

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 4

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 Weekly Worship...

"The theme was Little Way Week. This is based on the life of St. Thérèse of Lisieux who lived her life by carrying out small acts of kindness. During Weekly Worship, we had to write on a rose, small acts of kindness that we would try to carry out that week as a form. We can be **curious and active** by simply asking someone about their day. I enjoyed Weekly Worship because we all came together to discuss all the ways that we can show kindness".

By Sara Antony 9ESM - Liturgy Team

This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"We prayed for Little Way Week. We prayed that everyone could carry out a small act of kindness just like St. Thérèse of Lisieux. She made it her life's mission to be kind and to carry out small acts of kindness because they could make a big difference. We also prayed for our termly values of being **Curious and Active**. We can do this by asking questions, noticing things around us and by taking part in class discussions. I really enjoy Afternoon Prayer because it gives us a chance to wind down after a long day and reflect".

By Lydia Binyam 9ESM - Liturgy Team

Class Mass

"This week we went to Mass as a class. It was a nice and peaceful atmosphere. The Church was very welcoming. Fr Subba spoke about the importance of putting others before ourselves and the importance of always being kind to those around us".

By Ameera Arogundade 9LEV

Dates to Note

- **Year 10 Assessment Week**
Monday 7 October 2024 to Friday 11 October 2024
- **Allianz MoveNow Future Festival Trip (10 Year 7 & 8 Pupils)**
Wednesday 9 October 2024 – 9.30am to 2pm
- **House Trip to Inflata Nation – 100 Pupils (Years 8, 9, 10 & 11)**
Monday 21 October 2024 – 12.30pm to 3.30pm
- **Cultural Heritage Day**
Thursday 24 October 2024
- **INSET Day – School Closed to all Pupils**
Friday 25 October 2024
- **Half Term**
Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024



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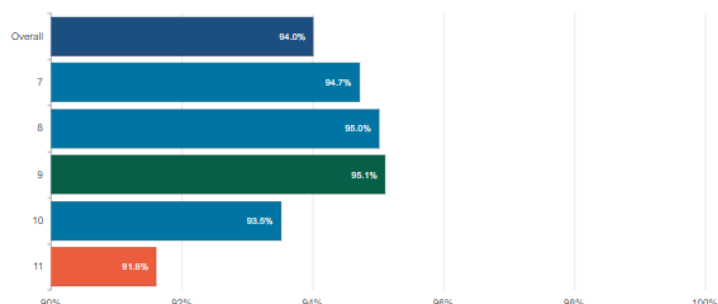
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Attendance

Thank you to parents and carers for supporting their child's attendance to school in September. All pupils who have 100% attendance and punctuality all week can expect to be awarded 5 class charts positives at the end of the week.

Attendance for September



It is especially important for Year 11 pupils to be in school **every day**. Nationally: More than half (54%) of pupils who were persistently absent in Year 10 and then rarely absent in Year 11, passed at least 5 GCSEs, compared to 36% of pupils who were persistently absent in both years. Missing days can create gaps that weaken your overall understanding and performance. Each day you attend school, you are provided with a wealth of information, support, and resources that are designed to help you succeed. Regular attendance is more than just about academic success. It's about building good habits that will serve you well throughout your life for future employers and higher education institutions. Ensure your attendance improves allowing you to achieve your potential.

How can parents/carers continue to ensure their child has excellent attendance to school?

- Ensure your child attends school every day it is open, on time, escorting them into school if necessary and handing them over to a member of staff. **(Please be aware your child may get an unauthorised absence mark when they arrive after registration closes).**
- Contact school on the first day of every absence by 9.30am stating the reason for absence and the likely return date.
- Take your child to the doctor if unwell and provide the school with: medical appointment card with one appointment entered, letter from a professional, medication prescribed by a doctor, copy of prescription, print screen of medical notes, as well as letters concerning hospital appointments or any other relevant evidence. **(The Head Teacher will not authorise medical absence without evidence).**

How does your child compare?

Attendance during one school year

95%

90%

85%

...equals this number of days absent

9 days

19 days

29 days

...which is approximately this many weeks absent

2 weeks

4 weeks

6 weeks

...which means this number of lessons missed

50 lessons

100 lessons

150 lessons

By Miss Lally

Remote Learning Afternoon

On Tuesday, we held our remote learning afternoon. Year 7 had a practice in school before they went home for their Period 4 lesson. Thank you to those parents who attended to support their children with logging on to Teams. All pupils had their Period 4 lesson on Teams from 2.15pm - 3pm. The attendance for this lesson was the highest attendance we've had for a online practice lesson.

