

Faith in Action

St Teresa of Calcutta Multi Academy Company Newsletter



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Welcome to Faith in Action

- Summer Edition

As we reach the end of another busy and memorable academic year, we take this opportunity to reflect with gratitude on all that has been achieved across our Catholic MAC family.

This edition of Faith in Action celebrates the many ways our pupils, staff and communities have lived out our faith through learning, service and care for one another.

This is also a time of transition for many of our young people. We offer our prayers and best wishes to pupils moving on to secondary school, and to those taking their next steps into college, apprenticeships, employment or further study. We are proud of all they have accomplished and look forward to seeing the wonderful things they will achieve in the future.

To our parents, carers and staff, thank you for your continued support, dedication and partnership throughout the year. Together, we have helped our children and young people to grow in faith, confidence and knowledge.

We hope you enjoy this Summer edition of Faith in Action and wish you and your families a happy, restful and blessed summer break.

God bless.

With warmest regards,

Professor Paul Ryan



Primary Pupils Go for Gold at Alexander Stadium

On 29 June, pupils from across STOC MAC came together for the second annual MAC Sports Day at the impressive Alexander Stadium. The event brought together teams from our primary schools, with each school submitting a squad of 14 Year 5 and Year 6 pupils.

The day was filled with enthusiasm, determination and excellent sportsmanship as pupils competed in a variety of track and field events. It was wonderful to see so many young athletes giving their best, supporting one another and proudly representing their schools.

A special thank you goes to the sports leaders from Archbishop Ilsley Catholic School and Holy Trinity Catholic School, who assisted with the officiating and organisation of the event throughout the day.

Their professionalism, encouragement and commitment helped make the event a great success.



Congratulations to all the schools that took part, and especially to our winning teams. Retaining their title as Sports Day champions were St Clare's Catholic Primary School, with St Joseph's Catholic Primary School finishing in second place and St Francis Catholic Primary School taking third.



We are also very grateful to MPC Cost Consultancy Limited, whose generous sponsorship provided the winners' trophy and medals for the winning school. Their continued support helped make the occasion even more special and ensured our young athletes were recognised for their achievements.

Well done to every pupil who participated. Your effort, resilience and team spirit were a credit to your schools and to STOC MAC. The event was a fantastic celebration of sporting excellence, teamwork and community spirit, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting Sports Day next year.



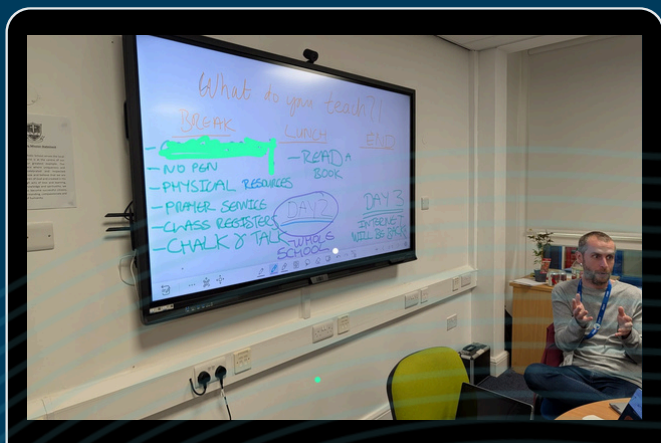
Strengthening Our Defences: Cyber Security Simulation Day a Resounding Success

By John McCaul

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and participated in our recent Cyber Security Simulation Day. The event brought together colleagues from across the Trust to explore real-world cyber attack scenarios, test our cyber incident response plans, and strengthen our collective understanding of how schools can respond effectively to increasingly sophisticated cyber threats.

The day was a tremendous success, combining practical learning, collaboration, and a healthy dose of friendly competition. Participants worked through realistic ransomware attack scenarios, discussed key decision-making points, and considered the impact that a significant cyber incident could have on school operations, safeguarding, communications, and business continuity.

One of the highlights of the day was the encryption challenge, where teams were tasked with solving a cyber-themed problem designed to demonstrate how encryption works in practice. We were delighted to see a new MAC record set, with the challenge being solved in record time! The speed at which teams cracked the problem showcased the incredible teamwork, and problem-solving skills, and brain power on display!



The simulation day also reinforced an important message: cyber security is not just an IT issue – it is fundamentally about safeguarding our pupils, staff, and the sensitive information entrusted to our schools.

By working together and rehearsing our response in a safe environment, we continue to strengthen our resilience and readiness for future challenges.

Thank you once again to all colleagues who attended and to Holy Trinity would being fantastic hosts again, everyone engaged so positively, and contributed to making the day such a success.

