

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 1

Weekly Information Bulletin

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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 Afternoon Prayer...

"We prayed that we become **curious and active**. These are our new termly values. Being **curious** is all about finding answers to things we are learning about. We can be **active** in classrooms by raising our hands in class and contributing to school life. We also prayed for our new theme - **Pilgrims of Hope on the Path of Peace**. This is a Year of Hope where we can pray together as a community. I like Afternoon Prayer because I can reflect on different topics before I go home".

By Nadia Adams 8HEA



SJW Values



Welcome Back

We would like to welcome back our Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 pupils after the summer break. We hope you all had a restful summer and are ready for the new academic year.

We would also like to welcome to our new Year 7 pupils to Saint John Wall Catholic School and we wish them well for the start of their secondary education.

A reminder of times of the School Day

8.20am - 8.50am You can arrive any time between 8.20am and 8.50am.	Site open for breakfast Pupil arrival, separate playgrounds, breakfast service.
8.50am - 9.15am	Weekly or Daily Prayer/Tutor time
9.15am - 10.30am	Lesson 1
10.30am - 10.50am	Break Separate playgrounds
10.50am - 12.05pm	Lesson 2
12.05pm - 1.50pm	Lesson 3 (to include split lunches)
12.05pm - 12.35pm - Year 7 & Year 8 1.20pm - 1.50pm - Year 9, Year 10 & Year 11	Lunch Use separate playgrounds
1.50pm - 3.10pm To include afternoon prayer at 3.05pm	Lesson 4



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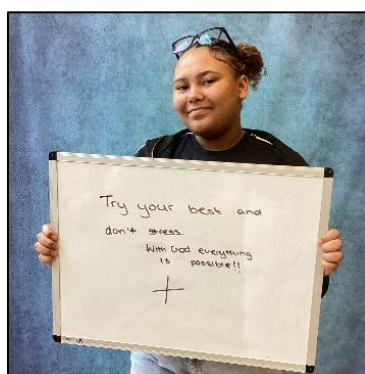
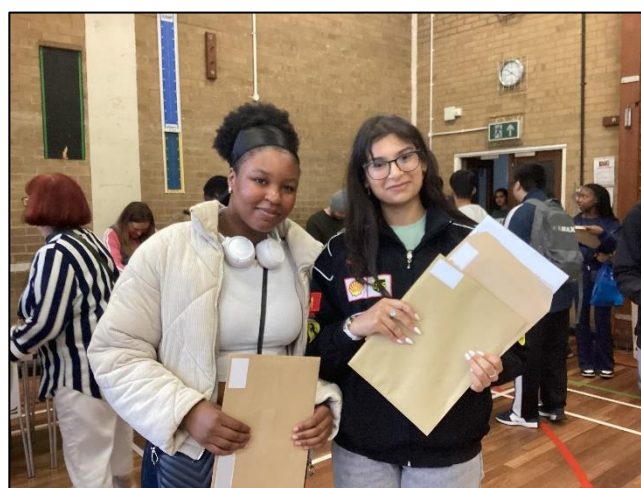
Results Day 2024

A #shining set of exam results

It was wonderful to see our Year 11 pupils return to school in August to collect their examination results. The pupils worked extremely hard in the lead up to their exams and it certainly paid off. The pupils arrived to collect their results with lots of nervous energy which quickly turn to joy and laughter. Leavers 2024 have continued the trend for the school and have achieved a fantastic set of external results. We will update you fully on these results once they are validated.

We will continue to stay in touch with our leavers 2024 pupils and look forward to updating you on their continued success.

By Mr Holder



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Welcome to New Members of Staff



Mrs Mavrogenis – English Teacher

"Hello, I am Mrs Mavrogenis your new English teacher and Year 7 form tutor. I look forward to sharing my passion for English literature and hope to help every pupil improve their written and spoken communication skills".



Mr Mughal – Head of Maths

"I am most looking forward to working with our staff and pupils, developing the Maths curriculum and ensuring students gain an appreciation of Mathematical knowledge.

I hope to be able to use my experience and expertise to ensure our pupils achieve the very best outcomes, with every pupil being able to be successful in their future lives beyond Saint John Wall".



Mr Di Mattia - Teacher of MFL and EAL

"I am looking forward to engaging with diverse groups of learners and helping them discover their potential and fostering a love for learning.

I am hoping to achieve several goals, among which I would like to create a stimulating and inclusive environment where all pupils feel supported and inspired. I am hoping to build strong relationships with pupils, understand their individual needs and help them overcome challenges. I am hoping to contribute to a positive and dynamic educational environment within our school community".



Mrs Ilyas – Science Teacher

"I have been a Teacher of Science for almost five years and was the Head of Chemistry at my previous school.