Thank you to all St John Wall staff who planned their online lesson and those who supported in phoning home to ensure all pupils accessed the lesson.

Attendance was as follows:

Year 7 = 89%

Year 8 = 90%

Year 9 = 90%

Year 10 = 91%

Year 11 = 89%

If you have any issues with devices or internet access at home, please email wellbeing@sjw.bham.sch.uk

By Mr Price



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Catholic Life

Visit to St Mary's Coffee Club

Today we have been raising money for Macmillan Cancer with a bring and buy and a raffle. Pupils were very busy helping to collect donations, providing tea and cake and clearing cups in between chatting to lots of new people!

They were rewarded with some biscuits and treats to take home and share. Next week they'll get to have a go at Tai Chi.

By Mrs Clayton

Class Mass

Over the past two weeks, we have celebrated our first Class Masses of the year in St Augustine's Catholic Church. Just like last year, this will continue every Thursday morning. Thank you to our Year 9 pupils who have behaved so reverently in Mass and to those pupils who read. Thank you also to our Class teachers for their support and to Fr Subba for celebrating Mass with us.



Year 8 Chaplaincy Team and Open Evening

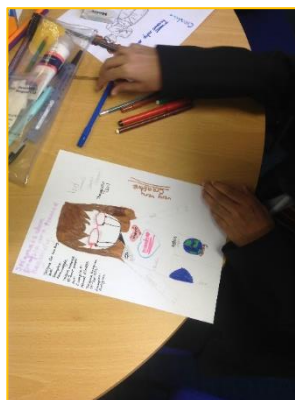
Thank you to our pupils in the Year 8 Chaplaincy team for helping to set up the Chapel for this year's Open Evening. During their Chaplaincy meeting, pupils helped to set up different prayer stations including Jenga Prayers and Transition Flags. Pupils spent time arranging resources and setting up all the stations. The Chapel looked lovely for our Open Evening so thank you to all those pupils that supported with the set up.



Year 7 Sanctuary Team

Over the past few weeks, many of our Year 7's have joined the Sanctuary Team. For the first session, pupils explored what Sanctuary means and what the term might mean to different people. We explored all the things that make us feel safe, welcome and included. We thought about different examples including Places of Worship, Libraries and being out in nature. Pupils were also introduced to Saint John Wall being a School of Sanctuary and reflected on what they can do to add to our work.

Pupils also reflected on identity and belonging, thinking about what makes them who they are. They thought about different types of stigmas and what they can do to ensure that everyone feels welcome.



Year 8 Wellbeing Ambassadors

For the first two sessions of our Wellbeing meeting, our Year 8 pupils completed training sessions on the importance of mental health and listening. As part of this training, pupils thought about why it is important to listen and how you can tell when someone isn't listening. They also focused on the importance of mental health and ways of looking after it.



Lunchtimes in the Chapel

Pupils have enjoyed a range of activities at the start of this year including playing games such as Jenga and Chess, as well as completing Catholic Life wordsearches around our themes, values and Catholic Social Teachings of **'each and every unique child'**, **'Dignity'** and **'Curious and Active'**.



By Mr Lysaght



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Macmillan Bake Sale

Friday 27 September 2024

Today we held our annual bake sale to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Pupils generously donated cakes and sweet treats which were sold during break time. We raised a total of £154.75

Well done everyone!



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Open Evening

Tuesday 24 September 2024

On Tuesday we held our annual Open Evening to showcase our brilliant school to parents of Year 6 pupils. Well done to all departments who showcased their subjects and put on interactive experiences for parents and pupils to take part in. Well done also to our Year 11 prefects who guided parents around the school and answered questions.



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Head of Year News

Head of Year 7

It has been a great start to the term for our new Year 7 pupils. Well done for all your hard work and effort so far, may it long continue!

Here are some reminders for our Year 7 pupils and parents:

Sparx Maths and English Bedrock homework must be completed each week, alongside 20 minutes of reading. All pupils have now been issued with reading books from our library and will complete tests regularly to ensure that they understand the story and improve on their vocabulary. Please ensure this is being completed. Our school resource centre is open at break, lunch and after school until 4.10pm for anyone who wishes to use the school computers and have some support from staff regarding homework.

Laptop letters have been issued to pupils. If you do not have a device at home or would like to use a laptop to complete your homework, please let your Form Tutor know and a letter will be given to you to take home.

