

# 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 4 Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 30 September 2022

Catholic Life - This year we are focussing on 'The Year of Sanctuary'.

Termly theme: Solidarity (The Good Samaritan)

Termly SJW values – Compassionate and Loving

Compassionate God, Hear our prayer for the people of Pakistan; For those who have lost their lives in the floods and for those forced from their homes. Yet again, God, it is the poorest who are hit hardest and those with least who lose most. God of love and justice: Call us to generous giving for those in need and urgent action to combat climate chaos. Let those in need today know they are not alone, and unite us in hope for a world where all can live in safety and security. Amen.

### Important Dates to Note

- **Year 11 Revision Begins**  
Monday 3 October 2022
- **Year 10 Assessment Week**  
Monday 10 October 2022 to Friday 14 October 2022
- **Inset Day - School closed to all pupils**  
Friday 21 October 2022
- **Half Term**  
Monday 24 October 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022
- **Year 11 Mock 1 Examinations**  
Monday 31 October 2022 to Friday 4 November 2022

### Health and Safety Notice

Essential repair work will be taking place during October on a pipe that leads to the school boiler. This means that, unfortunately, the school heating system has to be turned off. Staff will monitor temperatures in classrooms and pupils will be permitted to wear outdoor clothing if necessary. We hope that this will ensure that the boiler works effectively during the coldest months of the year. **Miss Marston**

### Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner Visit

I was pleased to host Mr Tom McNeil, the Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands last week. He spent time talking to pupils about his job and his career path so far. I was able to share with him some of the worries we have for our school community during the cost of living crisis. We discussed organisations that provide support for families, and also ideas about after-school enrichment opportunities that include providing food. Mr McNeil intends to link the school with several of these organisations. You can read his report on the Handsworth Community facebook page.



As a start, I have engaged Bouncing Statistics to run an after-school club that includes food. This will begin next week. Details later in this newsletter. We are also running an SJW pantry with some basic foods that pupils can collect to take home. **Miss Marston**



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## Instrument lessons

The Performing Arts department offer a great opportunity for all pupils to take part in one-to-one music lessons with a music specialist from outside of the school. Anyone can apply and it is only £20 for a whole term (up to 12 lessons!). There are various different instruments you can choose from including:

- Steel Pans
- Guitar
- Keyboard
- Drums
- Dhol

This is an opportunity for pupils to develop their musical talents outside of the music room and be able to attain music grades which add to GCSE credits. Collect a letter from reception or Miss Antonucci to apply.

**Miss Antonucci**

## Macmillan Coffee Morning



House Captains sold many cakes and biscuits at break and lunchtime today in support of Macmillan Nurses. We had so many cakes that we will sell more on Monday. Total raised will feature in next week's newsletter. Thankyou for donating cakes and money.

**Miss Young**

## Y10 Assessment Timetable WC 10 October

Period	Monday 10 October	Tuesday 11 October	Wednesday 11 October	Thursday 13 October	Friday 14 October
1 9:15 Start	Enterprise 1 Hour	History 1 Hour 15 mins	Computer Science 1 hour PE 1 Hour Music 1 hour Sport 1 hour	RE 1 Hour	
Break					
2 and 3 10:45 Start	Maths 1 hour 30 Mins Calculator	Health and SC 1 hour 15 mins Resistant Materials 1 hour 15 Mins	Science Combined 1 hour 10 mins Calculators Triple Science Biology 1 hour 45 mins	Triple Science Chemistry 1 hour 45 mins Polish Writing 1 Hour 15 mins	Hosp. and Catering 1 Hour 30mins
Lunch					
4 13:45 Start	Geography 1 hour Spanish Listening 40/50 Mins	English Lit 50 mins	French Listening 40/50 Mins Polish Reading 1 hour Performing Arts 1 hour 15 Mins	IT 1 Hour	

Art  
All Day



## Catholic Life

### Year 7 Chaplaincy Team

On Wednesday our new Chaplaincy Team were commissioned at Saint Chad's Cathedral by Bishop Stephen. We had a lovely morning celebrating with other Chaplaincy teams from across the Diocese.

We look forward to sharing future updates on all the wonderful work our Chaplaincy team are involved in.



### Year 8 Sanctuary Team

This week pupils have met with Year 7 to help them find their classes and be a friendly face while they navigate the school building for the first time. Our team has ensured that they are available and are popping round speak to Year 7 during break and lunchtimes to reassure and support them.





## After school activities

Starting on Monday 3 October we have an exciting after school enrichment opportunity for pupils.

Here are some key details:

- Monday-Friday every week during term time.
- Pupils do not need to sign-up they just turn up. First come first served, 30 spaces.
- Led by an external company- Bouncing Statistics.
- 3.15-4.30 enrichment activities e.g. sports, board games, creative activities, homework. Pupils can liaise with Bouncing Statistics about other activities they would like (Please note- if pupils attend, they will not be able to leave school site until 4.30pm).
- 4.30-4.45 food and drink. This is optional, pupils do not have to stay for this, but it is free of charge.
- 30 spaces per day on a first come first served basis.
- If you plan on collecting your child at 4.30pm, then please contact the school office, otherwise pupils will be allowed to leave site from 4.30pm.

