

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 3

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 22 September 2023

**Catholic Life - This year we are focusing on 'Year of Live Simply'.
Termly Theme: The Common Good - Live in Solidarity
Termly SJW Values – Compassionate and Loving**

This week in Afternoon Prayer... "This week we have been praying for the people who live and work on Oxhill Road. We also prayed for peace in our hearts and lives, as well as national respect day. I think our afternoon prayers are really important to us in school. It helps us to build our relationship with God and we realise each day the importance of putting the needs of others first."

By Damaris Tofei 9TOW

This week in our Weekly Worship... "This week we thought about forgiveness. When we Live Simply, we have to begin to learn to forgive others. We have to forgive others for the things that they do to us, even if we have to keep on forgiving them. In the Gospel story, Jesus said we have to forgive 77 times, not just 7. That's because forgiving people is hard. If we forgive others, everything can go back to normal."

By Finn Kozakiewicz 8ESM

Our Year 9 Liturgy team created a beautiful prayer space this week for each Weekly Worship.



Dates to Note

- **Black Country Living Museum Trip - 45 Year 8 pupils**
Thursday 28 September 2023 - 9.30am until 3.30pm
- **Year 10 Assessment Week**
Monday 9 October 2023 to Friday 13 October 2023
- **Natwest Business Trip - 40 Year 11 pupils**
Thursday 12 October 2023 - 8.30am - 3pm
- **Cultural Heritage Day**
Thursday 26 October 2023
- **Half Term**
Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 3 November 2023
- **Year 11 Mock 1 Examinations**
Monday 6 November 2023 to Friday 10 November 2023
- **South and City College Taster Day - 30 Year 8 pupils**
Friday 10 November 2023 - 9am until 2.30pm
- **MAD Museum Stratford - 30 Year 7 pupils**
Wednesday 15 November 2023 - 9am until 3.30pm
- **Aston University Campus Experience Day - 30 Year 8 pupils**
Wednesday 22 November 2023 - 9am until 3pm



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Open Evening

On Tuesday we hosted our annual Open Evening where we welcomed parents of Year 6 pupils to take a tour of the school. All our departments put on a wonderful exhibition of pupils' work as well as activities for parents and their children to take part in. Well done to all staff and to the pupils who stayed until 6pm to show parents around the school.

Images of Open Evening deleted.



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Work Experience

Our pupils at the end of Year 10 undertook work experience, which involved going on a short-term placement with an employer, to observe and work alongside people as they go about their daily tasks. This was a chance for the pupils to develop skills, contacts, and learn more about the kind of career they would like to do.

I am pleased to report our pupils really enjoyed the experience and the opportunities. I believe this will make our pupils stand out from the crowd on applications for courses, training and jobs. Please see below some feedback from the pupils.

By Mr Hussain

"I enjoyed my work experience and the people there were very kind and caring. As shown when the headteacher of my old school says that "they have been a part of their school, and are still a member of the school". The quote stated by the headteacher suggests that I have been to that school before and would choose to try my work experience in that school to make education better for the children there. The quote also enforces the fact that I have been in that school before and have studied there, and so I am able to give good advice to the people there still studying. Furthermore, the use of the term "welcome" enforces the kindness that my work experience emits, and will lead the conclusion that my old school was the best option for my work experience". **Gerrard (St Teresa's primary school)**

"My work experience was nice as I had to work with children which was really fun and also, I developed new skills such as communication, as I had to speak with the children and their parents, and also teamwork with the other volunteers". **Stella (Heros)**

"Work experience was a good way for me to get an insight into what life would be like in the working world. It allowed me to get an idea of life beyond school and see if computing/computer science is a career I want to pursue. My work experience was in London at IFS a software company and they were very warm and inviting to me. This whole experience was very beneficial to me as it opened my eyes to the reality of the working world".

Rayyan A (IFS in London)

"Work experience is a chance for someone to understand what working in a work environment feels like. During my work experience, in a primary school, I was teaching students, helping students, and doing my best to be a part of the school community. I really enjoyed doing my work experience there. I would highly recommend that any Y10s who are doing work experience next year to find a place early, so it would help you with future careers". **Daniel (St Patrick's Primary School)**

"In my work experience I have learnt about how to get to places at a set time and learn to sign in and give in my phone and take care of children. I learnt that being a teacher means you have to make sure that the children are not only safe but are having fun. I also learnt that it takes more than just standing there to make sure they are okay, I had to interact with them and play with them, so I knew they were okay. I was also told if a child has brought something to my attention I had to alert the adults. I was also told of the lockdown procedure in case anything happened". **Hashem (Old Station Nursey)**

SJW Supper Club (Bouncing)

This is an exciting after school enrichment opportunity which will start again on Monday 25 September. 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 with support from one of our school pupil coaches.
- 3.15-4.30 enrichment activities e.g. sports, board games, creative activities, jigsaws, homework. Pupils can liaise with Bouncing Statistics staff/ school pupil coach 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.
- If you plan on collecting your child at 4.30pm, please contact the school office, otherwise pupils will be allowed to leave site from 4.30pm.

