

# So Long ...Farewell Year 6

On **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July** Key Stage 1 led a prayerful Mass for all pupils and staff leaving Our Lady of Fatima School. Our prayers of support will certainly help them as they face the unknown and begin the next stage of their learning. At the end of Mass Father Craig presented the children with their certificates for the Sacrament of Confirmation.



On **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July** Year 6 led their final primary school assembly, where they reminisced about their time at Our Lady of Fatima School, shared their many talents and contemplated the next big step to Secondary School. Tissues were required during their final song and the photo slides of their last seven years at Our Lady of Fatima School, which was a lovely way to celebrate their school memories.



After their assembly Dr Cemm, the chair of our Academy Committee, presented each of Year 6 with a dictionary as a commemorative gift on behalf of Our Lady of Fatima School.



Following on from this Year 6 went into Birmingham City Centre where they watched a film at the cinema and then had the chance to go bowling. They had a fabulous time and enjoyed sharing time together socially.

On **Friday 19th July** bright and early at 7.30 am, Year 6, their families and school staff gathered at the Toby Carvery for the leavers' Breakfast- an 'eat all you can buffet' and the plates of food certainly reflected this.



At lunch time, the whole school enjoyed an indoor picnic, due to the outdoor wet weather. It was so much fun to share a final meal together- the children were, as always, amazing.



Then at the end of the school day the whole school community gathered together on the field for the final time to mark the very special moment when Year 6 prepared to leave our school and venture onto their secondary school days. Father Craig shared a blessing with the whole school, songs were sung and there was a reminder to treasure their memories and look forward to future dreams. The countdown began, Reception Class to Year 5 blew their bubbles in the wind, whilst Year 6 let their memories and dreams fly high by releasing balloons. We also said a fond farewell to Mrs McGuinness as she begins her retirement, to Father Craig as he begins the next chapter of his ministry at two parishes in Wolverhampton, as well as to some of our families who have been connected to our school for many years. Pupils, staff, parents, grandparents, relatives and friends were thankful for a most successful school year.



We would like to wish all our Year 6 Leavers happy memories of their primary days and a future filled with happiness (and hard work!) as they approach their secondary education. Good luck to all of the Leavers of 2019!

