

# 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 25

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 21 March 2025



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 learnt about the Annunciation. This included finding out about how the Angel Gabriel visited Mary, telling her that she was going to be the Mother of Jesus. Despite learning this, Mary trusted God and was ready to take on this responsibility of being the Mother of God's son. It taught me that even when we go through difficult times. We should always be **curious and active** in trusting God's plan."*

By Christina Morisho 8HEA

### This week in Afternoon Prayer...

*"We prayed for International Day of Happiness, thinking about how we can spread **love, compassion** and kindness to those around us. We also prayed for St Joseph's Day. We reflected on how St Joseph took on the great responsibility to be Jesus' foster Father, even though he was scared. We reflected on the importance of accepting challenges, even when we may be scared too."*

By Amrita Akhtar 8HEA

### Class Mass

*"We had Mass in the Chapel. Even though we were in the Chapel, it still felt very reverent. Fr Subba spoke about peace around the world and how we can all better the world. We had the opportunity for Confession after Mass and this felt very **faith filled**, just like it would in Church."*

By Injacio Mjeda 8HEW

### Dates to Note

- **Year 11 Parents' Evening**  
Wednesday 2 April 2025 – 4pm to 6pm
- **Year 8 Pathways and Core Subject Afternoon**  
Thursday 10 April 2025 – 2.30pm to 4pm
- **Easter Holidays**  
Monday 14 April 2025 to Friday 25 April 2025

### Eid Celebrations – Monday 31 March

We wish all Muslim members of our school community Eid Mubarak. It is likely that most Muslims will celebrate Eid on Monday 31 March. Pupils are permitted one day absence for religious observance on this day. Please inform school if you wish to take this day of absence for your child.

Several staff will also be celebrating Eid. School will be open for all other pupils and staff. We ask that **pupils attend in their PE kit on Monday 31 March 2025** to help us facilitate lessons where staff may be absent.

Our standards and expectations remain consistently high despite staff absences and we ask you to remind your children of that. We must work together as a Catholic School for All to ensure that staff can celebrate this important religious event.

Any pupil taking the day of absence on Monday 31 March 2025 must return to school as normal on Tuesday 1 April 2025.

Thank you for your support with this.



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## Visit to St Mary's Coffee Club

Pupils have been helping out with bingo today which can be challenging with a speedy bingo caller! They were also very helpful with guests who were unable to take part, collecting tea and coffee and chatting to them. Next week is Tai Chi so pupils will be able to take part in some gentle exercise.

By Mrs Clayton



## Kenelm Youth Trust - Important Events

### Young Discerners Group

Are you a young man in **School Years 9-13** who wants to explore a vocation to the Catholic priesthood?

Why not come to **St Mary's College, Oscott** in Birmingham for a chance to **meet Fr Craig Szmidt** (the Vocation Director) and spend time in **discussion and prayer** with others who are thinking about a vocation to the priesthood?

The day will include a **tour of Oscott** and an opportunity to **speak with seminarians**, joining them for the **celebration of Holy Mass** and lunch.

The first meeting is on **Saturday 5 April 2025, 10:30am-4:00pm**.

To find out more, contact **Deacon Owen Gresty** ([deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk](mailto:deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk) or 0121 321 5135)

**FREE OF CHARGE - BUT BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL!**

## Summer Camp

Are you ready for an unforgettable summer filled with adventure, faith, and friendship? Summer Camp 2025 is here, and we can't wait to welcome you! This takes place on 20 - 24 July 2025.

This year, we're bringing even more exciting activities, powerful moments of reflection, and opportunities to grow in your faith. It's your chance to step away from the everyday, connect with others, and discover how God is working in your life.

From messy games to bold challenges, from deep conversations to moments of pure joy, Summer Camp 2025 is packed with everything you need to make memories that will last a lifetime. To join us for the best camp ever, you need to be between the ages of 12 and 16 and have completed Year 7. If you're in Year 12 or 13 (ages 16-18) and want to get involved, our service team is the perfect opportunity for you! Bookings are now open, so don't miss your chance to be part of this incredible experience. Spaces fill up fast, so gather your friends and secure your spot today!

Visit [Summer Camp 2025](#) for more information!

## Year 9 Examinations

The upcoming Year 9 examinations dates are as follows...