All parents and carers need to sign up to MCAS and Class Charts apps to ensure that you can access school messages, news, trips and timetables. Every pupil in Year 7 was sent a letter home this month explaining how to download and sign up for the apps. If you have not received this letter, please let the school know, and another letter will be sent to you.

Little Way Week

In our Weekly Worship we learned about St. Theresa's little way. Through small acts of kindness we can help to make the world a better place. I have been out on the playgrounds and in the corridors looking out for acts of kindness made by our Year 7 pupils. The following pupils have received additional class chart points from me, and will receive a special treat in form time next week for their efforts:

Meera Badhan	Teon Mcdermott-Hicks
Eline Behane	Annabel Ife
Brian Bowaski	Saniya Munoz
Jayda Corbett-Brooks	Onyinyechukwu Molokwu
Yannis Gheorghe	Liyah Nadeem Rani
Tamoya Hare	

By Mrs Ellis

Head of Year 8

Welcome to Year 8. This is a year of opportunity and choices, a year to build your character and show how amazing you can be! A time to think for the future and to set a positive example to the new members of our school, to show them what it is all about to be an SJW pupil.

We start this year with hope, enthusiasm and high expectations which we will maintain and carry with us into our GCSE years. We will be exemplary representatives of the school and its values whilst in our immaculate uniform. Upholding the school of sanctuary and creating a positive and safe environment for all.

This is the year to really make the most of your subjects as you come to the decision of what subjects you want to excel in for your future years at this school. Together we will try our best, to be the best we can be.

By Mr Jasat

Head of Year 9

A warm welcome back Year 9 as you begin this exciting new chapter and I hope you have settled well into some exciting new subjects. This year brings fresh opportunities to explore topics you've never studied before, so embrace the challenge and make the most of it! As always, I'd like to remind you of our high expectations. Please ensure you are in full school uniform everyday, and you are coming to school with no jewellery or makeup on!

Year 9 is an important year so punctuality to both school and lessons are very important. Finally with the weather turning colder, it's important to wear sensible school shoes and bring a waterproof coat to keep warm and dry, especially as the darker evenings approach. If you have any worries or concerns please see myself or a member of the Pastoral Team!

By Miss Cummings





Head of Year 10

It has been a positive beginning to Year 10, and we are proud of the commitment shown so far. To maintain this momentum, it's essential that all the year group continue to attend school **every day and on time**, ensuring full participation in your learning. Arriving in **full school uniform** and bringing all the necessary **equipment** are key to being prepared and focused.

I also remind you that after **break and lunch**, it's important to go directly to your lessons without delay. Similarly, during **lesson changeovers**, you must remain punctual and proactive, ensuring you are always ready for the next lesson. Let's keep up this good start and continue striving for excellence in Year 10.

By Mr Hussain

Head of Year 11

Well done to all Year 11 pupils who have managed to settle into their final year at St John Wall. It is wonderful to see them all working hard and being great role models for our younger pupils.

I would like to say a big thank you our prefects who have been working hard in their role supporting the school with Open evening on Tuesday and showing parents and Year 6 pupils around our school. They have been working with staff on duties around the school and showing not only their maturity but also the keenness in their role.

Year 11 pupils have recently been given their examination booklets in preparation for their Mock 1 exams in November. Please ensure the pupils are completing their set tasks as requested by teachers and working to the best of their ability to ensure they get some really fantastic results. Please keep up the great start.

Next week afterschool revision will begin - this will be everyday apart from Fridays. These revision sessions are compulsory for all pupils in Year 11 to support their learning.

We have recently launched our Yearbook for the pupils in Year 11. Pupils will be able to start paying for this starting next month - it is a celebration of the 5 years that the pupils have been in our school. This will contain photographs, comments not only from staff but from pupils too. We look forward to seeing the final product in the summer.

Over the next few months we will be visited by many colleges and 6th form providers to support pupils choosing their post 16 choices. Pupils will get the chance to see what is available for them and hopefully support them in deciding what they would like to do when they leave our school.

As the weather is getting darker please can parents ensure pupils are coming to school with an appropriate coat and footwear.

As always have a fantastic weekend and take care of one another.

By Mrs Chand

Year 11 Yearbook

Memories of
your time
at SJW

Only
£15

Includes
Comments
and
Photographs

Payments are now being accepted!

The overall cost of the yearbook is £15

Payment to be made at the school office.

