

# 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: 'To hear and respond to what God calls them to be'

Termly Catholic Social Teaching: Peace

Termly SJW Values: Compassionate and Loving

### End of Year Service



### Summer Holidays

School closes today for the start of the summer holidays. Everyone at Saint John Wall would like to wish you a safe and relaxing summer. Please refer to the item later in this newsletter for the September start of term arrangements.

### GCSE Results Day 2025

## GCSE Results Day

Thursday 21 August 2025

**Year 11 Results are available from 10:00am-12:30pm**

**Other Year Groups from 11:00am**



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## Goodbye to Staff

We say goodbye and Goodluck to a number of staff who are leaving Saint John Wall today. They have all been wonderful members of the SJW family and we wish them the best of luck in the future.

*"As I come to the end of my time at SJW, I want to take a moment to reflect on what a special journey the past four and a half years have been. It has been a true privilege to work as a PE and Health teacher, as well as in my role as House and Enrichment Coordinator. Throughout this time, I have had the joy of watching so many pupils grow—not just in their sporting ability, but in confidence, character, and enthusiasm for school life. Seeing pupils flourish both in lessons and through enrichment activities has been incredibly rewarding.*

*In my role as House and Enrichment Coordinator, I've had the opportunity to foster school spirit and create meaningful opportunities for pupils to connect beyond the classroom. Organising whole-school events, leading inter-house competitions, and developing enrichment programs has allowed me to see pupils thrive in a variety of settings. These experiences have not only built community, but also encouraged leadership, creativity, and a sense of belonging. It has been a pleasure to work alongside such dedicated colleagues and enthusiastic pupils, and I will always value the memories and relationships formed during my time at SJW.*

*I am so grateful to have been part of such a supportive and vibrant school community. Thank you to the staff, pupils and families who have made my time here so memorable. I will always look back on my years at SJW with pride and appreciation. Wishing you all the very best for the future—keep striving, stay kind, and enjoy all the opportunities that come your way. Thank you for welcoming me as part of the SJW family - I will miss everyone!"*

### By Miss Young – PE Teacher

*"After five years at Saint John Wall, it's time for me to say goodbye. It's been a genuinely rewarding experience, and I feel lucky to have worked in such a unique and supportive school.*

*I've learned a lot during my time here and have really valued being part of so many different journeys. It's been great to see pupils grow in confidence, push themselves, support each other, and aim higher every day.*

*Thank you to all the pupils, staff and especially to my department. I've appreciated your support, teamwork, and good humour.*

*I'll miss the school and the sense of community that makes it so special. I'm so grateful for the community, kindness, and memories that I take with me.*

*Wishing you all the very best for the future. Keep aiming high and continue to be the very best version of yourselves."*

### By Mr McIntosh

*"After three incredibly rewarding years as a Geography teacher, it is with mixed emotions that I share the news of my departure. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here — working alongside such dedicated colleagues and teaching so many brilliant and curious pupils has been a true privilege. This school has been more than just a workplace; it has been a community where I've grown both personally and professionally.*

*I am moving on to a new role following a promotion, and while I am excited about the opportunities ahead, I will genuinely miss the daily interactions, the laughter in the classroom and the shared commitment to education that makes this place so special. Thank you all for your support, friendship and memories. I leave with great appreciation and many fond moments to carry with me."*

### By Ms Levine – Geography Teacher

*"My time working at Saint John Wall is coming to an end and I can truly say that it has been one of the best working years of my career!*

*It has been a pleasure working with such lovely pupils - and I really mean that. It was a breath of fresh air to teach pupils who really want to learn, and I hope I have impacted your learning in a positive way.*

*It was great working with wonderful, caring staff. I'm sure each realise just what a special place SJW is.*

*I wish you all the very best when you begin the new academic year and have a fantastic well deserved summer holidays."*

### By Mrs Pitman - English Teacher

*"It has been such a lovely experience coming back to SJW as a member of staff! The memories I've made have been truly invaluable; I will hold dearly to them for many years to come!*

*Thank you for all the kindness, support and advice shared over the last 3 years. Wishing you all a great summer and great start to the new academic year!"*

### By Miss Sehjail – Pupil Coach





## Arrangements for the Academic Year 2025 - 2026

Please see below for the arrangements for the Academic Year 2025 - 2026.

### Pupils to return to school on the following days:

<b>Wednesday 3 September 2025</b>	Year 7
<b>Thursday 4 September 2025</b>	Year 7 and Year 11
<b>Friday 5 September 2025</b>	All pupils to return to school at normal time.

Please note, all pupils will be required to wear winter uniform of school shirt, tie, and blazer (please see attached uniform leaflet and PE Kit leaflet). Please ensure that your child comes to school with the correct school equipment (black pen, pencil, purple pen, ruler, rubber, clear see through pencil case, suitable sized school bag and a colourless water bottle). School starts at 8.50am. The site is open to pupils from 8.20am.

