the world don't have access to an education - war, disability, cultural expectation and poverty. Pupils wrote persuasive news reports to raise awareness of the issues and ask people to either donate to UNICEF or Mary's Meals or to write to their MP to ask that government act to change their policy and promote foreign aid.



**Year 5** learned about displaced people who have arrived in Coventry. They found out about a charity called Carriers of Hope who provide resources and support for people who have just arrived in Coventry. Year 5 asked everyone in their school to

donate one item of food to support people in need who have just arrived in Coventry. Year 5 were hoping to collect 359 items of food (one from each pupil at St Thomas More) to donate by providing a non-uniform day, but were amazed and delighted to amass more than 1800 items!

**Year 6** learned about homeless children and the reasons why they become homeless. They decided they wanted to raise money to support Railway Children - a charity that provides shelter and protection to homeless children in the UK and in developing countries. The Year 6 pupils took part in individual sponsored events, held a fundraising fair in school and engaged local businesses and raised a fantastic £1600 for the charity. This was matched by a local business - Brown & Hawthorne Engineering Ltd - who were impressed by the commitment and passion of our Year 6 pupils. In total, our Year 6 pupils raised £3200 to support homeless children in the UK and across the world.

The children at St Thomas More have realised that they don't need to be big or powerful or rich to make a difference: they have a voice to use and hands to do God's work!

# Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School

## Trip to France

Students from Bishop Ullathorne are looking forward to once again being able to enjoy the many opportunities for overseas trips throughout the year. Some very lucky pupils finished the school year with a wonderful trip to France which included the opportunity to have a fun day at Euro Disney as well as sight seeing in Paris!



## Queen's Jubilee Picnic

Bishop Ullathorne school community came together to celebrate the Queens' jubilee with their Jubilee picnic. Some of the tutor picnics were more like a banquet rather than a picnic and students were very happy to see the ice cream vans arrive on school site. Thank you to their IT support and Site Services teams for all their hard work setting up the afternoon – everyone had a wonderful time.



# Cardinal Newman Catholic School

## Year 11 and 13 Prom Nights

Year 11 and 13 students finished their exam season with two wonderful summer Proms. It has been a very challenging couple of years, but Year 11 and 13 have both risen to these challenges so well and with such maturity. Please remember in the future and the school will continue to be your support network and will be here to help you with whatever you need.

We wish you all a very well-deserved summer, stay safe as always.



## Year 13 Prom Night



## Good bye and good luck to our Staff Leavers – Summer 2022

To all our staff retiring from Holy Cross Catholic MAC schools and those moving on to opportunities elsewhere, we would like to say an enormous thank you for your service and all that you have contributed to improving the lives of children and young people in Coventry.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the future.

### **Bishop Ullathorne**

Patrick Mcphail  
Cameron Burns  
Barney Dillow  
Heather Hall  
Guy Maycock  
Jane Revell  
Ashvir Sandhu

### **Cardinal Newman**

Christine Bevis  
Jessica Devine  
Christopher Leaver  
Stephen Marshall  
Rebecca Nelson  
Beth Owen  
Stephane Pouderoux  
Rebecca Abbott  
Lorraine Marano

### **Christ the King**

Peter Burke  
Debbie Ridley  
Maeve Walsh

### **St Augustine's**

Sarojini Suphakaran  
Charlotte Close  
Sarah Davies

### **St Elizabeth's**

Sharon Fish

### **St Thomas More**

Christine Collister  
Narelle Copland  
Agnieszka Gorecka-Martin

### **St John Vianney**

Gemma Ball

# Summer Fun 2022

## Help and support for your family



We all want our children to have a Summer of Fun, but life can also have many challenges. There is help and support available.

- ? Do you need help with providing healthy food for your family and being more active?
- ? Are you worried about how you will pay your bills?
- ? Would you like help getting a job or to access some training?
- ? Are you worried about a child or adult, and not sure how to help?

### To find help in Coventry you can:



Visit our website at [www.coventry.gov.uk/cfid](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/cfid) to find lots more information on activities for children



Call Coventry City Council freephone hotline number **08085 834 333**, available Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm



Use our online chat at [www.coventry.gov.uk/cost-living-wellbeing-support](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/cost-living-wellbeing-support)



#### Out of Hours

Call the **Emergency Duty Team** on **024 7683 2222** if it's after 5pm and you're worried about the safety of a child or adult

#### Family Support

**Family Hubs** Here to Help  
☎ **0800 887 0545** Freephone  
[www.coventry.gov.uk/applyearlyhelp](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/applyearlyhelp)  
Help to all families with children 0-19 years

#### Domestic abuse and sexual violence

**CRASAC**  
☎ **024 7627 7777**  
[www.crasac.org.uk](http://www.crasac.org.uk)  
**Safe to Talk** helpline  
☎ **0800 111 4998**  
[www.safetotalk.org.uk](http://www.safetotalk.org.uk)

#### Adult Mental Health

**Mental Health Matters**  
☎ **0800 616 171**  
[www.mhm.org.uk/coventry-warwickshire-helpline](http://www.mhm.org.uk/coventry-warwickshire-helpline)

**Samaritans**  
☎ **116 123**  
FREE from any phone  
☎ **0330 094 5717**  
local call charges apply  
[www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)

#### Employment and training

**The Job Shop**  
☎ **024 7678 5740**  
✉ [jobshop@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:jobshop@coventry.gov.uk)  
[www.coventry.gov.uk/jobshop](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/jobshop)

#### Family Health

**Family Health and Lifestyle Service**  
☎ **02475 189 190**

**Chat Health**  
☎ **07507 331949**

**Rise Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Service (CWPT)**  
☎ **0300 200 2021**  
Between 8am and 8pm

OR **24/7 Crisis Line**  
For urgent calls and young people who are experiencing a mental health crisis contact the 24/7 Rise Crisis team on ☎ **08081 966798** option 2

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