Miss Guest

## After School Enrichment Opportunity

School Hall



3.15-4.30pm

Monday to Friday, led by Bouncing Statistics, starts Monday 3 October 2022

Timings:

3.15-4.30 enrichment activities  
4.30-4.45 food and drink

- 30 spaces per day, you do not need to sign up, just turn up.
- If you attend, you will not be able to leave the school site until 4.30pm.
- If you are being collected, parents/ carers need to contact the school office.
- Sports, board games, creative activities, homework.
- If you are interested in other activities, let the programme leaders know.
- Food and drink provided free of charge - e.g. squash, sandwiches and soup!

Learn how to code

Year 7/8/9  
Wednesday  
afterschool  
Room 3

code club

Make video games

Build Robots



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## European Day of Languages – 26<sup>th</sup> September



On Monday this week we celebrated European Day of Languages. This is a day that highlights how diverse communities across are, and the wide variety of languages that are spoken in each of them. In schools, the day is a wonderful opportunity to promote the importance of learning a new language, no matter how many languages we may already speak.

Celebrating European Day of Languages each year is very important to our school community as many of our pupils speak a language other than English with their families at home. Various activities took place, including themed food available in the canteen at break and lunch and Mrs Wallace had her KS3 pupils to answer the register in a European language throughout the day – Year 8 classes answered the register in Dutch and Swedish!

Learning a language is a valuable skill to develop for a variety of reasons. On a personal level, speaking other languages offers us opportunities to travel and work in other countries and increases our cultural capital far beyond the stereotypes. In addition, it is a skill that has far reaching benefits across all subjects that we learn at school, including:

- improving our problem-solving skills;
- strengthening our ability to work as part of a team;
- and enhancing our understanding of our native language.

### Why learn a language?



At St John Wall, pupils all study either French or Spanish in their languages lessons from Year 7 and growing numbers of pupils are choosing to continue studying the language for GCSE. Pupils who speak another language at home are also offered the opportunity to complete the GCSE in their native language. We have recently seen our best ever results at GCSE for modern languages.

French	80% achieving grades 9-4; 60% achieving grades 9-5
Spanish	82% achieving grades 9-4; 73% achieving grades 9-5
Community languages	92% achieving grades 9-5





## Enrichment Activities provided by our Bucket 3 teaching team, Bouncing Statistics and Aston Manor Basketball Academy.

### Autumn Term Enrichment

1 Timothy 4:14 Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Music Peri Lessons</b>	Music lessons take place in the school day and you will be allocated a time for each week. <u>Please see Miss Antonucci</u> if you need a letter to sign up. Lessons are run by the Birmingham Music Service and there is a small charge for this.				
	Years 7-11 <u>Doh!</u> Drums- Mr H	Years 7-11 Steel Pans- Mr Clarke Drums- Mr Denver	Years 7-11 Guitar- Mr Bonham	Year 7-11 Key Board- Mr <u>Duffell</u>	
<b>Before School 8am-8:40am</b>	All Years - Free Flow Art Rm 1- Miss <u>Restauri</u>	All Years - Free Flow Art Rm 1- Miss <u>Restauri</u>	All Years - Free Flow Art Rm 1- Miss <u>Restauri</u>	All Years - Free Flow Art Rm 1- Miss <u>Restauri</u>	All Years - Free Flow Art Rm 1- Miss <u>Restauri</u>
<b>Lunch Time</b>	Years 7&8 Dodgeball Hall - Miss Young  Years 10 & 11 Design & Technology- Projects T6- Mr Penfold	Years 7&8 Design & Technology- Class projects Mr Penfold T6	Years 7&8 Basketball Gym- Mr Patel		Years 7&8 Indoor football Gym- Mr Ahmed
<b>After School 3:10pm- 4:10pm</b>	Year 8 <u>Boys Football</u> Mr Brooks  All Years Dance Miss <u>Young</u> & Miss Reynolds  All Years- Table Tennis Mr Patel		All Years Jamming Session Music room- Miss Antonucci  Year 7-9 Drama Club Drama Studio Miss Cummings  Years 7-9 Code Club Rm 3 Mr Rathbone  All Years Girls Football Miss Young & Miss Reynolds  Year 7 & Year 9 Football Mr Patel & Mr Ahmed	All Years - Dodgeball Mr Ahmed	Staff and Students Vocal Group Music room- Miss Antonucci  All Years Art Club Art room Mrs <u>Restauri</u>  <b>STARTING AFTER HALF TERM</b> Year 7 –9 Cooking Club T1- Mr March
<b>Saturday</b>	Saint John Wall is partnered with Aston Manor Basketball Academy- if you wish to take part please go to student reception for a letter. The mini bus picks students up from Saint John Wall and drops them back to Saint John Wall after training.				



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# Donations of Uniform

Do you have any items of uniform at home?

Would you like to donate them to our school?



Black school trousers -  
Girls or Boys

School coats

White plain shirts

Blazers

PE navy shorts  
PE navy joggers

SJW ties



Black school skirts

**Any donations will be very much appreciated.**



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