

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 27

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 21 April 2023

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

Termly theme: Option for the Poor

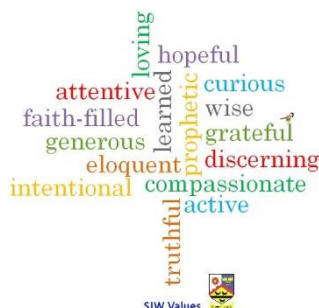
Termly SJW Values – Curious and Active

This week in Weekly Worship... "This week in Weekly Worship we discussed School of Sanctuary and our new themes of The Great Banquet and Option for the Poor. We believe that we should treat everyone how we would like to be treated. In Weekly Worship, we also explored how other religions participate in stewardship and Option for the Poor. We listened to a reading about The Great Banquet and thought about how we have helped those in need at St John Wall. We have done this through donating uniform.

By Grace Irwin 9RES

This week in Afternoon Prayer... "This week in Afternoon Prayer, we prayed about The Great Banquet, our new parable for this term. This made us think about Jesus and all the mistakes people have made through being too busy with their lives. We also prayed about our new theme of Option for the Poor. This made us think about why we should care for the poor and the vulnerable. We reflected on how we should be curious and active in school through being an active learner in the classroom. We also prayed for Eid and the importance of Eid for us and Muslims. This allowed us to think about what Eid is, why it is important and how it is celebrated.

Andrei-Petru Dahorea 11BRE



NEU Strike Action

Teachers who are members of the National Education Union have voted to strike again on the following dates: **Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May**. The school has 26 teachers who are in the NEU. We do not expect all those teachers to strike, but we will need to make some changes to pupils' education on each of the strike days if they go ahead.

Due to a likely reduction in teaching staff on those days, the following education arrangements will be made:

Thursday 27 April

Year 7 - Attend school in PE kit with school bag and equipment. 8.50am to 3.10pm.

Year 8 - Work at home. Option to visit school for lunch between 12.30pm and 1.00pm.

Year 9 - Work at home. Option to visit school for lunch between 12.30pm and 1.00pm. Awards Evening for invited pupils, 5.00pm.

Year 10 - Attend school in normal school uniform with school bag and equipment. Ensure you are wearing a long-sleeved school shirt. You can bring your trainers to change for the sport of fencing. 8.50am to 3.10pm.

Year 11 - Attend school in normal uniform with school bag, revision materials, coursework and equipment. External GCSE Art Examination takes place today for Art pupils. 8.50am to 3.10pm.



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Tuesday 2 May 2023

Year 7 - Work at home. Option to visit school for lunch between 12.30pm and 1.00pm.

Year 8 - Attend school in PE kit with school bag and equipment. 8.50am to 3.10pm.

Year 9 - Attend school in PE kit with school bag and equipment. 8.50am to 3.10pm.

Year 10 - Attend school in normal school uniform with school bag and equipment. 8.50am to 3.10pm.

Year 11 - Pupils attending the Alton Towers trip come to school in own clothes, coaches leave at 8.30am and return to school approximately 6.00pm. Pupils not on the trip attend school in PE kit with revision materials, coursework, school bag and equipment. 8.50am to 3.10pm.

Miss Marston

Important Dates to Note

- **Awards Evening – Year 7 and Year 8**
Wednesday 26 April 2023 – 5pm
- **ATA Campaign Trip (Nine Year 8 pupils)**
Wednesday 26 April 2023 – 8.15am to 1.30pm
- **Possible NEU Strike Day**
Thursday 27 April 2023
- **Awards Evening – Year 9, 10 and 11**
Thursday 27 April 2023 – 5pm
- **Bank Holiday – School Closed**
Monday 1 May 2023
- **Possible NEU Strike Day**
Tuesday 2 May 2023
- **Year 11 Reward Trip to Alton Towers**
Tuesday 2 May 2023
- **Coronation Lunch and Miss Slee's Funeral**
Friday 5 May 2023. Pupils go home at 12.15pm and access lesson 4 on Teams 2.15pm to 3.00pm
- **Coronation Bank Holiday – School Closed**
Monday 8 May 2023
- **Formal External Examinations Begin**
Monday 15 May 2023
- **Half Term**
Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023

Welcome to new members of staff



"My name is Mrs Jewell, having taught Religious Education at another secondary school in Birmingham for the past 19 years, I am very much looking forward to experiencing teaching RE in a different environment, teaching RE in a Catholic school, getting to know all of the staff and pupils and supporting pupils to reach their full potential in RE."



"Hello, my name is Mr Mehmood and I am a Pupil Coach. I am looking forward to meeting all the staff and pupils. I aim to leave an impact on pupils by helping them to fulfil their potential."



"Hello, my name is Mr Sharif and my role is a Pupil Coach. I am looking forward to learning about the school and processes as well as helping pupils achieve their full potential."



"My name is Mr White and I am a Cover Supervisor. I hope to achieve more teaching-based experience at SJW, learning from a variety of subjects. I'm also really looking forward to meeting more pupils. I hope to foster a community of learners that are not afraid to make mistakes and have plenty of opportunities for practical sessions and explanations of complex topics."