You can pay in 3 instalments of £5, £5 & £5

Challenge

During October pay - £5
During November pay - £5
During December pay - £5

Reward

If you successfully complete this 3-month challenge, you will receive a free doughnut or cookie in January 2025!



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Stars of the Month

RE

Noah Morris 7MAV - For being attentive and faith-filled in our RE lessons, always offering his ideas and showing lots of enthusiasm.

Aaiza Mukhtar 8PAL - For being learned and wise in our RE lessons, she always makes sure her work is completed to the best of her ability.

Borys Morawski 10TOW - For being curious and wise in our RE lessons.

Chinazam Okeke 11JEL - For being consistently attentive and wise in our RE lessons, she is preparing well for her forthcoming exams.

By Mrs Begum

Ionatan Bujor 11JON - For having a focussed start to Year 11.

Jaydon McField 11KIY - For making a really great effort in lesson with his contributions.

Maria Tibuleac 10BRO - For having a very conscientious start to the year and to her exam preparation.

Oyinkansola Olayiwola 9ILY - For contributing to lessons in a very meaningful way.

Tyler Jackson-Smith 7RES - For excellent participation in the Remote Learning lesson.

By Mrs Jewell

Favour Basil 9RAH - For effort and contributing thoughtfully to class discussions.

By Ms Hanson

Bwar Tawana 7PHA - Excellent vocal contributions.

Seim Teklesenbet 7MAV - Always contributing to class discussion.

Chinomso Isife 8PAL - Very hard working and pushing himself to think outside the box.

Angela Baruti 8HEA - Always willing to engage in lesson and be a helping hand with regards to worksheets/equipment etc.

Amunra Tameray 9CAL - Volume of work being produced is exceptional.

Trae Nguyen 9RAH - Takes part actively in difficult discussion and is not afraid to give his opinion in a respectful and competent way.

Ranveer Gill 10BAK - Making a real effort to engage with his examination preparation and asking many questions to ensure learning is consolidated.

Salah Alameen 11JON - Doing superb work in book and really working on how to develop his exam style questions.

By Mr Brooks

Tyler Jackson-Smith 7RES - For being attentive and curious in lessons.

Sikander Nouman 8HEA - A great start to the term, polite, hardworking and willing to answer questions.

Rakeem Douglas 7MAV - For his brilliant input into class discussions and his positive attitude.

By Mrs Ellis

Priya Chem 10BRO - For being learned and wise, always keen to push herself in lesson and her homework.

Naomi Bassano 9LEV - For being compassionate and loving and always offering to help others in the classroom.

By Mr Price





Stars of the Month

Enterprise and Marketing

Sara Yemane 10BRO - Demonstrates curiosity and engagement during lessons, consistently completing all coursework to a high standard.

Computer Science

Gabriel Mendoza 9LEV - Exhibits curiosity and active participation in lessons, frequently asking questions and showcasing creativity in Python programming.

By Mr Esmaili

English

Hamza Burrah 7HAS - Settled really well and always really focused. Made a good first impression from day one and maintained it. Well done.

Ava Henry 8PAL - She has self-managed herself beautifully and been a positive influence in the room. Her work is of a good standard too. I am very impressed with her and want her to maintain this excellent start she has made with me.

Hairan Kimba Musah 9CAL - Always on task and doing the right thing at the right time. Always displays a lovely attitude and an attitude of wanting to learn. I'm really impressed with how she self-manages herself. Well done.

By Mrs Pitman

Health and Social Care

Christel Mjeda 11MCI - Fantastic effort in coursework lessons and assessment preparations.

Scarlette Watkins 11SFC - Excellent dedication to coursework and class task!

Ella Prescott-Hopkins 10SIM - Being helpful and offering fantastic verbal contributions to class discussions.

Alexandru-Ionut Sultana 9ILY - Fantastic start to health and social care with great contribution and a brilliant work ethic.

Sports Studies

Zakariya Malik 9ILY - Great question answering.

Elijah Salimi 10SIM - Great enthusiasm & willingness to learn.

Rehan Safdar 11KIY - catching up with coursework after time away from school.

Core PE

Reuben Brown 7PHA - Showing enthusiasm through dance.

Naomi Kunova 8BRS - Fantastic sportsmanship and teamwork in Handball.

Aaleyah King 9LEV - Settling into a new PE class demonstrating 100% effort and enthusiasm in fitness.

Dieudonne Nah 8PAL - Supporting PE during Open Evening.

Ksawery Winczura 8HAB - Supporting PE during Open Evening.