### Teacher Training Days

The school is closed on the following days for Teacher Training:

Monday 1 September 2025  
Tuesday 2 September 2025  
Monday 5 January 2026  
Tuesday 6 January 2026  
Monday 20 July 2026

### Open Evening and Open Mornings for new prospective Year 6 pupils

Tuesday 23 September 2025	Open Evening	4.30pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday 24 September 2025	Open Morning	9.30am – 12.00pm
Thursday 25 September 2025	Open Morning	9.30am – 12.00pm

### Parents' Evenings/Parents' Afternoon

Year 11 Parents' Evening	Thursday 4 December 2025	4.00pm – 6.00pm
Year 9 Parents' Afternoon	Thursday 8 January 2026	1.30pm – 4.00pm
Year 7 Parents' Afternoon	Wednesday 14 January 2026	1.30pm – 4.00pm
Year 10 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 11 February 2026	4.00pm – 6.00pm
Year 8 Parents' Afternoon	Wednesday 18 March 2026	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Year 11 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 25 March 2026	4.00pm – 6.00pm

### Assessments/Exams

Year 10 Assessment Week	Monday 29 September 2025 – Friday 3 October 2025
Year 11 Mock 1 Exams	Monday 3 November 2025 – Wednesday 12 November 2025
Year 7 & Year 9 Assessment Week	Monday 1 December 2025 – Friday 5 December 2025
Year 8 & Year 10 Assessment Week	Monday 19 January 2026 – Friday 23 January 2026
Year 11 Mock 2 Exams	Monday 23 February 2026 – Friday 6 March 2026
Year 7 & Year 10 Assessment Week	Monday 15 June 2026 – Friday 26 June 2026
GCSE/AS/Cambridge Nationals External Exams start from Friday 8 May 2025	



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### Absence in Term Time

The headteacher **may not** grant any leave in term time, this will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Parents taking their children out of school without authorisation may be served with a Penalty Notice by the Local Authority, which may result in court action and could result in your child's name being removed from our school roll. This means your child would no longer have a place at this school. The school is operating Birmingham City Councils Attendance Process.

### Medication

Pupils must bring their inhalers and EpiPen with them every day to school. The emergency inhaler will be available for first aiders to use in emergencies. If you wish to opt out, please complete the form on the website. [Asthma School Inhaler - Opt Out Form 2024-2025 \(3\)](#) For all other medication needed during the school day, please see the Medical Policy on our website. [6232EA078282CCABB8204ADC1E04C73A.pdf \(sjw.bham.sch.uk\)](#)

### Parking Outside School

Pupils are encouraged to walk, take the bus or cycle to school. Secure bike parking is available. The 101 bus stops outside the school. Parents are asked to take care and attention when dropping off and picking up their children. We recommend you park on a side road and your child walks to meet you away from the busy school entrance area. Please observe the road traffic signs, school bollards, no parking on the pavements and be aware of children crossing between cars and buses.

### 'My Child at School' (MCAS)

If you have not already done so, please ensure that you have made an account so that you will be able to pay for your child's lunch/trips and also to view your child's academic performance, attendance, behaviour and class charts. You will also receive important information like the Weekly Bulletin/Monthly Newsletter.

Please follow the guidance on our website [Saint John Wall Catholic School - MCAS \(sjw.bham.sch.uk\)](#) The guide is designed to give you a sense of how the website works, as well as some basic information about how to use the messaging service on the app. If you download either the Apple or the Android app, it is important that you **enable your notifications**.

### Change of Details

Please let the school know if you change any details ie contact number, email address, change of contact, any new medical condition/s your child has been diagnosed with. If you change your address you will need to provide school with proof of your new address i.e. utility bill, council tax bill. It is very important that the school has been notified of any new medical conditions your child has straight away so that if any emergency arises, we are aware on how to deal with it.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new Year 7 pupils to the Saint John Wall Catholic School community and look forward to your continued support and to wish you all a safe and happy summer holidays.

#### **CNAT Sport Pupils Take on the Wall at Ackers Adventure!**

As part of their R187 unit, our CNAT Sport pupils embraced an exciting challenge with a rock-climbing session at Ackers Adventure. The morning was more than just scaling heights—it was about teamwork, trust, and learning the vital safety elements and equipment needed for a successful climb.

Each pupil played a part in supporting their peers, creating an encouraging and energetic atmosphere. Many even climbed over halfway up the wall—a fantastic achievement that showcased both determination and progress. Well done to all involved!

[Rock Climbing 2025](#)

**By Mrs Ratcliffe**



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## IFS Business & Computing Trip Monday 14 July to Tuesday 15 July 2025

Jubilee  
Week  
Activities

During Witness Week, a group of our Year 9 pupils enjoyed an inspiring computing and business residential in the heart of London. The trip began at the iconic Science Museum, where pupils explored the evolution of technology and glimpsed exciting possibilities for the future.