- **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
- **English**  
w/b 7 April 2025
- **Year 9 Performing Arts – Drama**  
w/b 7 April 2025
- **RE**  
w/b 28 April 2025



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## Book Reviews

### The Soccer Diaries: Rocky Takes the Lead by Tom Palmer

*"This is an engaging and inspiring sports novel that is perfect for young readers who love soccer. This book is part of the Soccer Diary series, which follows the journey of Rocky, a determined young player navigating the ups and downs of soccer life."*

*The story centres on Rocky, a talented but sometimes troubled soccer player who is working to overcome his fears and doubts while leading his team to success. In this instalment, Rocky faces a series of challenges both on and off the field, including the pressure of becoming a leader, balancing friendships, and dealing with personal struggles. As the narrative unfolds, Rocky learns valuable lessons about teamwork, perseverance, and responsibility, making this book an uplifting and motivational read.*

*What makes Rocky Takes the Lead stand out is its relatable protagonist. Rocky's journey feels genuine and honest, allowing young readers to see themselves in his challenges. Palmer does an excellent job of portraying the internal conflict many young athletes experience as they navigate their ambitions, friendships, and personal growth.*

*The writing is fast-paced, making it an easy read for middle-grade readers, and the soccer scenes are vividly described, ensuring that fans of the sport will feel immersed in the action. The book effectively weaves in themes like leadership, the importance of communication with teammates, and the realities of sportsmanship.*

*One of the strengths of Soccer Diary: Rocky Takes the Lead is how it addresses the emotional side of sports. It's not just about winning games but about learning to handle pressure, setbacks, and the complex relationships that come with being part of a team. Palmer's writing makes the world of soccer accessible and relatable, ensuring the story has broad appeal."*

My rating - 4.5 stars

By Sidia Saidy 9CAL

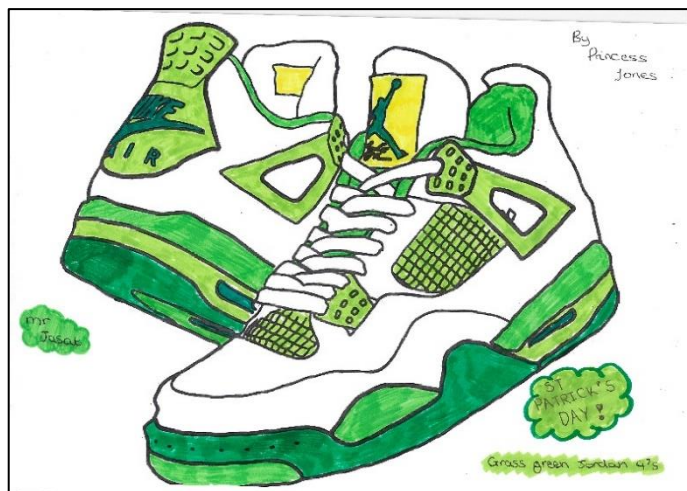
### The Wolf Trials by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

*"The wolf trials is a story about a girl named Eira who longs for freedom but can't because her mother is the queen so she joins the wolf trials to prove to her mother she can prove she can be trusted. I think it's a great book with lots of interesting characters like kore 'the forgiver' Eira's only friend and laddu her wolf. I think is a really well written story with nice start and a sad ending some nice twists. The beginning gave me hunger games vibes the only thing that wasn't perfect was the beginning which was a bit slow but was probably needed for the story. I would recommend for people my age who like adventure stories. Overall, 9.5 /10".*

By Naiemah Lawrence 7JHAS

## St Patrick's Day

Well done to Princess-Precious Jones 8HAB for designing trainers to celebrate St Patrick's Day.







# Year 11 Yearbook

Memories of  
your time  
at SJW

Only  
**£15**

Includes  
Comments  
and  
Photographs

**Payment to be made at the school office.**

## **Final Reminder**

**If you would like to purchase a  
Yearbook, the deadline is**

**Friday 11 April 2025**

**If you have paid a deposit, please pay  
the outstanding balance by**

**Friday 11 April 2025**



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# HOW TO BOOK

**IMPORTANT:** You will need a 'BIOB' code from your child's school to book. If you haven't received your code, please contact your school.



## STEP 1

1. Go to [www.bringitonbrum.co.uk](http://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk) and click **BOOK NOW**
2. Enter your criteria E.g. Location, participant age, date and click **SEARCH**  
To view the session details click **MORE INFORMATION**
3. Once you've found a holiday club you like, click **BOOK NOW** and choose a date and time that works for you
4. Enter your child's details – you can add more than one child  
You may need to add 'Supplementary Information'. Please write 'None' in any fields that do not apply.

Repeat to add more sessions!

## STEP 2

1. Once you have chosen all your sessions, go to your cart and click **CHECKOUT**
2. To complete your booking, you will need to create a log-in. You can then view/edit and add any additional bookings at any time by logging in.

### Create a Log-In

- ☒ Add your details
- ☒ Sign up for session reminders
- ☒ Enter your child/children's details
- ☒ Sign up to our newsletter

## STEP 3

1. Click **COMPLETE BOOKING**

Why not take a photo of these instructions?



### No longer able to attend your session?

Please contact the organiser if you are unable to attend one of your booked activities. Places are limited and the venue will be able to open up space for other children and young people.

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