Caleb Buck 8HAB - Fantastic leadership in PE.

GCSE PE

Dominik Gruszczynski 10ANT - For showing great effort in class.

Francis Idemudia 11JON - for a great result in a topic test.

By the PE Department



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Stars of the Month

Humanities and MFL

Nikita Marsden 11BRO - Fantastic attitude to learning.

Sehaj Singh 9RAH - For making a fantastic start to GCSE History and showing a keen interest in the topic we are studying.

Dilianne Levande 9LEV - For making a fantastic start to GCSE History and having a great attitude to learning.

Francisca Idemudia 11MCI - Fantastic attitude to learning.

By Miss Lally

Dilpreet Sandhu 11MUH - Excellent start to Year 11 History.

Jose Malundama 11JON - Fantastic attitude to learning.

Jessica Rut-Dinu 9RAH - For making a fantastic start to GCSE History and having a great attitude to learning.

Nathanael Byfield 9ESM - Active and curious in History, excellent verbal contributions.

By Miss Guest

Ajai Harrison-Durrell 8PAL - For being curious and active in History lessons.

Kyh-Shayn Douglas 10BRO - For being curious and active in History lessons and making an excellent start to year 10.

Kushi Patel 8HAB - For making a fantastic starter to Year 8 History.

Hermona Fremkael 10BAK - For being learned and wise and demonstrating fantastic knowledge and understanding in History lessons.

By Mr McIntosh

Kenechukwu Nwaichi 7HAS - For being curious and active and making an excellent start to his History lessons.

Amrita Uppal 7HAS - For being curious and active and making an excellent start to her History lessons.

Vaibhav Kumar 7PHA - For being learned and wise and making fantastic contributions to his history lessons.

Fadilat Olayinka 7HAS - For being learned and wise and making fantastic contributions to her history lessons.

Trae Nguyen 9RAH - For being attentive and discerning and making a positive start to his GCSE geography.

Kimora Williams 9ILY - For being attentive and discerning and making a positive start to her GCSE geography.

Mohammed Saahil 11KIY - For being attentive and discerning and making a positive start to year 11 Geography.

Dominik Gruszczynski 10ANT - For being attentive and discerning. Well done for making a positive start to Year 10 Geography, great contribution in lessons.

By Ms Levine

Saarah Islam 7RES - For an excellent start to Year 7 History - well done.

Liyah Nadeem Rani 7RAS - For being curious and active in History. Some thoughtful contributions in class. A wonderful start to the year.

Brian Usman 7BRK - For hard work, focus and thoughtful contributions in History.

Favor Ifeosame 7PHA - For showing a really good attitude to work in History - well done!

Lydia Binyam 9ESM - A wonderful start to the year - some really good thinking and contributions in Geography.

Ruth Kidane 11MCI - For a good approach to learning in Year 11 - excellent completion of your GCSEPod work.

Yoosuf Bouterse 11JEL - For showing a really good attitude to work in History - well done!

By Mr Brayshaw



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Stars of the Month

Humanities and MFL

Maja Majrowska 10ANT - For always trying her best and being attentive and discerning.

Michelle Odebiyi 11MUH - For excellent work and attitude in lessons.

Meera Badhan 7RES - For excellent start to Year 7 French.

Amira Akhtar 8HEA - For excellent work and attitude in lessons.

By Mr Nsengiyumva

Africa Beauty Garcia George 10BRO - A great start to the year - fantastic attitude in Spanish lessons and for being curious and active.

Noh Yosef 8HEA - For a good approach to learning in Year 8 and always having positive attitude in Spanish lessons.

Kenechukwu Nwaichi 7HAS - For being learned and wise and making fantastic contributions to his Spanish lessons.

By Mr Di Mattia

Maths

Eline Behane 7BRK - Excellent attitude and love for learning.

Nadia Adams 8HEA - Very good contributions in lessons regularly.

Maja Zdunkiewicz 8BRA - Excellent effort in lessons and helping others.

Makda Abraha 9CAL, Nathanael Byfield 9ESM and Ryan Jeerh 9 9ILY - Excellent contribution in lessons.

Jahmar Lewis 10SIM - Focused and ready to learn - strong start to the year.

Tovah McDonald 11JEL - Strong start to lessons - showing good knowledge and revision skills.

Bindiya Badhan 11MUH - A strong start to Year 11.