By Miss Guest



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St Mary's Coffee Club

Pupils have helped out with a fast paced bingo session today along with some tidying and organising for the volunteers. They had the very responsible job of counting donations for Macmillan Cancer Support and worked so hard on bingo numbers that was rewarded with tea and cake to finish. Next week is Macmillan Coffee Morning.

By Mrs Clayton



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DLP Hub, Tesco Trip

On Thursday, as part of our Preparing for Adulthood and Careers lesson, Miss Lai and I took the pupils in the Hub to our local Tesco Express. The pupils studied Food and Nutrition and Eating on a Budget.

First, pupils took time to research healthy food items that they could buy to sustain them for a few days on a budget of £5.00.

They researched the prices of the food items they wanted to buy, using their maths skills totalled up their shopping and their expected change.

Food purchased:

Meal 1: Pasta, pasta sauce and cheese.

Meal 2: Rice, chicken drumsticks and a mango.

Meal 3: Pasta, pasta sauce and corn on the cob.

Meal 4: Rice, chicken drumsticks, peas, and all spice.

Two of the meals went slightly over budget but the others were perfect.

This was a fantastic experience for the pupils learning; social and communication skills, meeting and greeting shop assistants and members of the public and using good manners.

Understanding the value of money, sticking to a budget, rather than buying a 'meal deal' you can buy groceries that you can turn into a healthy meal that will last a few days.

A member of the public was so pleased to see pupils learning about life skills he spoke to Miss Lai and the pupils telling them how lucky they were having a trip out and learning how to shop. He went on to explain how important education is as he was not taught any life experiences. **By Mrs Kaur**

This is what some of the students had to say:

"The trip was good and fun. We had a budget of £5.00 but my shopping came up to £6.55. I was £1.55 over budget. I bought pasta, pasta sauce and cheese to make a healthy pasta dish. A person came to tell us that education is the best thing for us."

By Shaid & Hamzah

"We went to the Tesco to buy food for a healthy meal. I really wanted butter, but it would have gone over my budget which was £5.00. Instead, I bought yogurt and corn on the cob for my pasta bake. We spent £4.98."

By Naomi & Harjot

"Our shopping experience was very educational. A member of the public came to us and said to Miss Lai and us that he didn't have any opportunities to learn life skills when he was at school and that we were very lucky to have this life skill experience."

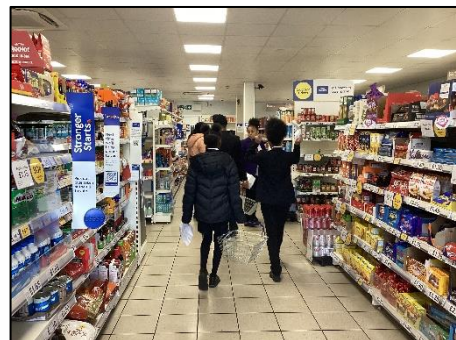
By Kabonesa

"I was a little mad that my partner didn't come to school, but I was very comfortable finding the ingredients by myself. Unfortunately, they didn't have the peas I needed so I had to buy different ones. I spent over £5.00 but I got to buy everything I needed."

By Kimora

"On our trip it was fun, and I really enjoyed it. A person was telling us how good it was for our education to go out shopping as it will help us learn how to spend money in the future. Our shopping came up to £4.85 which was within budget."

By Jai Jai





SJW Supper Club

School
Hall



3.15-4.30pm

Monday to Friday, led by Bouncing Statistics,
starts Monday 25 September 2023

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, jigsaws.
- 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!



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Macmillan Coffee Morning

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**



**Friday 29 September 2023
During break and lunch times**

Get involved and bring in donations!

**Bring in cakes to Miss Young or
Mr Lloyd-Price by
Thursday 28 September**

**All money raised will go to
Macmillan Cancer Support**



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College Open Events 2023/2024

EVENTS NEED TO BE BOOKED ONLINE IN ADVANCE

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE OR SOCIAL MEDIA FOR ANY CHANGES

[Birmingham Metropolitan College](#) Campuses at Matthew Boulton, Sutton Coldfield, James Watt at Great Barr and Erdington Skills Centre Please check which campus offers the course you are interested in.