I am really looking forward to teaching the amazing pupils here at Saint John Wall, some of which I have had the pleasure of teaching and speaking to on my previous visits. I am also looking forward to building on my previous experience of teaching by utilising the strategies that the brilliant teachers here do already. In my time here, I am hoping to contribute to the Science department and support with the curriculum to make it even stronger. I would also like to help pupils develop a love for Science and a better understanding to enable them to succeed in Science and go into Science careers".



Mr Bains – Trainee English Teacher

"I am excited to inspire and engage my pupils through innovative and interactive lessons that make learning both enjoyable and meaningful.

I want pupils to feel confident in becoming critical thinkers and create an inclusive school culture in classrooms where pupils feel empowered to succeed and contribute to their community".



Mr Nsengiyumva – Teacher of MFL and EAL

"After spending 6 years teaching in the Middle East, "Kuwait", in a school of more than 2500 students I am looking forward to teaching in a small and very nice school like SJW. I have so far enjoyed being here as the staff have been amazing. I am hoping to continue to develop as a teacher and make a very good contribution to the school and have a positive impact on the lives of our pupils".





Miss Shah – Pupil Coach

"I'm Miss Shah, a Pupil Coach, and was initially an Exam Invigilator. I was encouraged by my line managers such as Mr Holden, that becoming a Pupil Coach would be beneficial for my career pathway. I'm looking forward to working with both the staff and the children, advancing my skills, and helping me become a better person for the future. As I am in my final year of undergraduate study, I'm hoping that the skills I learn from working at SJW will enhance me to become a successful person. From learning such skills like resilience, collaboration, confidence and many more. I am fortunate that SJW has become my first option to guide me for my future".



Mr Mohinoor - Teacher of Mathematics

"I am excited to be part of the Saint John Wall family where there is a welcoming environment created by both the staff and pupils here. I am looking forward to being a part of a community where everyone supports each other and works together to achieve common goals. My focus will be to continue my professional development so I can ensure to support my pupils' academic progress by fostering a positive and inclusive classroom atmosphere. By encouraging a culture of mutual support and collaboration, I aim to create an environment where pupils feel motivated to excel and are excited about their learning journey. I believe that by working together and nurturing each pupil's potential, we can make a significant impact on their academic achievements and ensure pupils hear and respond to what God calls them to be".



Mrs Holder – Examinations Officer

"Hello, I am the Examinations Officer. I have worked in Catholic Education for sixteen years and I'm looking forward to continuing my journey at Saint John Wall. I hope to guide and support the pupils through their examination/assessment period to help them achieve the best possible outcomes for their future".



Miss Quirke – Pupil Coach

"I am looking forward to getting to know all the staff and pupils here at SJW and help support pupils and make them feel comfortable at school.

I am hoping to create a safe space in school where pupils can talk to me about anything on their minds. I want to be a role model for the pupils and give them someone they can possibly look up to."



Mr Sexton - Science Technician

"I am looking forward to aiding the Science department in carrying out practicals and being part of a fantastic school and team. I also aim to brighten my horizons and gain experience in a new role along with trying to help build interest in the Science field".



Miss Pham - Maths teacher

"This year I look forward to getting to know all the new and returning staff and pupils at SJW. I aim to educate each and every child in my care and allow them to see the joy and beauty my subject has to offer".



Mrs Pitman - English Teacher

"I applied to work at SJW because of the lovely pupils I heard who attend; I was informed of how polite, and courteous they are, not to mention their love of learning! Wow! That really appealed to me - and so far, pupils have not disappointed me. I also wanted to work in a school that had a religious feel which somehow instils morals beyond my subjects into pupils and prepares them for life. SJW seemed to be the ideal place".



Welcome Back Mass

On Thursday, pupils from Year 8 to Year 11 celebrated their return back to school with their Welcome Mass. Our Priest Chaplain, Father Subba celebrated both Masses with us. Father Subba spoke to the pupils about the importance of school and setting goals for the year ahead. He encouraged all our pupils to use their gifts and talents to the best of their ability, so they are prepared for their future. Thank you to Fr Subba for celebrating Mass with us.

Throughout the Mass, different important moments were spoken about. This included the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist and Communion. This meant that all pupils taking part in the Mass were able to understand all aspects and the importance of them. Well done to all pupils for their reverence during the Masses.

A special thank you goes to Priya Chem 10TOW, Deborah Agbolade 10TOW, Silvia Nah 10SIM, Alina Mathews 10TOW, Rayna Jassal 10SIM and Ellie Mai 10BAK, who helped with our readings and offertory. Thank you also to Mr Lloyd-Price, Miss Antonucci and Ms Hewett for their help before and during the Masses.

