

Saint John Wall Catholic School

A Catholic School For All



Mission Statement

'To educate each and every unique child in our care to hear and respond to what God calls them to be'



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Weekly Information Bulletin

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Catholic Life - Termly theme: Joy of Living

God of all creation, bring justice and peace to our world.

Teach us to be peacemakers. Guide us in our pursuit of justice and the common good. Inspire us to welcome all, forgive all, and love all. Direct us as we walk in the shadow of Jesus: the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Inspire us to perceive the world through your eyes, that we might find hope and joy each day, supportive of each other, for the sake of your Kingdom.

Important Dates to Note

- **May Half Term - Whitsun**
Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021
- **Year 8 and Year 10 Assessment Week**
Monday 14 June 2021 to Friday 18 June 2021

Trips and Visits

- **Year 10 - James Watt College**
Wednesday 23 June 2021 – 8.30am to 3.30pm
- **Year 9 - Martineau Gardens Edgbaston**
Wednesday 30 June 2021 – 9.30am to 2.30pm
- **Year 10 – National Justice Museum**
Thursday 15 July 2021 – 8.15am to 3.30pm

Goodbye

Today we say goodbye and good luck to Mr Censi who has been working here as a Site Assistant. Mr Censi is returning home to Italy and we wish him all the best for the future.

Welcome to a new member of staff



"Hello, my name is Mr Brooks and I am a new member of the Site Team, I am an ex-pupil who left in 2011 and have had a desire to come back as a member of staff. I have luckily been given an opportunity to come back to Saint John Wall with the hope of making a difference, I have been welcomed back as if I haven't left."

Remote Learning Masterclass Timetable (Summer Term 3)

After School Masterclass
3.00 – 3.40pm at school

Evening Teams Masterclass
5:00 - 5:40pm at home

Term 3	W/C	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday Assessment week
	24-May					
	31-May	Half Term				
		Year 8 Evening RE Masterclass Mrs Harms		Year 10 Evening RE Masterclass Miss Fox-Roberts		
June	07-Jun			Year 7 After School Wellbeing & LifeStyle Masterclass Mrs Ellis		



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Our School Response to conflict in the Middle East

Prayer For peace in the Middle East:

God of peace, bearer of hope, we seek your help for the peoples of the Middle East. Quiet the clamour of war and guide us towards peace. Where there is hatred and division sow seeds of calm and openness. Where there is destruction help us to rebuild. Where children are crying bring an end to tears. Shelter your peoples and protect them Guide them and keep them from harm. Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear and breathe whispers of hope. Amen. Linda Jones/CAFOD

Our response to this issue should be to promote peace and encourage de-escalation of violence.

We should try and educate ourselves responsibly before we comment on issues. Make sure when doing this, you look at appropriate unbiased resources/links. Don't believe everything you read on social media!

We all condemn any acts of violence, especially if they have undertones of racial and social exclusion or hostility. We all believe in equality, diversity and multiculturalism. We are a Catholic School for All. It's part of what makes St John Wall special.

Our values of compassion, love, eloquence, and truth should always drive our thinking.

Guidance for pupils

Please do:

If you need support on this issue, you can email wellbeing@sjw.bham.sch.uk

You can also speak to your RE teachers.

Many young people are writing letters to their local MP to request support for those affected by the violence. If you feel strongly about this, please ask your Head of Year for information about how to contact your MP.

Please don't:

Fuel hatred or use offensive language when discussing religions or groups of people.

Share hate images or posters with each other.

Make generalised statements about 'all Jews' or 'all Palestinians'- these are incorrect and potentially harmful statements.

By Mr Price





What is County lines?

A geographically widespread form of harm that is a typical feature of criminal activity on a drugs network or grooming to exploit children to carry drugs and or money from one area to another. Children often have a burner phone.

By Mrs Crooks

Key Messages

Children and young people who are being exploited may not always look or act vulnerable. If something doesn't feel right, it may not be.

#LookCloser focuses on public spaces where exploitation may be most visible to the public - parks, supermarkets, transport, banks and online environments like gaming platforms and social media.

We also know that bias can be a huge barrier in identifying young people who are being exploited. **#LookCloser** highlights that there is 'no perfect victim' and any young person can be exploited.

Members of the public and those working in the service, retail or transport industries are in a position to spot signs of exploitation and abuse.

Look beyond the obvious – trauma can manifest in many different behaviours.

Young people can be exploited and abused anywhere.

Collectively we can safeguard more young people if we all know what to look out for and how to report concerns to the police.

Ensure public spaces are safe for all young people.

It's important to challenge stereotypes of what a 'typical victim' of exploitation looks or acts like.

The Children's Society Digital pack

Exploitation and abuse is still happening during Covid-19...

Despite the Government lockdown and social distancing measures being in place, young people are still being groomed, exploited and abused.

