

# 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 13

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 10 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**

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

### Important Dates to Note

#### Trips

- **King Edwards Handsworth Grammar School for Boys - Year 11**  
Monday 13 December 2021 – 9am to 11am
- **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

#### 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**  
Wednesday 5 January between 9.00am and 12.00 midday for covid testing only, then straight home.  
Thursday 6 January 2022 open for normal lessons.

### Defibrillator Fund

Thankyou to Cynthia Deeson, parishioner at St Mary's Catholic Church, Harborne, for her generous donation to the school's defibrillator fund. Thankyou also to our school member of staff, Mrs Gandhi, for also making a generous donation. Christmas jumper day today also helped raise money – photos in next week's Christmas special edition.

**By Miss Marston**

### Covid 19 Testing – January 2022

**Covid 19 testing before returning to school in January 2022**

**Wednesday 5 January 2022**

We encourage you to send your child to school between 9.00am and 12.00 midday for a covid 19 test. Pupils do not need to wear school uniform. They will be tested on site and then sent immediately home.

Consent forms from previous testing will still apply. If your child has not been tested before, please get them to bring a completed consent form.

Consent forms will be sent home with pupils on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 December.

It is important to test regularly during the Christmas holidays, and before returning to school. Extra home test kits will be distributed during the last school week in December.

**By Miss Marston**



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## Contacting School Staff

When contacting school staff please ensure you are doing this within work day hours (7:30am-4:30pm). Any contact out of this time will be dealt with the following day.

By Mrs Crooks

## Bring it on Brum

'Bring it on Brum!' is Birmingham's, Department for Education funded, Holiday Activity and Food Programme, that's helping children, young people and their families have active, fun-filled and healthy school holidays.

Bring it on Brum! is for children who access free school meals. The approach in Birmingham will see provision across the city, serving disadvantaged communities, those most vulnerable and those most impacted upon by the pressures of school holidays.

Their winter holiday programme will be delivered in over 180 venues across the city. Many holiday activity providers are ready to take bookings now; some are still finalising their plans. Most programmes will run for 4 or 5 days from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a smaller number of programmes available after Christmas until schools return.

Please visit the 'Bring it on Brum!' website for more information: <https://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk/>

By Mrs Crooks

## Remote Learning Support

If you need support for a device to access any remote learning please contact school by Tuesday 14 December.

By Mrs Crooks

## Christmas Lunch

The countdown to Christmas has well and truly started this week with a yummy Christmas Dinner! Francisca Idemudia 8BRK really enjoyed the roast potatoes and Hermona Fremkael 7COB said the turkey had a lot of flavour!

By Mrs Crooks





## 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 7 13 <sup>th</sup> December 14 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> December		Yr 10 RE with Miss Fox- Roberts 5 for 5 3pm-4pm	10YW English Masterclass with Mrs Heathcote 5pm  Via Teams		



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## Design and Technology

During 7XS Design and Technology lessons pupils are working hard at sawing their keyring designs out of Brass. Pupils got a workout this week using a junior hacksaw!

By Mrs Crooks



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## Mathswatch

Pupils are using Mathswatch for their Development Homework/independent study.

Praise postcards have been awarded for the top 10 pupils in each year group.

By Mrs Forde

### November Results:

Year 11				Year 10				Year 9			
First Name	Surname	Minutes	Class	First Name	Surname	Minutes	Class	First Name	Surname	Minutes	Class
Aryan	Mann	1678	11H1/Ma	Said	Fouenang Abba Kaka	906	10F1/Ma	Eldana	Guesh	963	9F4/Ma
Franklin	Medukam	1209	11H1/Ma	Julia	Moszczyńska	799	10F1/Ma	Gerrard	Mendoza	611	9H1/Ma
Safiya	Muhumed	947	11H1/Ma	Samiya	Muhumed	747	10F1/Ma	Ali	Mirshekarikazerouni	485	9H1/Ma
Grace	Ihaza	765	11H1/Ma	Ravjot	Singh	516	10F3/Ma	Janelle	Ajayi	480	9F4/Ma
Chenai	Pryce-Andrade	473	11H1/Ma	Deborah	Gebrekiristos	447	10F2/Ma	Thang	Chim	437	9H1/Ma
Joel	Wren	437	11H1/Ma	Roland	Ofori	313	10F1/Ma	Darren	Omali Okonkwo	429	9H1/Ma
Shiv	Patel	400	11H1/Ma	Daniel	McDonough	306	10H1/Ma	Ezekiel	Osazemwinde	417	9H1/Ma
Jimmy	Le	376	11H2/Ma	Gabriel-Iulian	Potropascu	273	10F2/Ma	Hannah	Khan	397	9H1/Ma
Divine	Osazemwinde	351	11H1/Ma	Ria	Droch	235	10F2/Ma	Emmanuel	Ifeosame	390	9H1/Ma
Randul	Fernando	341	11H1/Ma	Connie	Grant	233	10F2/Ma	Derrek	Omali Okonkwo	381	9H1/Ma
Year 8				Year 7							
First Name	Surname	Minutes	Class	First Name	Surname	Minutes	Class				
Krish	Harjiv	488	8Y1/Ma	Harsh	Kumar	2584	7Y1/Ma				
Mercedes	Johnson	459	8X3/Ma	Anna	Horvathova	839	7Y1/Ma				
Teniola	Adekunte-Olayiwola	311	8Y1/Ma	Kyh-shayn	Douglas	501	7Y1/Ma				
Ameira	Peart	290	8Y2/Ma	Richard	Oye	452	7Y1/Ma				
Vanessa	Kodua	268	8Y1/Ma	Anthony	John Anthony Tikimo	355	7Y1/Ma				
Paul	Bacoi	258	8X3/Ma	Maja	Majrowska	309	7Y1/Ma				
Qasim	Rehman	254	8X1/Ma	Krzysztof	Daszkiewicz	290	7Y2/Ma				
Nikita	Marsden	246	8X1/Ma	Maya	Karwanska	285	7Y3/Ma				
Hoodo	Omar	214	8X3/Ma	Arjan	Badhan	284	7Y1/Ma				
Michael	McDonough	202	8X1/Ma	Andrew	Le	282	7X1/Ma				



