

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'



Issue 12

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 3 December 2021

Catholic Life - This year's theme is based on the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13)

Termly theme: Excellence (hard soil)

Termly SJW values - Attentive and Discerning

Dear God,

Help us each and every day to bring hope & light into people's lives. In this season of Advent, remind us of the true importance of loving & caring for each other. After a difficult year, let this be a time of positivity & a time to look ahead to better things to come. Amen

Important Dates to Note

Defibrillator Fund

Trips

- **Showcase Cinema Trip – Year 11**
Thursday 16 December 2021 – 9.15am to 1.30pm
- **University of Worcester – Year 10 & 11**
Monday 10 January 2022 – 8.50am to 3pm

Next Friday 10 December will be pay 50p to wear a Christmas jumper or an item of non-uniform clothing. All funds raised will go towards the purchase of a school defibrillator. We feel it is essential to have a defibrillator on site so we can provide emergency first aid to a pupil or member of staff if necessary. We have a team of trained first aid staff who know resuscitation techniques, and a defibrillator would support them with providing even better care in an emergency. We should be eligible for a £300 bursary towards a defibrillator, but we still need to raise another £800 to purchase it and pay for training.

Thankyou to Mrs Brotherson and Mrs Mason, ex-colleagues and governors of the school, for their generous donations towards the defibrillator fund. Thankyou also to Mrs Nayyar and Mr Mull who have already donated too.

By Miss Marston

Parents' Evenings and Afternoons

- **Year 7 & Year 9 Parents' Afternoon & targeted Year 8 pupils – Via Teams**
Wednesday 15 December 2021 - 1.00pm – 4.00pm.
School will close to all other pupils at 12.15pm.

End of Term

- **Christmas Holiday**
Thursday 16 December 2021 – 1.00pm
- **Teacher Training Day**
Friday 17 December 2021 – School closed to all Pupils

New Term Begins

- **School Open to all Pupils**
Thursday 6 January 2022

Allergy Forms

We recently sent pupils home with an Allergy form. Please complete this form and return to school as soon as possible so that the information can be updated on our system.

By Mrs Crooks



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Tuition at Saint John Wall

There are two types of tuition at Saint John Wall:

5 for 5 tuition: Five pupils are chosen by a class teacher. This teacher will work with the pupils for five 1-hour sessions, focusing on areas for development specific to those pupils. These sessions take place after school between 3pm to 4pm.

Masterclass: A masterclass will be led with a larger group, this may be a specially selected group of pupils, a full class or a whole year group. This will take place either face to face afterschool at 3pm to 3.45pm or on Teams at 5pm to 5.45pm.

If your child has been chosen to take part in our tuition, you will receive a text or a letter. Attendance is compulsory, your child must attend these sessions as they have been invited to support them in making progress.

By Mr Lloyd-Price

Here is the programme for next week:

	Monday			Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	Friday
Week 6 6 th December – 10 th December	Yr 10 Geography with Mr Woodward 5 for 5 3pm-4pm	Yr 10 English with Mrs Hillier 5 for 5 3pm-4pm	Yr 10 Maths with Mr Hussain 5 for 5 3pm-4pm	EAL Masterclass with Mrs Kawecka 5pm-5:45pm	Yr 10 History Masterclass with Miss Lally	Yr 10 History with Miss Lally 5 for 5 3pm-4pm	Yr 10 RE with Miss Fox-Roberts 5 for 5 3pm-4pm	Year 10 Pastoral Masterclass with Miss Reynolds 3:05pm-3:50pm	Yr 10 Geography with Mr Woodward 5 for 5 3pm-4pm



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Christmas Tree Festival

This year Saint John Wall is showcasing the talents of our pupils at St Mary's Church, Handsworth Christmas Tree festival.

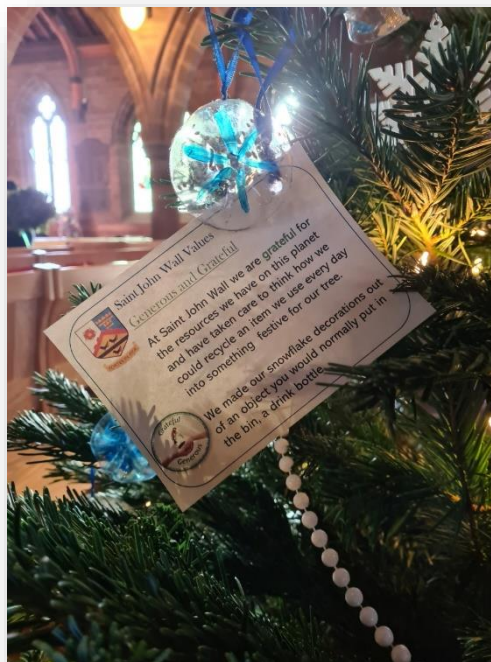
We are **grateful** for the resources we have on this planet and have taken care to think how we could recycle an item we use every day into something festive for our tree.

Over the last two weeks in the Art room we have been busy collecting bottles and turning them into decorations for the Christmas Tree festival. We cut off the base of the bottle and used the ridges and shapes found at the bottom to design snowflakes. Each snowflake is unique and individual, just as each pupil at Saint John Wall is.

Thank you to all the pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 who helped to create the wonderful snowflakes.

The Christmas Tree festival will be open to all from Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th December.

By Mrs Towie



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SJW Advent Community collections

From Monday 29 November to Monday 13 December we will be asking pupils to bring in items to contribute to our local foodbank.

We would like pupils to bring in canned food and toiletries.

Items needed are:

Year 7 and 8: Toiletries such as:

- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Nappies
- Toilet Paper
- Toothbrushes

Year 9, 10 and 11: Canned foods like:

- Sweetcorn, Beans
- Tinned tomatoes
- Green Peas
- Jam
- Tinned fish

We also need additional items like:

- Pasta
- Rice
- Cereal

Please bring goods to your form room each morning.

"The spirit of the Lord is on me, for he has anointed me to bring the good news to the afflicted. He has sent me... to let the oppressed go free"

Luke 4:18

By Mr Price



Christmas Jumper Day
for staff and pupils!

Wear a Christmas jumper or an item of non uniform on
Friday 10 December 2021
for only **50p**
(extra donations welcome)

Money raised will help purchase a
defibrillator for the school.

You MUST wear your school uniform with your 1 item of non uniform.



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Christmas Tree festival at St Mary's Church



Start your celebrations in a forest of festive trees, with festive refreshments, angelic voices of various soloists and choirs, and guided tours of the historic Church.

FRIDAY 3rd DEC: 2pm - 7pm

**2.00pm Grand Opening - St Mary's School Choir
3.30pm Reading of Christmas Story
6.00pm Singalong carols with Fr Bob**

SATURDAY 4th DEC: 10am - 6pm

**11:00am Church Guided Tour incl James Watt Chapel
12.00 Reading of Christmas Story
2:00pm BJF presents Young People Performance
3:00pm BJF presents Young Artist Platform,
featuring vocalist Natalie Maclean
4.00pm Church Guided Tour incl James Watt Chapel
5.00pm Handsworth Community Choir**

SUNDAY 5th DEC: 2pm - 5pm

**11.00am Church Service - The Parish Eucharist
3.30pm Reading of Christmas Story**

**FREE ADMISSION,
SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS AND BEVERAGES
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.**

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Hamstead Rd
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