Saturday 14th October 2023 – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Wednesday 15th November 2023 – 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Wednesday 21st February 2024 – 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Saturday 15th June 2024 – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

<https://www.bmet.ac.uk/open-events-enrolment/october-open-events/>

Cadbury College Kings Norton Birmingham (A Levels)

Saturday 14th October 2023 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

<https://www.cadcol.ac.uk/opendays>

Central Saint Michaels 6th Form College West Bromwich (A Levels)

Saturday 14th October 2023 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

<https://centralstmichaels.ac.uk/opendays/>

Dudley College Please check which campus offers the course you are interested in

Open Events: Saturday 14th October 2023 10.00am – 2.00pm
Saturday 13th January 2024 10.00am – 2.00pm
Saturday 9th March 2024 10.00am – 2.00pm
Wednesday 12th June 2024 4.00pm – 7.00pm

<https://www.dudleycol.ac.uk/College-Information/Open-Days>

Dudley 6th (A Levels)

Open Events: Saturday 14th October 2023 10.00am – 2.00pm
Saturday 13th January 2024 10.00am – 2.00pm
Saturday 9th March 2024 10.00am – 2.00pm
Wednesday 12th June 2024 4.00pm – 7.00pm

<https://dudleysixth.co.uk/about-us/open-events/>



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Halesowen College

Open Events:

Saturday 14th October 2023 10am-4pm

Wednesday 8th November 2023 4pm-7pm

Saturday 20th January 2024 10am-2pm

Wednesday 24th April 2024 6pm-8pm

<https://www.halesowen.ac.uk/openevents/>

Heart of Worcestershire College (Bromsgrove, Redditch and Worcester)

Please check which campus offers the course you are interested in

Open Event:

Saturday 21st October 2023 11am to 2pm

Saturday 3rd February 2023 11am to 2pm

<https://www.howcollege.ac.uk/about/open-events>

Joseph Chamberlain 6th Form College (A Levels)

Open Event Dates:

Saturday 21st October 2023 10am

<https://www.jcc.ac.uk/open-events>

King Edwards VI College Stourbridge

Open Events: Thursday 12th October 2023 5.00pm – 9.00pm

Saturday 14th October 2023 9.00am – 3.00pm

<https://www.kedst.ac.uk/applicants/visit-us/open-events/>

Pershore College (and other WCG Campuses)

Open Events: Royal Leamington Spa College - Wednesday 11 October 2023, 5.30 - 8 pm

Warwick Trident College - Thursday 12 October 2023, 5.30 - 8 pm

Moreton Morrell College - Saturday 14 October 2023, 10 am - 1 pm

Rugby College - Tuesday 17 October 2023, 5.30 - 8 pm

Evesham New College - Thursday 19 October 2023, 5.30 - 8 pm

Pershore College - Saturday 21 October 2023, 10 am - 1 pm

<https://wcg.ac.uk/openevents>

Sandwell College

Open Events: Thursday 12th October 2023 4.00pm – 7.00pm

Saturday 14th October 2023 11.00am – 3.00pm

Further dates will be added –check website for information <https://www.sandwell.ac.uk/opendays/>



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[Solihull Sixth Form College](#)

Open Evenings:

Wednesday 22nd November 2023 5.00pm – 8.00pm

Monday 22nd January 2024 5.00pm – 8.00pm

Last entry for both dates - at 7.00pm – timed entry tickets (every 15 minutes) will be available from 23 October 2023.

Spring Talks & Tours

Thursday 7th March 2024 5.00pm & 6.00pm sessions – timed entry tickets will be available from 8 January 2024.

[Solihull College](#)

Blossomfield and Woodlands Campus

Open Event:

Saturday 25th November 2023 10am to 2pm

<https://www.solihull.ac.uk/news-events/open-events/>

[South and City College Birmingham](#) Campuses at Digbeth, Longbridge (Bournville), Bordesley Green, Hall Green, Golden Hillock, Handsworth, Fusion Centre, Longbridge Construction Campus. Please check which campus offers the course you are interested in

Thursday 28th September 2023 4pm to 7pm

Thursday 23rd November 2023 4pm to 7pm

Tuesday 6th February 2024 4pm to 7pm

Saturday 15th June 2024 10am to 3pm

<https://www.sccb.ac.uk/about-us/open-days>

[South Staffordshire College](#)

Rodbaston, Cannock, Tamworth, Lichfield and Torc please check which campus offer the course you are interested in eg Rodbaston for Animal Care