The enthusiasm, professionalism, and collaborative spirit shown throughout the event were outstanding. We look forward to building on this success in future cyber security training and simulation exercises



St Francis of Assis Creation Award - Growing a greener future across our MAC

On Thursday 9 July, seven schools from across our MAC came together virtually to celebrate the fantastic sustainability work taking place in their schools and communities. It was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to share their projects, inspire one another and demonstrate how they are helping to care for God's creation.

The participating schools were Holy Souls, St Joseph's, Holy Trinity, St Francis, St Clare's, St Ambrose Barlow and St Teresa's, with each school presenting their sustainability journey to the group, with a vote at the end to decide who would win the £1000 prize to continue their good work.



There was plenty to celebrate! Holy Trinity shared the activities from their Big Green Week and even treated everyone to a song created with Hip Hop Healing. Holy Souls delivered a truly "bee-utiful" presentation, with pupils dressed as bees and butterflies while sharing their work on biodiversity and the environment.

St Ambrose Barlow highlighted the achievements of their Eco Committee and Garden Club, while St Joseph's explained how they are tackling food waste through the introduction of Food Champions, helping to create a positive and sustainable dining environment.

At St Teresa's, pupils proudly showcased the compost bins they have created using food waste and even used tea bags from the staff room – apparently there are rather a lot of those! St Francis spoke about their efforts to reduce waste and increase recycling, including creating colourful bracelets from recycled plastic bags.

Despite some technical difficulties on the day, St Clare's delivered an excellent presentation about their work, including partnering with local parishioners to maintain planters and enhance their local community.

Across all presentations, one thing was clear: our pupils are embracing sustainability with enthusiasm, creativity and a genuine desire to make a difference. Their projects are helping to build a greener future while bringing Catholic Social Teaching and stewardship to life in practical ways.

And the Winners Are...

At the end of the presentations, pupils were asked to vote for the school they felt most deserved to win the prize funding. After the votes were counted, there was a surprise – three schools finished in a tie!

Rather than trying to separate them, it was agreed that the prize fund would be shared, with each school receiving £350 to support their environmental projects.

The winning schools were:

- **Holy Trinity**, who will use their funding to revitalise the area around an apple tree on the school grounds, adding a picket fence and picnic tables to create a welcoming outdoor space.
- **St Ambrose Barlow**, who plan to purchase additional seeds and plants, as well as pond-dipping equipment to support further outdoor learning opportunities.
- **St Teresa's**, who hope to introduce more pollinator-friendly plants, create additional wildlife areas and continue improving habitats around the school.

A huge congratulations to all the winners, but most importantly, well done to every pupil who presented. The confidence, passion and pride shown throughout the event was truly inspiring. It was wonderful to see so many young people speaking so enthusiastically about the positive changes they are making in their schools and communities.

As Holy Souls Primary School reminded us during their presentation, we are all part of the St Teresa of Calcutta MAC. The projects showcased throughout the morning demonstrated that while individual actions may seem small, together they can have a remarkable impact. Whether it is reducing food waste, creating wildlife habitats, planting seeds or recycling materials, every action contributes to a greener and more sustainable future. In the words of St Teresa of Calcutta, "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."

The creativity, commitment and passion shown by our pupils proves just how true those words are.





St Augustine's

Year 6 Take on New Challenges at Min y Don

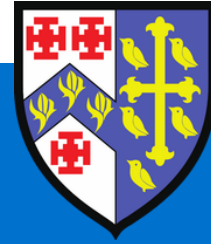
Our Year 6 children enjoyed a wonderful visit to Min y Don this term. The children took part in a range of outdoor activities, challenged themselves with new experiences and spent time with their friends.

The residential was a memorable adventure, helping the children to build confidence, teamwork and independence as they prepare for their move to secondary school.



Year 2 Visit Pasford Farm

Year 2 had a wonderful day at Pasford Farm, meeting animals, exploring the farm, and learning how crops are grown and turned into the food we eat. The children were especially excited to see the large farm machinery and discover how farmers care for the land responsibly. Everyone had a fantastic time and learned so much from the experience.

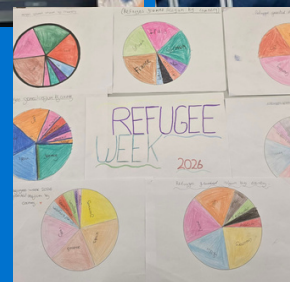


Archbishop Ilsey

Celebrating Refugee Week

In June, Archbishop Ilsey marked Refugee Week with a range of activities focused on our whole-school theme of courage. Across subjects, pupils explored the experiences of refugees, learning about the resilience, hope and determination shown by those who have been forced to leave their homes.

The celebrations also highlighted the rich diversity of our school community through international food, a Refugee Cultural Lunch and a vibrant Culture Day, where pupils, students and staff proudly represented their heritage through traditional dress and national colours. Donations raised for CAFOD and Saint Chad's Sanctuary reflected our commitment to supporting others. Refugee Week provided a valuable opportunity for everyone to develop understanding, compassion and respect while celebrating courage, kindness and hope.





