

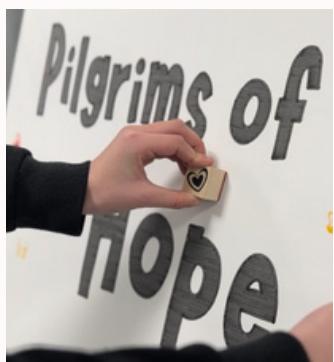
At Cardinal Wiseman, our thriving Chaplaincy provision aims to support our pupils and staff spiritually to build their relationship with God and to be the person that God has called them to be through a range of opportunities and acts of service. We want our whole community to encounter and engage with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



Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year Round Up

The Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope, was a special time in the Church that invited us to renew our faith and trust in God's mercy. We were encouraged to journey together as people of hope, showing forgiveness, kindness, and care for others.

At Cardinal Wiseman the Jubilee year has been a joy! All of our school staff had their own pilgrimage to Westminster Cathedral where they got to celebrate Mass in the crypt with Cardinal Wiseman himself and our Student chaplaincy team took part in a walking pilgrimage to Oscott College where we had a special tour and even met Archbishop Bernard!



Each year group had a special event of their own to mark the special year of Jubilee: Y7 organised a fundraiser for Fr. Hudson's Caritas, Y8 had an interform competition to see who would win the most faith filled and hopeful merits, Y9 arranged a Diversity day and Y10 are took a lead on our Big Sleep Out for St. Basil's. We've had a great year!

Cardinal Wiseman's Big Sleep Out for St. Basil's!

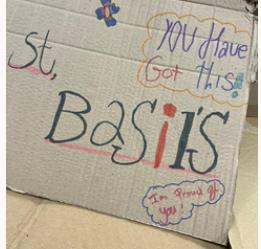


On 11th November, twenty five pupils and six staff slept on the playground at school to both raise money to support ending youth homelessness and to show solidarity and raise awareness for the 100s of young people who sleep on the streets of Birmingham every night.

Our staff and pupils raised a phenomenal £2,674 for St. Basil's!

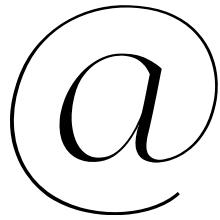
A big thank you for all those who supported in their fundraising efforts!

We are grateful for Fr Andrew for celebrating a beautiful outdoor Mass to start our evening together before heading inside for a session led by James Trewby from the Columban Missionaries. Before bedding down for the night, Esther, a representative from St. Basil's shared her gratitude and wished us well for a dry night!



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Chaplaincy Commissioning Mass @ St. Chad's Cathedral



Every year Chaplaincy teams from across the Archdiocese come together to celebrate Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral; to meet each other and to be commissioned for the work they'll do throughout their time at school.

This year, we were so happy to be asked to provide the music for the celebration! A handful of our choir led around 250 students and staff beautifully and we couldn't be prouder of them!

Art Retreat @ Soli

Seven of our Y10/Y11 pupils attended an art retreat run by the Kenelm Youth Trust. They explored Mental health through a Catholic lens as well as how we can use art as a way to connect with faith and ourselves. Their completed pieces will be displayed in a public exhibition in the near future.



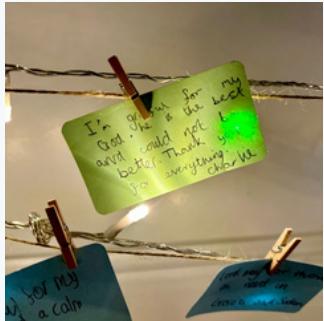
Settling in & Advent Masses

Y7 and their families were invited to join together for Mass ahead of their settling in evening. We were able to celebrate the way Y7 have settled into life at Cardinal Wiseman and how lucky we are to have them as part of our community.

All pupils and staff attended Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which served as our end of term celebration together. We are grateful to Fr Simon and Fr The for celebrating our Masses and we're particularly pleased that, as it was Fr The's last Mass as our Parish Priest, we were able to thank him so publicly!

Our choir and Chaplaincy teams were a credit (as usual) as they so ably led us through our celebrations.

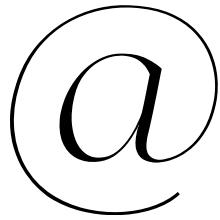
Advent Reconciliation Week



In preparation for the first week of Advent, all pupils and staff were given the opportunity to spend time with prayer stations with the chance to speak to a priest for the sacrament of Confession. Pupils commented on how the prayer stations were 'beautiful' and the opportunity to spend time in prayer allowed them to 'concentrate on God.'

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Introducing our new Chaplaincy Team 2026!



With more applications than ever, we know that this is going to be the best team yet!



All pupils are committed to one of three teams: The Mission Team, The Service Team or the Culture of Welcome Team and all sub-teams took part in a Chaplaincy formation week where we welcomed into school visitors from the Kenelm Youth Trust, Fr Hudson's and The Missionaries of St. Columban! They've already done so much good work and we're looking forward to the rest of the year!

Eucharistic Minister Training

Eight of our Y10 pupils and four staff took part in training with our Parish Priest to become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This means that they have been commissioned to offer the Body of Christ or a Blessing to all members of our school community at our celebrations of Mass. We are so proud of them, their witness and their willingness to take on such an important and sacred role!

Fundraising

We've done lots of fundraising this term! As well as our Big Sleep Out for St. Basil's we have also supported the work of Fr Hudson's Caritas, Save the Children and Show Racism the Red Card. Our Chaplaincy Services teams from Y10, Y9 and Y8 took a lead on organising and promoting each event and raised lots of money for the vital work of these charities.

Our fundraising total across all charities in the Autumn Term 2025 was: **£4, 390!**