Some of the ways in which exploiters are adapting their tactics to avoid detection include:

- Alternative methods of transporting young people, including the use of taxis, ride shares and private hire vehicles.
- An increase in vulnerable adults addresses and student accommodation being taken over by organised crime groups as a base for criminal activity, known as cuckooing.
- An increase in supermarket car parks being used for organised criminal activity.
- People being dressed as 'key workers' to avoid detection.
- An increase in online grooming into criminal exploitation and sexual abuse.

If something doesn't feel right, don't wait, report it.

The Children's Society

Call the police

To report exploitation or abuse

Call Crimestoppers

To anonymously report exploitation or abuse

Call the NSPCC

For advice and support if you're concerned about a child

Text British Transport Police

When on a train to report exploitation or abuse



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CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Letter to Secondary Schools for Pentecost 2021

Dear Young People,

Pentecost reminds us that everything in existence, every person and the whole of creation, is a gift of 'God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth'. God our loving Father creates and continues to give life to the world through His Word, Jesus Christ, in the power of His Holy Spirit. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church, which we celebrate at Pentecost, is not something separate from Creation. God's revelation of Himself in Creation is inseparable from the revelation of His love for us in Christ and in His desire to live in us through His Holy Spirit.

'God's Spirit is always and everywhere "the Lord, the Giver of Life", and the voice of Pentecost is echoed in the voice of creation'. As God's children, we call on the Spirit to 'renew the face of the Earth', and as His children, we are called for the good of all that brings life. Our world, God's creation, is a precious gift to us. It is our common home entrusted to each generation. Consider this: how have we used this gift? How do we honour this precious gift? Are we really demonstrating love, care and respect for our common home?

As we celebrate Pentecost this year, we are very aware of the damage that continues to be inflicted on the Earth, and the repercussions for the well-being of our brothers and sisters, both here in our own countries and, more especially, in the poorest countries of our world. Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have both taught us that everything is interconnected and interdependent. The way we live our everyday lives has an impact on everyone and on the earth.

The urgency of the situation, and the enormity of the challenges we face, have spurred us to speak out together this Pentecost Sunday, as bishops of England, Wales and Scotland, about the role that the Catholic Church and our faith must play in our shared care for God's gift to us.

For all too long we have either been ignorant of, or ignored, the exploitation of our planet and the unsustainable consumption of its resources. While accepting the need and demand for energy for the benefit of the very poorest, providing our energy must, nonetheless, be by means which significantly reduces the use of carbon-based fuels.



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There must be a new global understanding of our world, where nations recognise our common responsibility for the dignity of all people and their rights to sustainable livelihoods and freedoms. Pope Francis encourages us to look beyond our own needs to the needs of all, most especially the poor and the marginalised.

But we cannot leave the healing of our common home and the wellbeing and care of our brothers and sisters merely to businesses and political leaders. Our own local concern and action is necessary and has far-reaching consequences. We all have a part to play; each and every one of us, in the routines, choices and decisions of our everyday lives and our aspirations for the future. The actions of parishes, families, schools, and individuals will have a big impact on our efforts to restore our common home. There are now many resources to advise us on our choice of food, saving of water and electricity, suggestions about travel, waste, and re-using materials. These are measures that everyone can employ, in some degree, with minimal inconvenience and change so that we can each reaffirm our vocation to be stewards of creation.

This Pentecost comes at a time of great opportunity. We are gradually emerging from the pandemic. Now we have the ability to make changes. Our countries are also hosting two of the most important political events this year: the G7 summit in June and the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP26 in November. These meetings will gather together men and women who have the power to make defining choices and policies which will help us to repair and rebuild, provide what is needed for our brothers and sisters, and take care of our common home.

In all our endeavours, we need the presence of the Holy Spirit, 'the Lord, the Giver of Life', whose gift to the Church and the world we celebrate again at Pentecost. Let us keep this Feast with hope that we can begin to repair the damage we have done and provide a healthy home for future generations. Our hope will be strengthened by our prayer. May our constant request be that the Holy Spirit guide us, strengthen our resolve and 'renew the face of the earth'.



PIPA

An online **P**arenting **I**ntervention to **P**revent
affective disorders in high-risk **A**dolescents:
The PIPA Trial

The PIPA Trial

The PIPA trial is exploring the effectiveness of an online resource for parents/carers to help reduce depression and anxiety in young people.

Who can take part?

With the assistance of schools, we will be recruiting families of young people aged 11-15 from Birmingham, Coventry and surrounding areas.

What does it involve?

Parents/carers and young people will be asked to fill in some online questionnaires and parents/carers will be invited to work through a series of online modules or factsheets.

Benefits for families

Improve knowledge of mental health and emotional wellbeing in young people. Pick up some useful tips and strategies to help support young people.

Get in touch!

Email: PIPA@warwick.ac.uk
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