At London South Bank University, pupils embraced the challenge of programming their own LEGO identification AI models before touring the campus and gaining a taste of university life.

Day two took us to the impressive UK headquarters of software leader IFS, where pupils took part in engaging workshops on innovation and presentation skills. The journey culminated with pupils confidently presenting their insights to IFS staff, with the best presenters rewarded by the chance to experience IFS's state of the art F1 simulator.

We are very grateful to London South Bank University for hosting us and to IFS for generously sponsoring this unforgettable opportunity.

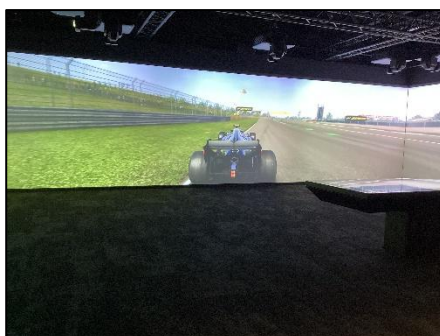
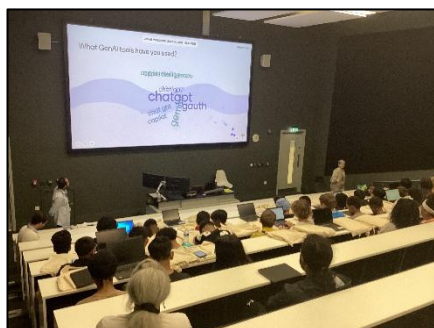
**By Mr Rathbone**

*"I enjoyed the travelling, and one thing I learned is the history and Spatial Augmented Reality."*

**By Anton Antonemilianuspillai 9LEV**

*"I enjoyed the Science Museum and I learnt a lot about old war planes."* **By Hayden Sidhu 9CAL**

*"I learned so many new things about technology. I liked the museum."* **By Aangelinah Antonio-Pereira 9LEV**



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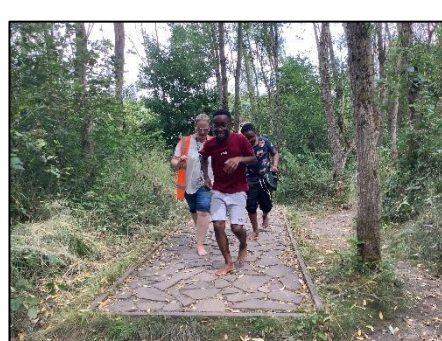




## Year 7 Trip to Conkers Monday 14 July 2025

Jubilee  
Week  
Activities

On Monday Year 7 visited Conkers for a day full of outdoor activities. Pupil took part in a barefoot walk, walked on a wobbly bridge, did an activity trail and sensory trail as well as walking through an enchanted forest. A great day was had by all.



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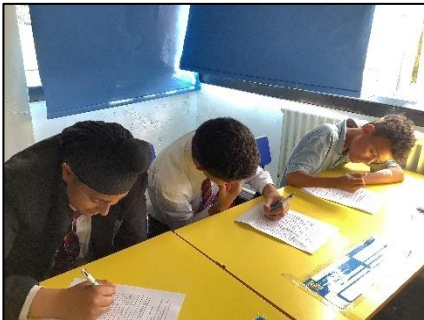
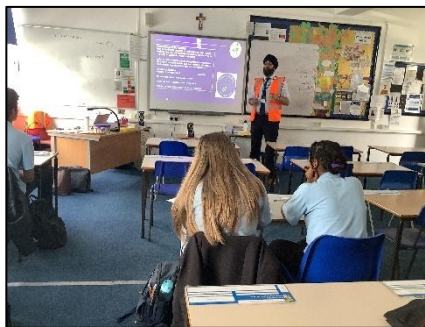




## Year 8, 9 & 10 Pledge Day Monday 14 July 2025

Jubilee  
Week  
Activities

Jubilee Pledge Day was an opportunity for our pupils to reflect on the Jubilee Year so far. Pupils attended sessions focusing on our Catholic Social Teachings of peace, dignity, option for the poor, the common good, solidarity, care for creation and the dignity of work and participation. The sessions allowed them to consider what pledges they wanted to make individually and as a form group.



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## Fete Day Tuesday 15 July 2025

Jubilee  
Week  
Activities

Fete Day – a highlight of the school year!

Each form planned and ran their own stall to raise funds for local charities and the school. The stalls included a jewellery tombola, snack stall and hook a duck! We even had a special stall to pin the moustache on Mr Hussain!

The school raised just under £400 for local charities and the school. Thank you to Mrs Hewett for her planning and organisation of the day.