Open Event: Saturday 14th October 2023 10.00am – 1.00pm

Saturday 25th November 2023 10.00am – 1.00pm

Saturday 20th January 2024 10.00am – 1.00pm

Saturday 9th March 2024 10.00am – 1.00pm

Saturday 18th May 2024 10.00am – 1.00pm

Saturday 22nd June 2024 10.00am – 1.00pm

<https://www.southstaffs.ac.uk/open-days/>

[University College Birmingham](#)

Open Event: Saturday 7th October 2023 10.00am – 2.00pm

Saturday 18th November 2023 10.00am – 2.00pm

<https://www.ucb.ac.uk/open-days/>

[Walsall College](#)

Open Event:

Please check which campus offers the course you are interested in eg Green Lane for construction

<https://www.walsallcollege.ac.uk/events/>



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[Wolverhampton College](#)

Please check which campus offers the course you are interested in

Open Event: Wednesday 11th October 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Saturday 13th January 2024 10.00am -2pm
Wednesday 24th April 2024 4.00pm to 7pm

<https://www.wolvcoll.ac.uk/events/>

[Specialist Performing Arts/Music/Media Provision](#)

[ACM](#)

Open Event:
Saturday 21st October 2023
Saturday 9th December 2023
See website to confirm times and to book a place

<https://www.acm.ac.uk/open-days/>

[Access Creative College](#)

Open Event:
Saturday 4th November 2023 - 11am-2pm
Saturday 2nd December 2023 - 11am-2pm
Tuesday 27th February 2024 - 6pm-7:30pm
Saturday 20th April 2024 - 11am-2pm
Tuesday 25th June 2024 - 6pm-7:30pm

<https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/open-events>

[BIMM](#)

Open Event: Saturday 14th October 2023 11.00am – 3.00pm

Currently offering only university level courses available, this may change during the academic year.

<https://www.bimm.ac.uk/open-days/?location=birmingham&courselevel=diploma>

[Birmingham Ormiston Academy \(BOA\)](#) Please note that the Deadline for receipt of applications for a place is 31st January 2024

Open Week Week Beginning 9th October 2023 – check websites for times
Open Evening Thursday 12th October 2023 – 5.30pm onwards

<https://www.boa-academy.co.uk/admissions/open-events>

[University Technical Colleges](#)

[Aston University Engineering Academy \(AUEA\)](#)

Open Event:

<https://auea.co.uk/apply/sixth-form-application>



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[Thomas Telford UTC](#)

Open Event: Thursday 12th October 2023 5pm to 6pm

<https://www.thomastelfordutc.com/page/admissions/y12>

[Shireland Biomedical UTC \(previously Health Futures\)](#)

Open Event: Thursday 26th October 2023 4.30pm to 7.30pm
Please check website for any updates

<https://sbmutc.org.uk/>

[WMG Young Engineers Academy Solihull](#)

Open Event: Open Evening – Thursday 26th October 2023

Please note that the Deadline for receipt of applications for a place is 31st January 2024

<https://solihull.wmgacademy.org.uk/>

SIXTH FORM SCHOOLS

[Bishop Challoner School](#)

Times to be confirmed, please check website.

[Colmers School 6th Form](#)

Open Evening:

Thursday 18th September 2023 Starting at 6pm

[Dame Elizabeth Cadbury Academy 6th Form](#)

Open Evening:

Date to be confirmed

(Check website for times)

[Hagley RC High School](#)

Open Evening:

Wednesday 25th October 2023 Times to be confirmed

[Hamstead Hall Academy](#)

Open Evening:

12th October 2023 (Check website for confirmation of date and times)

[Handsworth Grammar](#)

Open Evening:

Thursday 26th October 2023 4.30pm to 6.30pm

[Hillcrest School & 6th Form Centre](#)

Open Evening:

Dates to be confirmed, check websites for details.



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[Holyhead School](#)

Open Evening:

Thursday 9th November 2023 5pm to 7pm

[King Edwards Five Ways](#)

Open Evening:

8th November 2023 – see website to confirm times

Last date to register your interest is 5th January 2024 – Check website to confirm

[King Edwards Camp Hill \(boys\)](#)

2nd November 2023 6pm to 8pm.

[King Edwards Camp Hill \(girls\)](#)

Open Evening:

Thursday 23rd November 2023 6pm to 8pm

Further information will be on the website.

[Kings Norton Girls Sixth Form](#)

Monday 25th September 2023 5pm to 8pm

[Lordswood Sixth Form Centre](#)

Open Evening:

Check website or phone 0121 429 2838 for times

[St Pauls Girls School](#)

Open Evening:

23rd November 2023 Start time 6pm.

[St Thomas Aquinas](#)

Open Evening:

Check website for times

[Windsor School and Sixth](#)

Open Evening:

Wednesday 25th October 2023 5.30pm to 8pm



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