By Mr Mughal

Science

Ayub Gul 11JEL

Chinazam Okeke 11JEL

Deborah Fadola 11MCI

Krish Harjiv 11MCI

Kelly Odiase 11MCI

Rayna Jassal 10SIM

Damaris Tofei 10TOW

Sahil Muhammad 10BAK

Godson Omenma 10ANT

Asim Zaman 9ESM

Favour Basil 9RAH

Lena Nowak 9ILY

Vaibhav Kumar 7PHA

Rhia Jones 7HAS

Brian Usman 7BRK

Rosa Opuku 7MAV

Huzaifa Muhammed Zafar 7MAV

Ansh Kumar 7PHA

Josaiah Nana 7MAV

outstanding effort and achievements in class.

By Mr Rahman

Z'neah Williams 8HEW - For always being extremely polite and contributing well to lessons.

Ondrej Zajac 8HEA - For his excellent behaviour and curiosity in science lessons.

David Oye 8HEA - For always contributing well and for a superb work ethic.

Oyinkansola Olayiwola 9ILY - For always having an excellent attitude to learning in her science lessons.

By Mrs Ilyas

Deandre Johnson 9LEV - Made a great start to GCSE Science.

Ernesto Brenton Johnson 9CAL - Excellent class participation.

Princela Manu 9RAH - Always trying hard and some great work.

By Miss Kiyani





House News

Leaderboard

1st - Gandhi

2nd - Mandela

3rd - Luther king

4th - John Paul

5th - Pankhurst

Exciting House Competitions and Rewards Updates!

Our Form Groups are off to a fantastic start with this year's **House Rocket Building Competition!** Each house is tasked with creating a rocket using **recyclable materials**, focusing on creativity, sustainability, and teamwork. This eco-friendly challenge is a great way to promote innovation while encouraging pupils to think about their environmental impact. Who will take the winning spot for the first competition worth **DOUBLE POINTS**? Keep an eye out for the amazing rocket designs as the competition heats up!




A huge **congratulations to Gandhi House**, last year's overall house competition winners! As a reward for their fantastic performance and sports day winners, Gandhi House pupils will be enjoying a well-deserved trip to **Inflata Nation**—a fun-filled afternoon of inflatable challenges and games. Enjoy your celebration, Gandhi House, and let's see who will take the top spot this year!

Don't forget, pupils can use the **ClassCharts app** to **purchase rewards** with the points they've earned. Simply log in with your **unique code and date of birth** to see what's available. Rewards will be ready for collection **next week during break time** at the House and Rewards Office. Make sure to check out the exciting prizes and treat yourself for all your hard work!

House Captains

Thank you to our Year 10 house captains who have started off the first month back at school supporting the Catholic ethos of our school by assisting with tours during our open evening and morning, visiting forms to support with house competitions and demonstrating curiosity with planning and preparing for future competitions. I am excited to work with this cohort of leadership pupils this year.

By Miss Young



1 item of Stationery = 15 pts

Clear pencil case = 25 pts

Cereal bar snack = 30 pts



Notepad = 40 pts

Deodorant = 50 pts

Water Bottle = 50 pts

Vaseline = 100 pts

Canteen voucher = 200 pts



Macmillan Bake Sale

A huge **thank you** to everyone who supported our **Macmillan Bake Sale** which took place today! It was a fantastic success, and we are so proud of the generosity and community spirit shown by all involved. Fundraising for charities is part of supporting the Catholic ethos of our school and aims to foster a sense of pride in the school's contribution to a charitable cause.

A special thank you goes out to our amazing **staff, pupils, and the families of staff** who donated baked goods and contributed to this worthy cause. Your support has helped us raise important funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Well done to everyone for making a difference!

By Miss Young



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DLP Hub – Tesco Trip

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

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. By understanding the value of money and sticking to a budget, pupils are aware that rather than buying a 'meal deal' you can buy groceries that you can turn into a healthy meal that will last longer. Using their math's skills, they researched the prices for their ingredients to make sure they do not go over budget.

Food purchased were:

Meal 1: Pasta, chicken drumstick and cheese.

Meal 2: Rice, chicken drumsticks and potato wedges.

Meal 3: Pasta, olives, tomatoes and peppers.

Meal 4: Pasta, chicken breasts, peas, onions and garlic.

Meal 5: Onions, peas, pasta and mushrooms.

Two out of the five groups went over budget with the rest being on point. This was a fantastic experience for the pupils learning; social and communication skills-meeting and greeting shop assistants. A special mention to **Muhammed Khan** who took some of the ingredients and cooked up a delicious meal for us all to share the following day!