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St Mary's Coffee Morning

We have had a very busy morning at St Marys with the highlight being able to join in with a relaxing Tai Chi session. Pupils enjoyed catching up with guests and conversations that happened before our Easter break and happily provided tea and coffee and collected empties too. Next week is the Music Man which will be a real treat as he normally visits during half term weeks!

By Mrs Clayton



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Resurrection Mass

Tuesday 18 April 2023

On Tuesday, we celebrated our whole school Resurrection Mass. Thank you to Father Gerry Lennon for coming into school to celebrate this Mass with us. To support our school's mission of being A Catholic School for All, Mr Lloyd-Price and Mrs Ellis spoke at certain important moments during the Mass to explain what was happening. This ensured that all individuals could fully participate in the Mass and the Catholic Life of the school.

A big thank you to all pupils for being so respectful during the Mass. Thank you and well done to all those who participated in the Mass - Arjan Badhan 8GRE, Kritika Basra 8GRE, Priya Kaur 8HAY, Success Ihaza 8FOR, Rayna Jassal 8GRE, Nathanael Byfield 7ESM, Joshua Berhe 7REG, Lydia Binyam 7ESM, Monique Smikle 8FOR, Lovepreet Guru 8GRE and Gloria Osazemwinde 7JAS.



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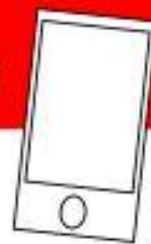
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UK Emergency Alert

Urgent notification



National UK Emergency Alert Test Sunday 23 April 2023 at 3pm

Purpose:

To test the alert system in case of future national emergencies.

It involves an automatic notification to all mobile phones, on all networks, in the form of an alert sound.

Please be aware that victims and survivors of abuse, particularly domestic abuse, may have a secret mobile phone which their abuser is not aware of. From a safeguarding perspective, the sounding of the national alert may place such individuals in danger should their abusers become aware of their secret phone.

We strongly advise that any person known or thought to be vulnerable, or who are or you suspect they may be living with an abusive partner are discretely made aware:

- that the alert will sound even if a mobile phone is switched to silent
- and how to turn off receiving the emergency alert.

If this cannot be achieved discretely you may wish to make the information generally available without raising this as a safeguarding issue.

To turn off the alert on an android phone:

- Go to settings
- Type emergency in the search bar and emergency alert should appear as an option
- Select emergency alerts
- This should take you to a page titled either emergency alerts or broadcast settings
- Click or tap on the blue toggle beside emergency alerts to switch the option off. It will turn grey, and the alert will be switched off.

To turn off the alert on an iphone:

- Open the settings app
- Select notifications, a red square with a white bell
- Scroll down the notifications screen to the bottom to find emergency alerts
- Tap the toggles to turn the emergency alerts off. They will turn grey, and the alerts will be switched off.



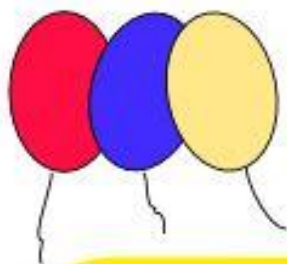


Year 11 Yearbook

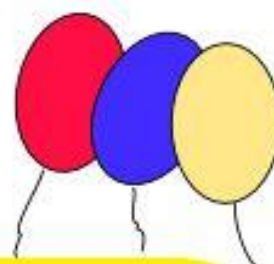
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Class of 2023



Payments are now being accepted!

The overall cost of the yearbook is **£12**
You can pay in 2 instalments of £6 each.
Payment to be made at the school office.

Final Deadline: Friday 12 May 2023



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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OFCOM'S 'CHILDREN AND PARENTS: MEDIA USE AND ATTITUDES' REPORT 2023

Each year, Ofcom – Britain's regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences across the previous year. The latest version has just been released, and we've pulled out some of the report's most thought-provoking findings which relate to online safety ...

97%

of children had access to the internet at home in 2022

89%

of children played video games

25%

played with people they didn't know

22%

talked to people they didn't know

POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by under-18s were ...



YouTube: 88%



WhatsApp: 55%



TikTok: 53%

Snapchat: 46%



Instagram: 41%

LIVE

PLAYING GAMES ONLINE

Who's playing – and at which age?



TALE OF THE TECH

Devices most often used to go online:



75% of 3-4s use tablets



86% of 5-7s use tablets



70% of 8-11s use tablets



96% of 12-15s use phones



97% of 16-17s use phones

PARENTAL CONCERNS

Parents and carers most commonly worried about their child ...

75% seeing age-inappropriate content



70% being cyber-bullied online



70% seeing pro-self-harm content



65% giving out personal details to strangers



65% having their data collected by companies



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#WakeUpWednesday

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3 in 10

children had experienced someone being nasty or hurtful to them on apps or platforms.

70%

of 12 to 17-year-olds were confident in their ability to identify a fake profiles. But 23% were unable to do so when tested.



£38

children's average monthly spend on video games

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