

# 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 6 December 2024



Catholic Life Annual Theme: Pilgrims of Hope on the Path of Peace

Termly Theme: 'Each and every unique child'

Termly Catholic Social Teaching: Dignity

Termly SJW Values: Curious and Active

### This week in Weekly Worship...

*"We focused on Advent. Advent is a four-week season where we wait for the birth of Jesus. We listened to a piece of scripture that reminded us about staying grounded in faith and to always carry ourselves with **dignity**. We also learnt about the four Advent candles - **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**. We also thought about small acts of kindness we can carry out this Advent to show that we are **loving** and **compassionate**. I like Weekly Worship because it focuses on a different topic every week and reminds us of how we can be the best of ourselves".*

By Adunoluwa Adesola 8HEW

### This week in Afternoon Prayer...

*"We focused on International Day of Giving. This is a day that focuses on not giving physical gifts like money but giving up your time and service for others. We also focused on St Nicholas Day which is celebrated differently around the world. In Poland, it is a day of sharing as St Nicholas arrives to visit children. Our school prayer allows us to focus on **hearing and responding to what God is calling us to be**. I like Afternoon Prayer as it gives us time to think about our actions. It is also a reflective and **peaceful** way to end the day".*

By Injacio Mjeda 8HEW

### Dates to Note

- **Bham Rep Theatre Trip 'A Christmas Carol' – (60 Year 10s)**  
Wednesday 11 December 2024 – 8.30am to 1pm
- **Year 11 Parents' Evening**  
Thursday 12 December 2024 – 4pm to 6pm
- **Jolly Jumper Day**  
Wednesday 18 December 2024
- **Saint John Wall Christmas Showcase**  
Wednesday 18 December 2024 – 5pm to 6pm
- **Year 11 Trip to Gravity**  
Thursday 19 December 2024 – 9.30am to 1pm

### Year 11 Parents' Evening

A reminder that Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 12 December from 4pm to 6pm.

This is an important opportunity for parents to meet with subject teachers and discuss your child's progress as they enter the final few months before the GCSE examinations begin.

Payments for the Yearbook, which celebrates their 5 years at SJW with a montage of photos and comments, can be made during the parents' evening and the cost is £15. You can pay a deposit of £5 to reserve your copy.

We hope to see all parents/carers of Year 11s on Thursday 12 December.



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## MCAS Drop in Sessions

### Parents...

- Would you like your child to find out about trips?
- Would you like to get reminders about when Teacher Training days are? School closures? Inset Days? Attendance? Parents afternoon details?

If you would like some support with downloading the MCAS app there is one more drop-in session on Monday afternoon at 2:45pm - 3:15pm in the conservatory on:

- **Monday 9 December 2024**

To register for MCAS Parent App, please download the app for Apple phones on Apple Play Store and Android phones on Play store.

**The deadline to sign up to MCAS is Friday 20 December 2024. All parent-school communication will be via MCAS and the school website/ newsletter from 1 January 2025.**

## Smoking Cessation Support

This week during form time, our pupils have discussed the wider effects of nicotine within the home, via vaping or smoking. In light of this, we have the following advice for anyone who may wish to stop smoking or vaping:

### Quit Smoking

When you quit smoking, good things start to happen. You will begin to see almost immediate improvements to your health. It's never too late to quit and it's easier to stop smoking with the right support.

Check out the free tools and tips to help you stay on track on the NHS website below!

Never give up on giving up!

### Your quit journey: get support at every stage

Whether you're thinking about quitting, ready to quit, or need help staying smoke free, they've got tips and support to help you at every stage.

Learn how to get through the tough times, stay focused, and quit for good.

You deserve a healthier, smoke-free life.

[Quit smoking - Better Health - NHS](#)

By Mrs Ellis

## Visit to St Mary's Coffee Club

Today we have been flower arranging in preparation for Christmas. Pupils have had the opportunity to design their own arrangements along with helping guests. Next week is our last visit for this year and pupils will be listening to the Music Man and reciting poetry.

By Mrs Clayton



## Equipment

Maximise your learning time: Bring your equipment to school!

You need...

2 x Black pens	1 x purple pen
1 x pencil	1 x ruler
1 x rubber	1 x highlighter
Clear pencil case	School bag

If you are missing any items, you are able to purchase them for 20p (apart from school bag) from the House Rewards office from Monday 16 December – Thursday 19 December 2024.

By Mr Price





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**Wednesday 18 December 2024**

**We are celebrating Jolly Jumper Day at Saint John Wall!**

To promote positive mental health and wellbeing, wear any jumper that makes you comfortable and jolly. This can be a Christmas jumper, a comfy jumper or even your cosiest hoody!

Donate 50p if you wear a jolly jumper.



Money raised will go towards  
Birmingham Mind and  
Birmingham Children's  
Hospital



**National School Attendance Award**

**2023/24 Academic Year**



*St John Wall Catholic School*

*Top 25% of similar FFT Secondary Schools in England*



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## St Augustine Catholic Church

### Christmas Fayre

The annual Christmas Fayre will take place at  
St Augustine's Catholic Primary School on

**Saturday 14 December 2024**  
**After 12.00pm**

**Stalls**

- Bric-a-brac stall
- Raffle stall
- Cake stall
- Bottle stall
- Toy stall

We are in need of: Toys, Chocolates, Bottles, Cakes, Fancy Goods, Bric-a-Brac and New electrical items. Your kind help and donations will be much appreciated.

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Over the past few weeks staff have been donating items for the St Augustine's Catholic Church Christmas Fayre on Saturday 14 December. You are all invited to attend this Fayre from 12pm onwards where there will be a range of different stalls. (See information above). Last week Mr Lysaght and Mrs Crooks delivered the donations to Fr Subba.



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# FOUNDATION

— INVITES YOU TO —

# JOIN A HUB

**HUB:** **Birmingham Boys Hub**

**VENUE:** King Edwards School  
Bristol Road, B15 2UA

**DATES:** Trial Dates:  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025 U14's (1:00pm-4:00pm)  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025 U16's (1:00pm-4:00pm)

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Aged 13-16
- Does not attend a fee-paying school
- Not already part of a County side



**Ready to play?**

Sign up via the link below or scan the QR code

[Attendee sign-up - Upshot](#)



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# ACE

## ACADEMY TRIALS

### Birmingham

Time:  
Juniors (9-15 years)  
**5:00pm - 6:30pm**  
Seniors (15-21 years)  
**6:30pm - 8:30pm**  
Edgbaston Indoor School,  
Warwickshire CCC, B5 7QX

**7th December 2024**

Are you...

- Aged 9 - 21 years
- Of Caribbean and/or African heritage
- Able to play hard ball cricket?
- An aspiring professional cricketer?



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