This is what some of the pupils had to say about the lesson:

"The journey to Tesco was decent. We were learning how we can eat a balanced diet, and that healthy food is good for us. We learnt about how to be ready for the future by learning how to manage money. Finally purchasing healthy food is worth it for your own health".

By Yusuf & Surafiel

"We went to Tesco Express, in which I shopped independently and brought chicken, pasta, cheese for a healthy meal. We had a budget of £5. When I went to the tills, the cashier was nice and polite".

By Shonari

"As a team we were helping each other to get the right ingredients at Tesco Express. We had a good walk to Tesco. We did a very good job with our teamwork. We brought white rice, chicken drumsticks and potato wedges. It was really fun. Afterwards, if we had our own money, we could buy snacks".

By Joshua & Muhammed

"We went to Tesco to buy ingredients to make a whole plate of food. The teamwork went very well. The budget was £5 but we ended up going over budget by £2.50. I don't know if this will happen again, but it was fun! We found our ingredients from the freezers, and shelves".

By Elias & Khizar

"The journey to Tesco Express was good, the weather was good as well, not too cold. We went to Tesco to buy a healthy meal, and we had a budget of £5. When we arrived, we started getting our things to make pasta salad. We bought pasta, olives, tomatoes, tuna and peppers. We used a phone to calculate if we were on budget. When we went to the cashier, all of our stuff was £4.60 which was good".

By Jennifer & Hafija

By Miss Olai





School Games

September Newsletter

What a successful academic year for both primary and secondary schools as part of the Active@SJW partnership!



3 platinum schools



13 gold schools



3 silver schools



3 bronze schools

5 schools I need to work with 😊

Partnership Headlines 2023-2024

41 Inter-school events in School Games format >

56 Total inter-school events >
Target: 15

46 Intra-school events hosted by your schools >
in your county

29 Schools attended local inter-school events >

18 Schools registered on the Active School Planner >

20 Schools with completed Inclusive Health Checks >

Taking part in your local Inter-school activities this year

Total number of participants

4226

Gender

Boys	1208
Girls	2993
Others	25

Community

Special Education Needs or Disability (SEND)	132
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Ethnicity

White (British or English)	850
White (not British or English)	59
Mixed Race	226
Asian or British Asian	1944
Black or Black British	1045
Other	0



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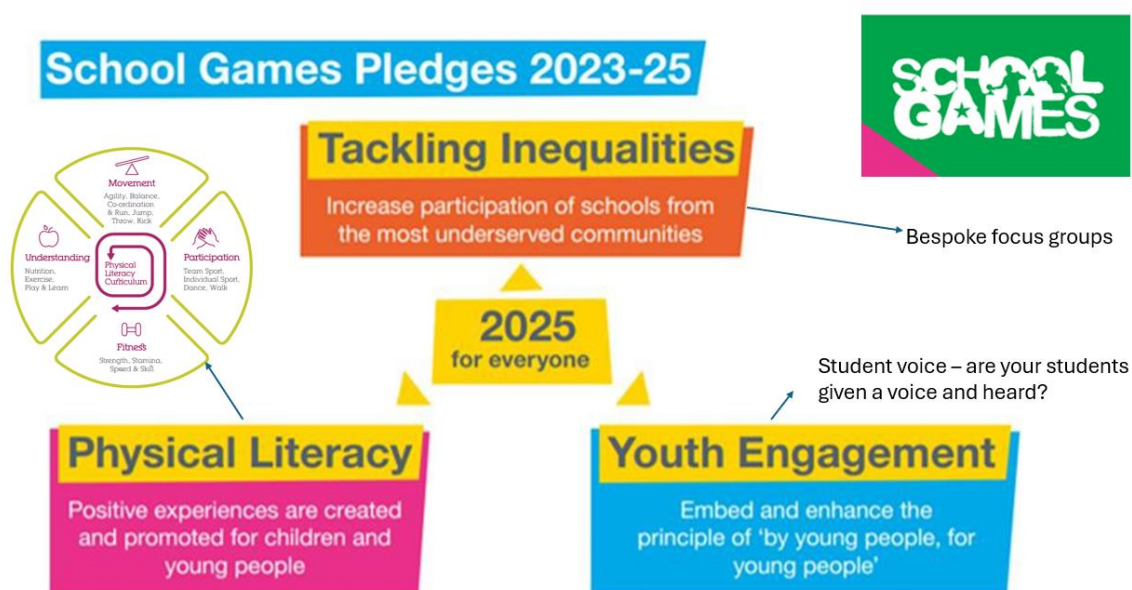