Holy Souls

A special day to remember



Congratulations to our wonderful Year 3 children at Holy Souls School on making your First Holy Communion!

This is a truly special milestone in your faith journey, and you should all feel incredibly proud. Our school community was delighted to come together with families and our parish to celebrate this joyful occasion, reflecting our shared faith and strong partnership.

The children worked hard in preparation for this important sacrament, showing kindness, respect and a growing understanding of their faith throughout. We are very proud of each and every one of them.

May this beautiful day bring you joy, peace and a deeper connection with God, both now and in the years ahead. It is a special occasion that will be treasured forever.



Holy Trinity

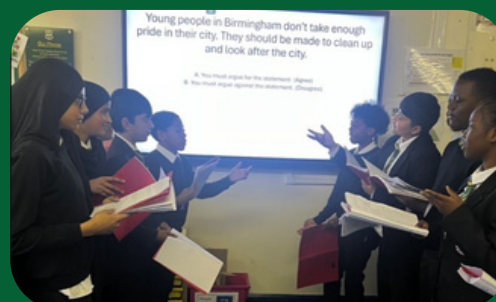
Holy Trinity Celebrates Big Green Week!

Holy Trinity enjoyed a fantastic Big Green Week, with students taking part in a range of activities focused on sustainability and caring for our environment.

In English lessons, students created blackout poetry from recycled books, debated stewardship in our community, explored sustainable classroom practices, and wrote about our journey towards becoming a greener school.

Our Sustainability Champions helped share important environmental messages and planted seeds to support biodiversity and greener spaces for the future. Students also took part in a litter pick, helping to keep our school looking its best.

Thank you to everyone who got involved and helped make Big Green Week such a success!





St Ambrose Barlow

Gardening Club Gets Harvesting!

Our Gardening Club has been hard at work in the garden, enjoying the rewards of their efforts as they harvested their home-grown potatoes. The team thoroughly enjoyed working together, digging up the crop, weighing the potatoes, and arranging them from lightest to heaviest.

Not content with just one successful harvest, the group has also planted pumpkin seeds, which we hope to harvest in September or October. It has been wonderful to see everyone developing their gardening skills while having fun outdoors and learning about the growing process.



Year one animal adventure



Earlier this term, year one enjoyed a wonderful day out at Twycross Zoo. Everyone enjoyed seeing all the different animals!



St Chad's

A Proud LiveSimply Achievement

We are delighted that St Chad's achieved the CAFOD LiveSimply Award in March, recognising our commitment to living simply, sustainably and in solidarity with others.

This award reflects the efforts of our whole school community. Through initiatives such as growing produce for the local food bank, organising litter picks and supporting CAFOD World Gifts, our pupils have put their faith into action while learning the importance of stewardship, social responsibility and caring for others.

We are incredibly proud of this achievement and grateful to everyone who has supported us on our LiveSimply journey.

Shabana Mahmood MP, came to visit the school. The children spoke to her about the litter problem and asked what she intended to do about it.



Each Friday, a group of children from the school help to prepare the food bank for distribution.



Our school garden is cared for by the children – and it has quickly become a space where everyone can get involved, and connect with nature.



St Clare's

A Proud Wellbeing Milestone for St Clare's



We are proud to announce that St Clare's has achieved Bronze Accreditation with myHappyMind, recognising our commitment to supporting children's mental health and wellbeing.

MyHappyMind is a science-backed programme that helps pupils understand their emotions, build resilience, develop positive relationships and grow in confidence.

This accreditation reflects the hard work of our staff and pupils in embedding wellbeing throughout school life. By taking part in the programme, our children are developing valuable skills and habits that will help them thrive both in school and beyond.

Congratulations to everyone involved in this fantastic achievement!

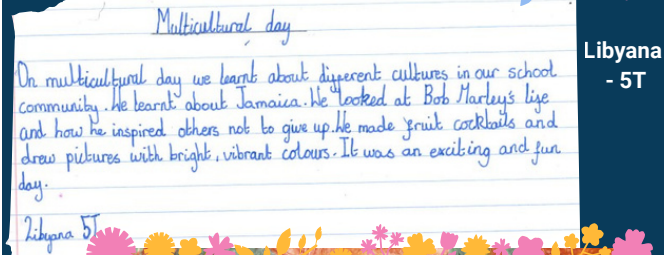
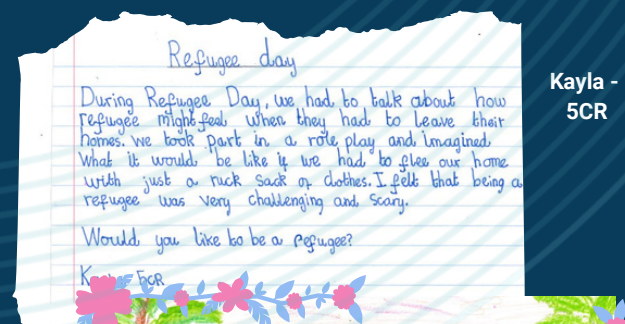


St Francis

Year 5's Fantastic Work

It's been a busy and exciting term for our Year 5 pupils at St Francis. We are delighted to share some of their fantastic work, including projects inspired by Refugee Day, celebrations of Multicultural Day, and some beautiful artwork.