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## Horrible Histories Trip

Year 7 pupils had the fantastic opportunity to visit the Alexandra Theatre on Friday 3 December to watch a performance of Horrible Histories: Barmy Britain. 50 pupils, accompanied by Miss Lally, Miss Jones, Mrs Kaur and Miss Lai, made the journey to the city centre on the 101 bus before taking their seats in the theatre. The show was engaging and interactive with 3d elements in the second half. Pupils were able to visualise the events that they have been learning about in their History lessons. Afterwards, pupils visited McDonald's for lunch - what a treat! There was time for a short walk through the city centre before getting the 101 bus back to school.

Here's what some of the pupils had to say about the day...

### By Miss Lally

*"I enjoyed lots of different things on the trip especially when we watched the performance in 3D. It was fun and me and my friends jumped at least 3 times! The performance was very funny and entertaining. It was a fun way to teach us about history of 'Barmy Britain.'"*

### By Kritika Basra 7PEJ

*"It was very enjoyable and the show was very funny. I like the way they interacted with the audience. The best part was the 3D glasses."*

### By Arjan Badhan 7PEJ





9 December 2021

COVID-19 Children's Vaccination Team  
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Dear parent or guardian

### **COVID-19 vaccinations for 12 to 15 year olds**

All young people aged 12 to 15 are now eligible to have two doses of the COVID-19 vaccination. A second dose can be given 12 weeks (3 months) after the first dose. Two doses of the Pfizer vaccine will give young people the best protection against COVID-19.

The medicines regulator, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), has confirmed the Pfizer vaccine is safe and effective for children in this age group, following a rigorous review of the safety, quality and effectiveness of the vaccine.

### **How will my child receive their vaccinations?**

Vaccinators from the local Children's Vaccination Team will visit your child's school. This is likely to be after the Christmas holidays, with further information being shared nearer the time.

There will also be local appointments that you can book for your child at vaccination centres, as well as walk-in sessions, with no appointment needed. Please visit this website to find out more about this (please check back regularly if no sessions are currently available): <https://www.birminghamandsolihullcovidvaccine.nhs.uk/12to15yearolds/>



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## Is my child eligible?

Your child is eligible to have their vaccination if:

- For second doses, they must have had their first at least 12 weeks ago
- They have had their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday since vaccinations were offered at their school
- They previously declined to have their first vaccination, but would now like one
- They will not be able to have a vaccination if they have had COVID-19 infection in the last 12 weeks.

## Further information

COVID-19 is usually mild in most children, but it can make some children unwell. Two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine gives the best protection against your child becoming seriously ill. Therefore, we strongly encourage you to take up this offer for your child. Vaccinating children can also help stop the spread of COVID-19 to other people, such as to elderly relatives and within schools.

In the meantime, for further information about the vaccination programme for 12-15 year olds, visit: <https://www.birminghamandsolihullcovidvaccine.nhs.uk/12to15yearolds/>

Yours sincerely

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## Titan All Stars - November Winner

We are delighted to announce that **Arjan from St John Wall** is the winner of our November All Stars. Arjan was nominated for his resilience, hard work and for going above and beyond to support his peers, staff and the local community.

Arjan will receive a £10 Amazon gift voucher and a certificate of achievement.

Congratulations to Arjan!





# Internet Safety Notice

**Are you aware of what your child is looking up on the internet?**

**Have you checked your parental controls with your internet provider?**

The laptops which were provided through the DfE because of lockdown have some safeguarding monitoring software on them called SMOOTHWALL.

Smoothwall is software which monitors what you type into the laptop (both at home and when using computers in school). However, in school any inappropriate material is blocked to keep your child safe, BUT, if your parental controls are not set correctly your child could be accessing inappropriate materials in your own home.

## What are parental controls?

Parental controls help you to block or filter upsetting or inappropriate content, and control purchases within apps. You can install parental control software on your child's and family's phones or tablets, games consoles, laptops and your home internet.

**Parental controls can help you to:**

- plan what time of day your child can go online and how long for
- create content filters to block apps that may have [inappropriate content](#)
- manage the content different family members can see.

## What can I do next?

Check with your internet provider about the following:

### Filtering and blocking

- Limit access to specific websites, words or images.

### Blocking outgoing content

- Prevents your children from sharing personal information online and via email.

### Limiting time

- Allows parents to set time limits for how long their children are online and the time of day they can access the internet.

### Monitoring tools

- Alert parents to their children's online activity without blocking access and can be used with or without the child's knowledge. Some software can record which websites a child has visited. Other programs display warning messages when children visit certain websites.

**Visit:** <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/> for more support and guidance.



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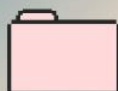
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PS5 - TABLE TENNIS - POOL - BOARD GAMES -  
CHILL - RELAX - MEET UP

**4.00PM - 6.00PM**

COME ALONG WHERE YOU'LL FIND A SAFE SPACE FOR YOU



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**Always talk to a trusted adult if this is affecting you**

