

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 37

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 5 July 2024

Catholic Life - This year we are focusing on 'Year of Live Simply'.

Termly Theme: Care for Creation

Termly SJW Values – Curious and Active

Sports Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

You have blessed us with many gifts and talents.

We thank you especially for our ability to participate in Sports Day.

Help us to demonstrate our values being active and curious in each event.

Help us to play in a way that will foster teamwork.

Help us to play to the best of our abilities.

Win or lose, we hope to have fun, make friends, and celebrate life.

Amen.

Dates to Note

- **Year 7 and Year 10 Parents' Afternoon**
Thursday 11 July 2024 – 1.30pm to 4pm
- **Witness Week**
Monday 15 July 2024 to Friday 19 July 2024
- **Year 10 Work Experience**
Monday 15 July 2024 to Thursday 18 July 2024
- **Graduation Event at University of Birmingham (13 Year 8 pupils)**
Monday 15 July 2024 – 9am to 3.30pm
- **London IFS Trip (37 Year 9 pupils)**
Monday 15 July to Tuesday 16 July 2024
Leaving at 8.10am returning at 4pm approx.
- **SJW Celebration Day (See poster at the end of the newsletter)**
Wednesday 17 July 2024 -
- **Botanical Gardens Trip (30 Year 8 pupils)**
Thursday 18 July 2024 – 9am to 3.30pm

Year 7 and Year 10 Parents' Afternoon

A reminder that Thursday 11 July 2024 is Year 7 and 10 parents' afternoon from 1.30pm to 4pm.

In order for the afternoon to run smoothly, Years 8 and 9 will leave school at 12.25pm, pupils will be able to get their lunch before they leave the school site.



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SoundLab Performance

Last week the pupils who took part in SoundLab after school club with Royal Birmingham Conservatoire had the amazing opportunity to perform the songs they had been composing at the University campus. They were able to perform in their professional concert hall to over 100 proud parents. This achievement was a once in a lifetime opportunity and every pupil's talent shined through each song they performed. Congratulations to the following pupils on this great achievement! We are immensely proud of you all.

- Nathanael Byfield 8ESM
- Cherubim Tabien 7BRS
- Anja Lamallari 7HAL
- Olawunmi Ilori 7PAL
- Adunoluwa Adesola 7HAL

By Miss Antonucci

Year 7 Rounders

On Wednesday, our Year 7 Rounders team came 3rd overall at the Rounders Competition at Holyhead School.

The girls played really well as a team, encouraged and supported each other to play their best!

Results

Game 1 - SJW 5 - Holyhead 7

Game 2 - SJW 7 - Broadway 2

Game 3 - SJW 3 - Holte 7

By Mrs Ratcliffe





Sports Day

Today, the whole school took part in sports day at Wyndley Athletics Track in Sutton Coldfield. Pupils competed with each other in their houses and took part in 100m, 200m, 300m, 800m, shot put, javelin, high jump, long jump and relay events. The day was full of excitement and pupils had a great time. Thank you to Miss Young for organising the day.

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Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

HAPPY, SAFE SUMMER – REMINDER FROM WEST MIDLANDS POLICE

The summer holiday is fast approaching, it is important our students are reminded what we, as a school community, expect of them in terms of behaviour while they are enjoying socialising with friends and family during the break. We also want to ensure they feel confident to keep themselves safe and away from crime and anti-social behaviour.

Parents/carers and students should already be aware that as part of our safeguarding arrangements, the school has a two-way information sharing agreement in place with West Midlands Police, and we are active members of the local Police & Schools Panel. This joint approach helps us to intervene early to prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour involving our students and provide support and up-to-date safety messages.

In partnership with the police, we would like to provide some reminders about the following:

- **Personal Safety:**
 - Be aware of your surroundings, take care of friends and family members and keep valuables (such as smartphones/watches/headphones) out of public view whenever possible.
 - For apple devices parents/carers can active 'Find My' which includes Activation Lock – A feature that is designed to prevent anyone else from using your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch, if it's ever lost or stolen. Activation Lock turns on automatically when you turn on 'Find My' on your device – more details on this feature are available here: [Activation Lock for iPhone and iPad - Apple Support](#)
 - Don't drink alcohol, take illegal drugs or unknown substances; they can have a big impact on your health and safety, behaviour, and your ability to do well at school and enjoy other interests and activities. They can also be addictive and have unpredictable side effects and could even have fatal consequences - Information is available at www.talktofrank.com
- **Swimming in rivers/reservoirs:** Reservoirs may look inviting, especially on a hot day, but they are extremely dangerous places to swim. If you jump in, you may not be able to get out as the sides are very steep; the water never gets above 11 degrees, and this will affect your ability to breathe and to move. Rivers and reservoirs may be deeper than you think. Safety information is available here: [Float To Live – What To Do In An Emergency – RNL](#)
- **Social Media:** Don't allow your use of social media to put you at risk of grooming, exploitation, or regret in future. Use social media positively and avoid being negative about anyone online as comments/actions may be traced back to you and you will be held accountable.
- **Weapons in public places:** Carrying a knife or other weapon will get you a criminal record which can have life-long effects on travel and job prospects. Those who carry knives are also much more likely to be injured by them. Don't take BB Guns, Gel Blasters/Guns, or any other real looking toy guns into public spaces as these can cause alarm to the public - which could receive a Police Firearms response.
- **Anti-social behaviour:** Think about your actions towards others; a little thought & respect goes a long way.
- **Off-road bikes:** These can only be ridden on private land with the landowner's permission. Don't risk your life and future prospects by illegally riding these on the road.
- **E-Scooters:** In the UK, you must be at least 18 years old and hold a provisional or full driving licence to ride a hire e-scooter. A privately owned e-scooter can only be used in a private place with the landowner's permission; they are illegal to use on a road or in a public place.



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- **Remember the company you keep:** If your friend breaks the law, your association with that person may have legal consequences for you, which could be very serious – even if you weren't the one directly responsible.

If a student is in a position where they need help, they should talk to an adult they trust. Crimes can be reported directly to the police via 101; alternatively you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org. **If a crime is taking place or a life is in danger, call 999 immediately.**

We wish everyone a happy and safe summer.

Yours faithfully,

K Marston

Miss K Marston
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Saint John Wall Celebration Day

17 July 2024

You are invited to spend a morning
with your child at Saint John Wall
Catholic School

- Experience life at the school
- Learn about our history
- Enjoy break time refreshments

8:30 am to 11:00 am



**Please attend school with your child
at their normal arrival time.**

All parents and pupils will leave by 11:00 am

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