

At Cardinal Wiseman, our thriving Chaplaincy provision aims to support our pupils and staff spiritually to build their relationship with God and be the person that God has called them to be through a range of opportunities and acts of service. We want our whole community to encounter and engage with our shared faith in a way which is relatable and relevant to all.

Y8 Briars Residential & Y10 Soli Residential

35 of our year 8 pupils had the best time on their residential to The Briars Catholic Retreat centre (part of the Nottingham Diocese). They spent their week taking part in activities, small groups, times of prayer, a beautiful celebration of Mass and even an I'm a Celebrity get me out of here spin off, all focused around their theme of *Connections*.



Following on from a sunny day at Alton Towers, Y10 spent their residential to Soli exploring their theme of *Anchored*. Through small and large group discussions and activities they considered the importance of knowing where their worth comes from and how we can draw on our faith when the world gets too loud. Y10 also took part in plenty of games, activities and a celebration of Mass.

The Season of Lent

We marked the beginning of Lent with whole school Masses including the distribution of Ashes. Our Y11 leadership team received a special commissioning which allowed them to bless the heads of our community with the sacred ashes. Our pupil participation was exceptional and we were so very proud of our community of faith.

Throughout each week, pupils also spent time delving deeper into the themes of Lent using booklets alongside weekly reflections. Each week, pupils led our whole school through reflections on scripture, the saints and the things we are called to do during this special time.



Visits from Bishop David



Bishop David has been to see us several times this term! Firstly to bless and distribute a New Testament bible to every member of Y7. We are kindly gifted our New Testaments by the Gideon's each year and our pupils continue to use them throughout their time with us.

Bishop David has also joined us to offer the sacrament of reconciliation during Lent and commissioned our Y11 leadership team to distribute the sacred ashes at our Ash Wednesday Masses.

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Feast of the Epiphany

We marked the feast of the Epiphany this year with a whole school, pupil led liturgy.

Following a moment of prayer, we listened to the scripture reading of the three wise men before marking our classroom doors and buildings with the blessing: 20+C+M+B25 for the year ahead.

Service with the Columban Missionaries

Our service team have been working closely with the Columban Missionaries. Alongside several other schools, we spent the day planting over 500 trees, sawing logs and clearing space to support them in their work upholding the call to care for our common home and care for the environment.

Retreat Day with Margaret Mary

We were really pleased to welcome Y5 from St. Margaret Mary primary school to a retreat day with us on shrove Tuesday. The Y5s, led ably by our chaplaincy team, were given a tour and introduction to our school and sessions on the Station of the Cross, Catholic life at CW and even made some pancakes! We're hoping to see many of them in our Y7 cohort next year!

Y7 Pilgrimages to Harvington Hall

Harvington Hall is a beautiful Elizabethan Manor House set in vast grounds in Kidderminster. Inherited by Humphrey Pakington it became a place of refuge and hiding for Catholics and Catholic priests at a time where this was illegal! Y7 had an amazing time trying out priest hides and learning all about the history of this amazing place!

Thank you for your support with our fundraising!

This term we supported an amazing Birmingham based charity called Father Hudson's Caritas who work tirelessly to ensure anyone who needs help in our area gets it. With non-school uniform, tuck and activities we raised £560!

UPCOMING

*A Jubilee special

Y11 Leavers Mass & End of Term Masses
Chaplaincy Pilgrimage to Oscott College
Diversity Day