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## Aladdin the Musical

Tuesday 15 July 2025 & Wednesday 16 July 2025

Jubilee  
Week  
Activities

This week we had our end of year performance of 'Aladdin'. The pupils across Year 7-11 performed excellently showing off the amazing talent that thrives here at Saint John Wall. The Performing Arts team are extremely proud of all of the performers for putting on two nights of successful shows. They have shown their commitment, hard work and put in 100% effort highlighting our SJW values. They have been preparing for these performances since September, rehearsing every week to make the shows a success and for that I would like to say thank you to everyone! I would also like to say thank you to the backstage team of students for supporting and to the Performing Arts Team, including Mr Lysaght, Mr Price, Miss Clarke, Mrs Towie and the admin staff for all their efforts in ensuring the shows success. What a wonderful way to finish off the school year! **By Miss Antonucci**



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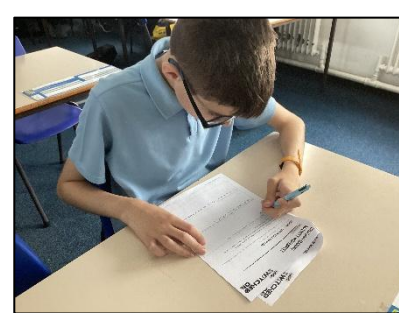
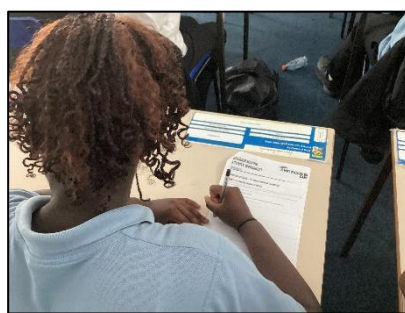
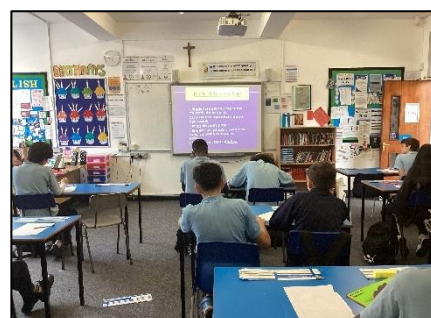
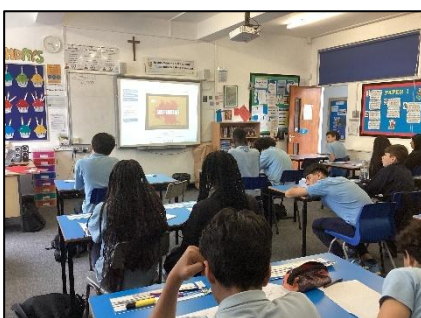


## Year 8 Workshops Wednesday 16 July 2025

Jubilee  
Week  
Activities

Year 8 had an extra special day in school by themselves whilst other year groups were on trips (they still had trip day the day after!).

We welcomed Chantel from Living Without Limits to lead a session on knife crime as a victim of knife crime herself. St John Wall staff led sessions focusing on rail safety, water safety and safe relationships.



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## Year 7 Trip to Sandwell Valley

Wednesday 16 July 2025

Jubilee  
Week  
Activities

The annual Sandwell Valley trip led by Mrs Ellis was an excellent opportunity for our pupils to explore the local area. Pupils behaviour was excellent and pupils enjoyed the fresh air, use of the outdoor equipment and the opportunity to spend time with their friends.



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## Year 9 Trip to Weston-super-Mare Wednesday 16 July 2025

Jubilee  
Week  
Activities

Pupils had the best day at the beach this week. The groups started off by spending the morning on the beach playing football, volleyball, cricket as well as diving into the sea and enjoying the wonderful water. Pupils loved the sea and enjoyed spending time with their friends. In the afternoon pupils were able to spend the remainder of the time at the pier enjoying games and generally having the best time. Pupils' behaviour was fantastic throughout the day and definitely continued out St John Wall expectations during trips. Thank you to all staff who came and supported this amazing day.



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## Year 10 Visit to UCB Wednesday 16 July 2025

Jubilee  
Week  
Activities

On our enrichment trip during Witness Week, our pupils had the opportunity to explore their future pathways with a visit to University College Birmingham (UCB). The visit offered a valuable insight into the wide range of post 16 options available, from vocational courses, and specialist career focused programmes. Pupils engaged with staff, explored the state-of-the-art facilities, and left feeling inspired and informed about the next steps in their educational journey.

To round off the day, we visited SJW iconic Fortes Bull, proudly located at Birmingham Central Library. This powerful symbol of strength and resilience - named by our school - served as a reminder of the determination and ambition we hope to instil in all our pupils.

A huge thank you to UCB for their warm welcome and to all our staff involved in making the day a success. It was a truly memorable experience that sparked curiosity, ambition, and excitement for the future.

