

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'



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Weekly Information Bulletin

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

Termly Theme: 'In our care'

Termly Catholic Social Teaching: The Option for the Poor

Termly SJW Values: Eloquent and Truthful

This week in Weekly Worship...

"We focused on the importance of Lent. We listened to a reading that reminded us about always listening to the word of God and staying strong. Lent is a period of giving, praying and fasting. As a school this Lent, we are being **loving and compassionate** by bringing in items for the St Vincent de Paul society. These donations will help those who are less fortunate than us".

By Favour Ifeosame 7PHA

This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"We prayed for Ramadan. This is an important time for all Muslims as we put our minds on God and we focus on the **poor** who are less fortunate than us. We also prayed for British Science Week. We thought about how we can be **curious and active** when 'changing and adapting' as individuals. We also prayed for Young Carers Action Day and thought about the positives and the challenges of being a young carer".

By Mohammed Izaan 7PHA

Class Mass

"We went to Mass as a class. I felt happy and excited because it was a peaceful experience. Fr Subba spoke to us about the importance of prayer and charity. It is important to do charity work so we can help others. He also spoke about working hard and supporting each other in school".

By Isaac Masamuna 9LEV

Dates to Note

- **Year 8 trip to Alexander Stadium – 9 x Year 8 Pupils**
Tuesday 18 March 2025 – 9am to 2.30pm
- **Year 9 trip to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre – 14 pupils**
Thursday 20 March 2025 – 10.00am to 6.30pm
- **Year 11 Parents' Evening**
Wednesday 2 April 2025 – 4pm to 6pm
- **Easter Holidays**
Monday 14 April 2025 to Friday 25 April 2025

Reporting an Absence

At Saint John Wall Catholic School, we emphasise to parents/carers that it is their responsibility by law to make sure that their child attends school. If your child is going to be absent, it is the responsibility of parents/carers to report this as soon as possible on the first morning of absence. Parents/carers should ring the school on **0121 554 1825** or email attendance@sjw.bham.sch.uk. Emails should not be sent to the enquiry inbox.

Parents/carers are also asked to provide a signed and dated note or medical evidence when the child returns detailing dates and nature of illness.

By Miss Lally



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Ramadan

We are proud to be a Catholic School for All and welcome pupils and staff of all faiths and enjoy celebrating their faith with them.

Following the guidance from Birmingham City Council, we would like to draw your attention to a few key points:

- We allow and encourage Muslim pupils to fast during this time. In the event of a medical (e.g. dehydration) or safeguarding emergency, we will contact home first to discuss next steps. However, in line with the guidance, if we notice signs of dehydration or exhaustion, we will ask them to drink some water and remind them that Islamic law allows them to break their fast and make it up later.
- We ask that you encourage your child to minimise physical activity at break and lunch time and use this time to rest and increase their energy levels to face the rest of the day.
- Pupils will be expected to participate in PE lessons but are allowed to moderate some of their activity.
- A quiet space is available for pupils in the library or Chapel if they choose not to be on the playground.

We wish our Muslim brothers and sisters at St John Wall a holy month.

By Mr Price

Visit to St Mary's Coffee Club

Pupils have been treated to the delights of a Ukelele band today and had the opportunity to test out a few percussion instruments with the guests. They didn't recognise any of the songs unfortunately but enjoyed listening to everyone else singing along. Next week is bingo which is always very exciting. Pupils enjoy helping the guests with dementia who can sometimes struggle to keep up with the bingo caller.

By Mrs Clayton



Year 9 Examinations

The upcoming Year 9 examinations are a crucial milestone in pupils' academic journey as they provide an opportunity to assess the knowledge and skills acquired over the past year. These exams not only help pupils identify their strengths and areas for improvement but also serve as a foundation for future learning. Performing well in Year 9 exams can build confidence and set a positive tone for future assessments, particularly in preparation for more significant exams in the later years of school. Therefore, approaching these examinations with focus and preparation is vital for academic growth and success.

- **GCSE Drama**
w/b 24 March 2025
- **Year 9 Science Exam**
Monday 31 March 2025
- **Year 9 Geography Exam**
w/b 31 March 2025
- **Year 9 History Exam**
w/b 31 March 2025
- **Year 9 Languages Exam**
w/b 31 March 2025
- **Year 9 Performing Arts - Music Exam**
w/b 31 March 2025

April's examination dates will be published in next week's newsletter.



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