We hope you enjoy seeing these wonderful examples of their creativity, learning and achievements.





St Joseph's

30 Minutes of Fitness and Fun

In May, Our children took part in a Joe Wicks workout session and showed fantastic enthusiasm throughout. Everyone challenged themselves to stay active and completed 30 minutes of exercise, demonstrating great energy and determination.

Well done to all the children for their effort and participation, and a big thank you to @thebodycoach for inspiring us to get moving and enjoy being active!



Year 3 basketball fun!



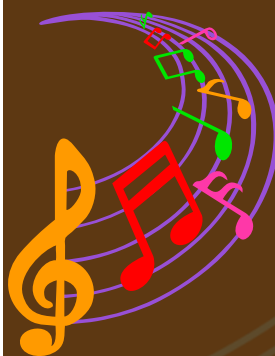
Year 3 have been developing their basic basketball ball-handling skills. It was challenging at first, but everyone showed great perseverance and made excellent progress.



St Teresa's

A Showcase of Musical Talent

Our annual Music Evening on 1st July was a wonderful success, with many of our Junior children showcasing their musical talents to an appreciative audience.



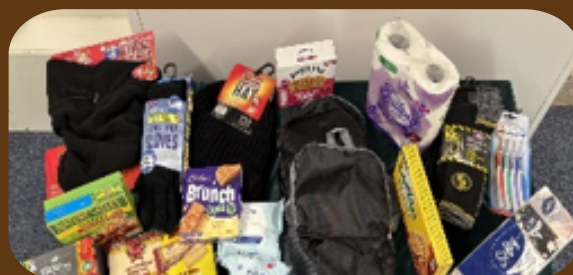
Thank you to Mr Palmer, Mr Torma and Mrs Lord for their excellent work and support, and to all the staff, audience members and children who made the evening so special. A particular thank you goes to Miss Walk for her fantastic work in organising, directing and producing the event.

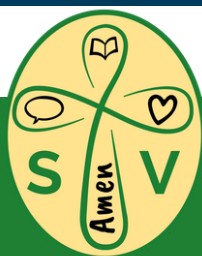
Bag of Hope for Homelessness

As part of the annual Catholic School Leaders' Conference on 26 June, schools across the Archdiocese of Birmingham were invited to contribute a Bag of Hope to support a group in need.

During a Celebration of the Word assembly, our children voted to create a bag for people experiencing homelessness. On 22 June, pupils were invited to bring 20p to school to help purchase essential items.

Thanks to the generosity of our school community, £31 was raised and used to buy the items included in our Bag of Hope. We are very proud of the kindness and compassion shown by our children in supporting those in need.





St Vincent's

Our School of Sanctuary Journey Continues

Each year, our Minnie Vinnies walk into town and spend time with the refugees and asylum seekers from Stories of Hope and Home. This year was another wonderful opportunity to come together, share stories, write poetry, and, of course, enjoy some delicious snacks. These special experiences help our children build understanding, empathy, and friendship, while celebrating the rich diversity within our community.



This is just some of the work we do to show our school is a place of welcome, safety, and inclusion for all. This year we have been awarded the School of Sanctuary Award for the fourth time, recognising our continued commitment to being a place of welcome, safety, and inclusion.

We are proud to be the first school in the country to achieve this milestone. We would like to thank everyone who has supported this journey.



The Rosary

Outdoor Creativity for Year 4



In June, Year 4 enjoyed taking their Art lesson outside, making the most of the lovely weather. Inspired by the rainforest, pupils selected images and created colourful mood boards, exploring different colours, textures and ideas. It was a wonderful opportunity to combine creativity with outdoor learning in the sunshine.

Teamwork and Success for Rosary Gaelic Football Team



Rosary's Gaelic Football team enjoyed a great day at the annual BCSSA tournament, playing brilliantly throughout and securing a well-deserved win. A huge thank you to Warwickshire GAA for hosting the event and providing the referees and umpires. Well done to all involved!

Picture Perfect! : Our Summer Term in Photos





Upcoming Events -

Year 6 STOC MAC
Residential 2026 -
Whitemoor Lakes
16-18 and 23-25
November 2026

STOC MAC Advent
Service -
9th December 2026

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