#TheBestEver

By Mr Hussain



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## Year 10 Visit to Hamstead Hall Academy Wednesday 16 July 2025

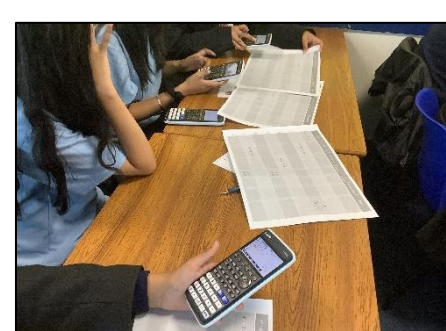
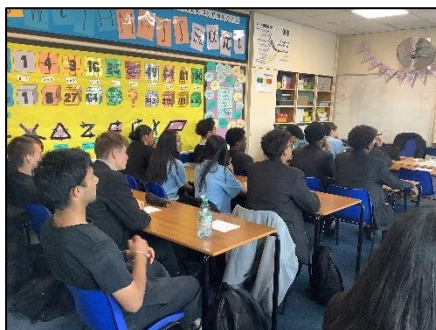
Jubilee  
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Activities

Earlier this week, a group of our Year 10 PUPILS were fortunate to enjoy an enriching visit to the Sixth Form at Hamstead Hall Academy. Throughout the day, they explored a range of A-levels and vocational courses available and gained valuable insight into the application process for Sixth Form study. The pupils also took part in a series of engaging sessions delivered by the staff at Hamstead Hall Academy. These taster lessons offered a glimpse into the challenges and rewards of A-level and Level 3 study, helping our pupils reflect on the exciting opportunities that may lie ahead. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr Billingham and all the staff at Hamstead Hall Academy for their warm welcome and for providing a valuable experience that will help our pupils make informed decisions about their future pathways.

**By Mr Rathbone**

*"I enjoyed my day at Hamstead Hall. I was able to talk to Heads of departments in Hamstead Hall and gathered insightful knowledge about the variety of subjects they offer for post-16. I participated in sessions about Psychology and A-level Maths and further maths that have helped me decide whether those are some courses I would like to take"* **By Kritika Basra 10MOH**

*"I found that Hamstead Hall was a good sixth form and is a viable option that has many different a-levels that can help support me in my pathway and that is it very inclusive also that psychology is an interesting and detailed a level that has links to different jobs and degrees."* **By Veer Kaura 10MOH**



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## Year 8 Trip to Dudley Zoo

### Thursday 17 July 2025

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Week  
Activities

On Thursday Year 8 pupils visited Dudley Zoo for their end of year trip. Despite the weather being wet at the start pupils loved visiting the animals around the zoo especially the naughty monkeys. Pupils spent time on the bumper cars before lunch. They were lucky to be able to get the Dudley Zoo train to take them to the top to see more animals as well as other attractions. Well done Year 8 for exceptional behaviour on the trip. Thank you to all the staff who came and supported this trip.

*"Yesterday at Dudley Zoo, I enjoyed myself. It was really fun and interesting looking at all the different types of animals, even how they eat and live."* **By Caleb Buck 8HAB**

*"It was a very fun and adventurous trip. We got to see and interact with different animals, which was super cool. I'd definitely like the new year 8 to experience it."* **By Adunoluwa Adesola 8PAD**



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## Year 7, 9 & 10 Workshops

### Thursday 17 July 2025

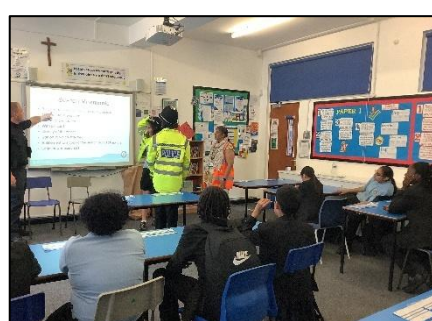
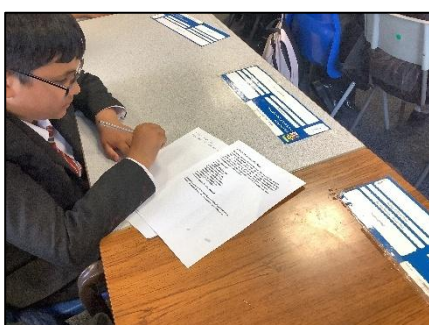
Jubilee  
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Year 7 welcomed Water Aid, Compass, Matt Franks and PC Manns to school to focus on key issues in the local community including drugs, mental health and bullying.

Year 9 pupils (who didn't go on National Justice Museum trip) took part in an Oracy workshop with TalktheTalk – giving them the opportunity to developing speaking and listening skills. These sessions will help pupils with their English speeches in the future.

Year 10 watched a performance led by Loudmouth – a firm favourite of St John Wall. These were followed by workshops led by the actors to discuss the characters thoughts and feelings. Pupils also worked with the Army, Bouncing Statistics and Red Cross.

The Army ended the day with a careers talk for the whole year.



