



**SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL and  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many achievements we've shared and look ahead to the exciting opportunities to come.

First and foremost, thank you for being such an integral part of our school community. Our children have been truly outstanding this year. I hope their reports reflect the progress they've made and the dedication they've shown. Their hard work, positive attitude, and excellent behaviour have been a credit to them—and to you.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our incredible staff: the Heads of School, teachers, teaching assistants, business manager, admin team, cleaning staff, cooks, and site supervisors. Time and again, they have gone above and beyond, embodying our Catholic Family Ethos and always putting the children first. Thanks to their commitment, both schools continue to flourish.

At this time of year, we also say goodbye to some valued colleagues. We thank Ms Shaheen, Mr Wardle and (Crossbar), for their dedication and service at St Patrick's. We also say goodbye to Mr Wesley at St Patrick's, but welcome him to Shrewsbury Cathedral.

Looking ahead, preparations for September are already well underway. We are excited to continue building on the strong progress and achievements of this year. As part of the Our Lady Help of Christians Multi-Academy Trust, we look forward to the support and challenges that will help both schools grow even further.

However, like many schools, we are facing financial pressures. Unfortunately, this has meant a reduction of teaching assistant roles at each school. Without changes to centralised school funding, further difficult decisions may lie ahead. I will, as always, keep you informed.

There have been many highlights since Christmas—Easter performances, choir and Rocksteady concerts, charity events, and competitive Sports Days. I'm especially looking forward to the Year 6 leavers' play and graduation.

A special thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported our PTFA at Shrewsbury Cathedral and the SSPPSA at St Patrick's. Your involvement makes a real difference, and I know there are exciting plans ahead for the new academic year to improve the outdoor learning environment.

Finally, thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement, and kind words throughout the year. It means a great deal to me and to all our staff.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday, 2nd September**.

**God bless,**

*Graeme Hawes*

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