By Mr Lysaght



Year 7 Taster Technology Lesson

During our Year 7 taster technology lessons this week we learnt about how to meet a customer's needs regarding a paper aeroplane. Pupils were asked to be part of the production process by:

- Making a plane out of paper
- Making sure it flies and goes the furthest distance.

We had great fun competing against each other to see how far our planes would travel.

By Mrs Crooks



Change in obtaining consent for Nasal flu vaccination

There have been some changes to the way consent is given for your child to receive the flu vaccinations. You will receive an email that will have a letter attached and a link for you to provide or opt out of your child receiving the nasal flu vaccination. It is important that you complete the consent form even if you are not wishing to give consent. The E Consent Portal will close 3 days before the planned immunisation session.

If you need help or advice completing the consent form, please contact the SAIS team on the phone number 0121 466 3410 or via email at BCHNT.BirminghamImms@nhs.net

An example of the letter is attached later in this newsletter.

By Miss Reynolds





**Birmingham
Community Healthcare**
NHS Foundation Trust

Academic Year 2024/2025

Immunisations Team
Children & Families Division

Website: <https://www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/patients-public/children-and-young-people/services-parent-portal/immunisation-services/>

Dear Parent/Guardian

Nasal Flu vaccination

School Name: 103534 - St John Wall Catholic School

Your child is entitled to have the nasal flu vaccine this year. The School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) offers these vaccines in school,

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness in children. Some children can get a very high fever, sometimes they may need to go to hospital for treatment. Serious complications of flu include a painful ear infection, acute bronchitis, and pneumonia.

The flu viruses change every year, so the vaccine is updated. We recommend that your child is vaccinated against flu each year, even if vaccinated last year.

For more information about the nasal flu vaccination please visit
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters>

Please let us know as soon as possible if you **DO** or **DO NOT** want your child to have the recommended nasal flu vaccination by:

Completing the consent form on-line at:

<https://www.bchcschoolagevaccs.nhs.uk>

Quoting Letter Reference - 103534-433

Access Code - 0509

Please complete this consent form as soon as possible after you have received it.



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The link will close 3 days before the session in school. This will allow us time to clinically assess all requests for vaccination.

If the link has closed when you try to submit your consent or you need help or advice completing the consent form please contact the SAIS team on the phone number **0121 466 3410**.

If you prefer to use a paper form, please request one from school.

Secondary-aged children may be able to give consent for this vaccination if you do not tell us of your choice.

It is important you contact the immunisation team if

- Your child receives this vaccination anywhere else after you return the form to us.
- If you change your mind after you fill in the form.
- Your child becomes wheezy in the three days before the immunisation is due.
- Your child increases their asthma medication in the two weeks before the immunisation is due- please check with the school for the exact date.

Immunisation Team - Telephone - 0121 466 3410

Email - BCHNT.BirminghamImms@nhs.net

Or Customer Services - Telephone freephone - 0800 917 2855

A record of the vaccinations given, or not given, will be stored in your child's local electronic record. This information will be shared with their GP and other NHS bodies.

BCHC's Privacy Notice that explains how we use the data is available on our website:
<https://www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/about-us/corporate-information/privacy-notice-and-data-protection/patient-privacy-notice/>

Gelatine and Vaccines

The nasal flu vaccine contains a highly processed form of porcine gelatine. This is used in a range of many essential medicines. The gelatine helps to keep the vaccine viruses stable so that the vaccine provides the best protection against flu.

The nasal vaccine is offered to children as it can be more effective than the injected vaccine. It is easier to administer and considered better at reducing the spread of flu to others who may be more vulnerable to the complications of flu.

Your child may need the injectable vaccine if they are at high risk from flu due to medical conditions or treatments and can't have the nasal flu vaccine. In these cases, the injection can be given in the school session.



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For those who may not accept the use of porcine gelatine in medical products, an alternative injectable vaccine may be available this year. If you would like your child to receive the injectable flu vaccine, please book an appointment at one of our community clinics using the contact numbers above.

Yours faithfully

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Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust



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Occupational Therapy SEND Team Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

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Sensory Circuits at Home:
24th September 2024, 13.00- 14.00

This online webinar explains the benefits of using a sensory circuit and how to implement at home to support with regulation.
Book via Eventbrite



COMING NEXT TERM

FREE Family Webinars

Keep an eye out for our next newsletter, and our social media for dates

Occupational Therapy Advice Line

Parents, professionals and educational staff can contact the OT advice line to gain advice and signposting on a child's need.

Monday- Friday, 09:00- 16:00.
0121 683 2325

Interpreting Advice Line information is found on our website via the QR code.



Occupational Therapy Advice Packs

A variety of advice packs (self-care, school skills, sensory) are available on the Occupational Therapy website.



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