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## Year 9 History Trip to National Justice Museum Thursday 17 July 2025

On Thursday 17th July, Ms Levine, Mr Lysaght, Mr Mull and I accompanied the Year 9 Historians to the National Justice Museum in Nottingham. Pupils took part in a range of engaging activities and enjoyed a guided tour of the museum.

A highlight of the day was a mock trial based on the historical case of Derek Bentley, which pupils have recently studied in class. Pupils took on a range of courtroom roles including judge, defence barristers, solicitors, jurors, and witnesses. Ameera gave a standout performance in the role of Derek Bentley, bringing the case to life. The prosecution barristers and solicitors were praised for their intelligence and thoughtful arguments, showing a clear understanding of the issues involved.

During the museum tour, pupils explored how crime and punishment in Britain has changed over time. They viewed a range of historical artefacts, including a pillory, scold's bridle, and ducking stool. In the original dungeons, pupils were able to see firsthand the harsh conditions prisoners faced and discussed the impact and legacy of prison reformers such as John Howard and Elizabeth Fry, whose efforts helped to transform the treatment of prisoners in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Overall, the Year 9 Historians had a thoroughly enjoyable and thought-provoking day. Staff at the National Justice Museum commended the group for their exemplary behaviour and impressive engagement throughout.

*"I really liked being able to act out the case of Derek Bentley. I also enjoyed the tour of the museum as it gave a more visual representation of what we have learnt in history this year."* **By Kavishnan Sanker 9ESM**

*"This is the most memorable trip I have ever been. It helped me to understand the living conditions in prisons and how they changed as a result of reformers."* **By Sara Antony 9ESM**

*"Going to the National Justice Museum confirmed that picking History was the best thing I ever did. I really like the opportunity to role play in the Derek Bentley case and also learn new facts about crime and punishment."* **By Oyinkansola Olayiwola 9ILY**

### A Huge Thank You and Well Done

Despite the unexpected challenges on the journey back—including a serious medical emergency and a coach breakdown which meant we did not get back to school until 8pm—we're incredibly proud of how the day was handled. A heartfelt thank you to **Mr Lysaght, Ms Levine, and Mr Mull** for their calm leadership and care in making sure everyone stayed safe and supported throughout.

A special mention must go to our **Year 9 historians**, who remained calm, respectful, and showed truly **exemplary behaviour** throughout a long and eventful day. You represented the school with maturity and kindness—you should all be **very proud** of yourselves.

**By Mr McIntosh**





# OPEN

## Mornings & Evening



Take part in  
activities



Scan the QR Code to register

### SAINT JOHN WALL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Open Evening**

**Tuesday 23 September 2025**

**4.30pm - 6.00pm**

Come and see our  
school in action

Opportunity to  
talk to pupils

**Open Mornings**

**Wednesday 24 September 2025**

**&**

**Thursday 25 September 2025**

**9.30am - 12.00pm**

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**Communication and Autism**



**Access to  
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### **Communication and Autism Team (CAT) – Parent carer Signposting**

Some useful information on services & events that parent carers may want to check out.

All schools will have a SEND Information Report that details SEND provision within their school

#### **Communication Autism Team**

Parent support: Please check with your school for flyers and information for these events.

- CAT host parent carer drop-in advice/workshop sessions across the city - *half termly*
- CAT PAC awareness course 6 sessions termly for parent carers of children in Early years, Primary, Secondary-  
*termly*
- Online advice service sessions - *half termly*



#### **Birmingham City council – Local Offer SEND services**

Here you will find help, advice and information about the services available for your child or young person from birth to 25 years with a special educational need or disability (SEND).

[www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk](http://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk)

All age autism support Service: [www.aadirectory.co.uk](http://www.aadirectory.co.uk)

Autism west Midlands: [www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk](http://www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk)

Ambitious About Autism: <https://www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/>

### **Birmingham Events and Activities for young people with SEND**

#### **Summer Holiday Events 2025**

##### **Bring it on Brum! is back for the summer holidays**

Resources for autism offer playschemes [Holiday Play Schemes - Resources for Autism](https://www.resourcesforautism.org.uk)  
<https://www.resourcesforautism.org.uk>

##### **Events | Autism Support Service, Birmingham and Solihull**

Autism West Midlands have a picnic at cannon hill [Cannon Hill Park Summer meet up | Autism West Midlands](#)

Lots of activities and events on the birmingham local offer page [Days out and leisure activities - Local Offer Birmingham](#)

SEND socials will have lots going on [About us - Send Socials](#)



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Birmingham Mac have relaxed performances [Accessible events | Midlands Arts Centre](#)

<https://www.aadirectory.co.uk/listings/mac-makes-music.html>

Birmingham Thinktank Museum morning explorers – autism friendly [Autism friendly visiting times and activities. | Thinktank | Birmingham Museums](#)

The Ackers Activity Centre – Sessions for young people with SEND <https://www.aadirectory.co.uk/events/ackers-adventures-send-sessions-2025.html>