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The school games pledge 2023-2025



School Games 2024-2025

And so the program has started, last Thursday I met with the PE co-ordinators from the primary side of the partnership to discuss up and coming events 😊 At SJW we welcomed:

- Cherry Orchard
- St Edmunds/St Patricks
- St Clares
- St Teresas
- Rookery Primary
- Nelson Primary
- The Oratory
- St James Primary
- Grestone Academy
- Dorrington Academy
- Oasis Boulton
- St Marks
- St Marys

The room was full of enthusiasm! Questions on how we can be the best for our pupils, providing them with opportunities to learn new skills, meet new people, step outside of their comfort zone and develop leadership qualities for ALL pupils.

Jayne Pillar and Mel Gibbs both attended as representatives from Sport Birmingham to discuss community engagement and provide support with both sport premium related questions and 'Pathway2Podium' and 'Opening Schools' initiatives.



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Boys Move Project

Boys Move is a professional development programme designed to equip educators with the principles of how to use sport and play to address the mental health and behaviour issues of adolescent boys, improve their wellbeing, and engage them with school.

We've been on a journey and today the project ended with a celebration!

Over the 6 weeks pupils selected have had 1 timetabled lesson with me, with a focus on sport but prior to each session we would discuss our behaviour over the week, our attendance and the choices we are making as individuals.

Below pupils got to attend Ackers Adventure Centre (Thursday 26th September) and meet professional athletes along with interacting with other pupils from local secondary schools also involved in the project.

SJW pupils completed skiing 😊



Up and coming events

Primary

Thursday 3rd October – KS2 (Yr3+Yr4) Girls Football Festival @SJW 12:30pm-2:45pm) 6 school limit.

Thursday 24th October – KS2 (Yr5) Mixed Netball Festival @St Pauls 9am-12:30pm) 5 school limit.

Tuesday 19th November – KS2 (Yr4+Yr5) Mixed Basketball Festival @Windsor Olympus 8 school limit.

Secondary

Active in mind x2 selected schools Monday 7th October & Thursday 10th October

SEND Move Festival – Wednesday 9th October

Yr7 Girls Neachels Transition Festival – Wednesday 16th October

Future Prospects Training – Tuesday 22nd October

Girls Basketball League (on going)

By Mrs Ratcliffe

Saint John Wall Catholic School
A Catholic School For All



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Communication and Autism



**Access to
Education**

Autumn Term 2024 CAT PAC – Secondary Age To be delivered Online

We would like to invite you to a CAT PAC course, our parent awareness course designed to support parent carers of children with autism or children who are on the neurodevelopmental pathway.

- The course has been designed for parents who want to increase their understanding of autism.
- The sessions will be delivered virtually via Microsoft TEAMS, a link will be sent to you a few days before each session.
 - Each session will last for 2 hours

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Session1 – What is Autism?	Monday 7 th October - 9.30-11.30am
Session 2 – Social communication	Monday 14 th October - 9.30-11.30am
Session 3 – Sensory differences	Monday 21 st October - 9.30-11.30am
HALF TERM	
Session 4 – Supporting teenagers with autism	Monday 4 th November - 9.30-11.30am
Session 5 – Emotional well-being / Anxiety	Monday 11 th November - 9.30-11.30am
Session 6 – Parent carer choice & signposting to Local Offer / services	Monday 18 th November- 9.30-11.30am

The subject or title of your email needs to state that it is for the

Autumn 2024 Secondary Online CAT PAC: *In your email please include:*

- Your name – Parent carer
- Your Child's name
- Your Child's and school (Your child's CAT worker if known.)

Due to limited places, the course will be offered to the first families to contact us. *There is an expectation that parents try to attend all sessions if possible.*

Please email A2EGeneral@birmingham.gov.uk to reserve a place. You will receive an email response to confirm your place or to tell you that the course is full.

Yours sincerely, Dawn Fisher, Julie Watchorn Brennan and Viv Walters.



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Children's Occupational Therapy advice line

Launches: 9th September 2019

An Occupational Therapist will be able to offer practical therapy advice, strategies and support to schools, parents/carers and other professionals in relation to a child's/young person's functional and independence skills.

The phone line will be open Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm

The child or young person must be:

Aged 0-18 years (up to 19 only if in full-time special school education)

Registered with a Birmingham GP

Phone number: 0121 683 2325



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