Entertainment venues that offer relaxed/autism friendly sessions/performances:

*Please note: this information is subject to change.*

*Please check with the venues for booking when planning a visit.*

Cineworld

[www.cineworld.co.uk/static/en/uk/accessibility/autism-friendly](http://www.cineworld.co.uk/static/en/uk/accessibility/autism-friendly)

Odeon Cinemas

<https://www.aadirectory.co.uk/listings/odeon-cinemas.html>

Birmingham Hippodrome

[www.birminghamhippodrome.com/plan-your-visit/access/](http://www.birminghamhippodrome.com/plan-your-visit/access/)

Sea Life centre, Birmingham

[www.visitsealife.com/birmingham/explore/events/quiet-at-the-aquarium/](http://www.visitsealife.com/birmingham/explore/events/quiet-at-the-aquarium/)

Think Tank, Birmingham: - Also provide a quiet area, social stories and communication symbols to download prior to visits

[www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank](http://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank)

Parks 4 Play: [Parks for Play – Creating Welcoming Spaces](#)

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*Communication and Autism Team*

*Children and Families Directorate*

*Birmingham City Council*

*Office: PO Box 17843, Birmingham, B2 2JR*

*Birmingham Local Offer: [www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/communication-and-autism-team](http://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/communication-and-autism-team)*

*To contact CAT: [CATParentEnquiries@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:CATParentEnquiries@birmingham.gov.uk)*

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**FREE**

**Ages 4-16 Years**

# SUMMER SPORTS DAY

**Monday 21 July 2025**  
**Sheldon Country Park**

**11AM-3PM**

Join Bring it on Brum! and partners for a range of fun, free activities!

- Sport sessions
- Family Food Workshops
- Family Advice Pop-Ups
- FREE lunch for kids included

**REGISTRATION ON THE GREEN  
SPACE NEXT TO THE CARPARK**

**BOOK NOW**



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Dear Parents/Carers and pupils,

#### **HAPPY, SAFE SUMMER – REMINDER FROM WEST MIDLANDS POLICE**

The summer holiday is fast approaching, it is important our pupils are reminded what we, as a school community, expect of them in terms of behaviour while they are enjoying socialising with friends and family during the break. We also want to ensure they feel confident to keep themselves safe and away from crime and anti-social behaviour.

Parents/carers and pupils should already be aware that as part of our safeguarding arrangements, the school has a two-way information sharing agreement in place with West Midlands Police, and we are active members of the local Police & Schools Panel. This joint approach helps us to intervene early to prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour involving our pupils and provide support and up-to-date safety messages.

In partnership with the police, we would like to provide some reminders about the following:

- **Personal Safety:**
  - Be aware of your surroundings, take care of friends and family members and keep valuables (such as smartphones/watches/headphones) out of public view whenever possible.
  - For apple devices parents/carers can active 'Find My' which includes Activation Lock – A feature that is designed to prevent anyone else from using your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch, if it's ever lost or stolen. Activation Lock turns on automatically when you turn on 'Find My' on your device – more details on this feature are available here: [Activation Lock for iPhone and iPad - Apple Support](#)
  - Don't drink alcohol, take illegal drugs or unknown substances (Including in Vapes); as they can have a big impact on your health and safety, behaviour, and your ability to do well at school and enjoy other interests and activities. They can also be addictive and have unpredictable side effects and could even have fatal consequences - Information is available at [www.talktofrank.com](http://www.talktofrank.com)
- **Swimming in rivers/reservoirs:** Reservoirs may look inviting, especially on a hot day, but they are extremely dangerous places to swim. If you jump in, you may not be able to get out as the sides are very steep; the water never gets above 11 degrees, and this will affect your ability to breathe and to move. Rivers and reservoirs may be deeper than you think. Safety information is available here: [Float To Live – What To Do In An Emergency – RNLI](#)
- **Social Media:** Don't allow your use of social media to put you at risk of grooming, exploitation, or regret in future. Use social media positively and avoid being negative about anyone online as comments/actions may be traced back to you and you will be held accountable.
- **Weapons in public places:** Carrying a knife or other weapon will get you a criminal record which can have life-long effects on travel and job prospects. Those who carry knives are also much more likely to be injured by them. Don't take BB Guns, Gel Blasters/Guns, or any other real looking toy guns into public spaces as these can cause alarm to the public - which could receive a Police Firearms response.



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- **Anti-social behaviour:** Think about your actions towards others; a little thought & respect goes a long way.
- **Off-road bikes:** These can only be ridden on private land with the landowner's permission. Don't risk your life and future prospects by illegally riding these on the road.
- **E-Scooters:** In the UK, you must be at least 18 years old and hold a provisional or full driving licence to ride a hire e- scooter. A privately owned e-scooter can only be used in a private place with the landowner's permission; they are illegal to use on a road or in a public place.
- **Remember the company you keep:** If your friend breaks the law, your association with that person may have legal consequences for you, which could be very serious – even if you weren't the one directly responsible.

If a pupil is in a position where they need help, they should talk to an adult they trust. Crimes can be reported directly to the police via 101; alternatively, you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org). **If a crime is taking place or a life is in danger, call 999 immediately.**

We wish everyone a happy and safe summer.

Yours faithfully,

*K Marston*

Miss K Marston  
Headteacher  
Saint John Wall Catholic School

Tom Joyce  
Chief Superintendent  
Birmingham Local Policing Area  
West Midlands Police





# Teen Autism Confident Programme

## Chelmsley Wood

**autism**  
west midlands

**October 20th - Week 1:** Online  
15 minute introduction to the course & staff

**November 4th - Week 2:**  
Face to face - Autism as a spectrum

**November 11th - Week 3:**  
Face to face - Social & communication

**November 18th - Week 4:**  
Face to face - Anxiety

**November 25th - Week 5:**  
Face to face - Sensory

**December 2nd - Week 6:**  
Face to face - Happiness & wellbeing

**December 9th - Week 7:**  
Face to face - The future & disclosure

**December 16th - Week 8:**  
Online - Feedback & games

### Who can attend:

- Teenagers (over 13 years) with an autism diagnosis
- Your post code comes under Birmingham or Solihull council.
- You are able to commit to attend weekly sessions.

**Only 8 spaces available** as we offer small group settings.

**To express interest scan the QR code:**



**Tuesday evenings**  
5.45pm - 7.15pm

**Exact location will be shared with confirmed attendee's.**



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# Teen Autism Confident Programme **Selly Oak**

**autism**  
west midlands

**September 10th - Week 1:**  
Online 15 minute introduction to the course & staff

**September 17th - Week 2:**  
Face to face - Autism as a spectrum

**September 24th - Week 3:**  
Face to face - Social & communication

**October 1st - Week 4:**  
Face to face - Anxiety

**October 8th - Week 5:**  
Face to face - Sensory

**October 15th - Week 6:**  
Face to face Happiness & wellbeing

**October 22nd - Week 7:**  
Face to face - The future & disclosure

**November 5th - Week 8:**  
Online - Feedback & games

## Who can attend:

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## SUMMER ACTIVITIES WORKSHOPS 2025

FOR VARIOUS AGE GROUPS

LOTS OF ACTIVITIES TO TRY!

DESIGN & PAINT YOUR OWN  
FLOWER POT

PAINT YOUR OWN CANVAS

SEW A MASCOT

MOVING UP INTO YEAR 7- MAKE A  
SELF-SOOTHE BOX

EMOTION KEYRINGS

SCAN BARCODE FOR MORE  
INFO AND BOOK YOUR PLACE!



● [WWW.FORWARDTHINKINGBIRMINGHAM.NHS.UK/PAUSE](http://WWW.FORWARDTHINKINGBIRMINGHAM.NHS.UK/PAUSE)

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**WMFS**  
**West Midlands  
Fire Service**

**Date:** 16 July 2025  
**Our Ref:** MI91607253/EF/PW/AMH  
**E-mail:** [prevention.queries@wmfs.net](mailto:prevention.queries@wmfs.net)

Dear Headteacher,

The tragic loss of a teenager at Powell's Pool in Sutton Park on 10th July 2025 has highlighted the dangers of open water, especially for young people during this period of hot weather.

In the West Midlands our main sources of water danger are from canals, rivers, lakes and ponds but your pupils might be visiting the beach over the summer period.

Given the summer holidays are around the corner, we urge you to pass on the safety messages to pupils through any written communications, during assemblies and in any wider planned communications to parents before the end of term.

Our website provides useful water safety statistics and resources [WMFS - Water Safety](#).

We also highly recommend the resources provided by the RNLI tailored to different age groups [RNLI Education Resources For Young People](#).

Thinking about the next academic year, I would encourage you to book the appropriate WMFS Safety Education for your key stages.

- For Early Years/Foundation we can provide a Nursery Box (at cost) that has resources for child safety.
- For Year 1 you can request us to come into school to deliver an education package around "Great Fire of London".
- In Year 4 our operational fire crews will visit school to deliver SPARKs. The 1 hour session covers water, fire and road safety.
- Our interactive education centre "Safeside" provides a memorable school trip covering a wide range of safety messages aimed at Year 5.
- We will come into school at Year 8 to deliver a package focussing on fire, water and road safety that also covers wider topics including ASB, arson, personal safety and e-vehicle safety.

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- In further education settings, we deliver a focused road safety package aimed at young people who may be driving in the next few years or being passengers with their friends.

Details of how to access these services and other education resources can be found on our website at [WMFS - Education Services](#).

We want all children and young people to have a fun summer holiday, but rest assured, West Midlands Fire Service will be here in an emergency, should we be called upon.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Fernandez  
Head of Prevention



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