

# 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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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

### This week in Weekly Worship...

"We focused on Refugee Week. Throughout this Weekly Worship, we thought about refugees that come from all around the world. We thought about how we could show **care** and support. The theme for this year is 'Community as a Superpower'. We can all be together as a family in our school community. We can be **compassionate and loving** by volunteering and contributing or by helping to tell the stories of refugees and by thinking about the tough situations they experience."

By Samadhi Fernando 7MAV

### This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"We prayed for Refugee Week and thought about the different ways we can promote it. We can be **compassionate and loving** by campaigning for refugees to have things like a warm home. We also prayed for National Thank a Teacher Day and thought about the importance of thanking teaching and support staff for teaching us and helping us to learn. We prayed for Corpus Christi, thinking about why we should always try to be present. We also thought about why we should show **love and care** in our communities."

By Divya Dhariwal 7MAV

### Dates to Note

- **Year 7 and Year 10 Assessment Week**  
Monday 16 June 2025 to Tuesday 24 June 2025
- **Year 10 BMET Trip**  
Monday 23 June 2025 – 8.55am to 3.10pm
- **Year 6 Induction Day**  
Wednesday 2 July 2025. Year 9 pupils will be provided work to complete at home on this day.
- **Sports Day**  
Friday 4 July 2025
- **Jubilee Week**  
Monday 14 July 2025 to Friday 18 July 2025
- **School closes for the Summer Holidays**  
Friday 18 July 2025

### Year 11 Leavers' Mass & Celebration

On Tuesday we celebrated mass for Year 11s as this was their final day at Saint John Wall Catholic School.

Photographs of the celebration are on the next page.



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## Year 11 Leavers' Mass & Celebration

Dear Year 11,

As we come to the end of this chapter, I want to take a moment to say how proud I am of each and every one of you. You've faced challenges, grown in character and shown resilience through your exams and beyond. Today's leavers' Mass was a beautiful reminder of the journey we've shared, full of laughter, learning and unforgettable memories. Thank you to the readers Shania-Anne McDermott, Mercedes Johnson, Francisca Idemudia as well as our Head Girl and Head Boy Sarah Manu and Denzel Okyei for their speeches and readings in the Mass. Thank you to Father Subba for celebrating Mass with us. Thank you Mr Lysaght and Miss Antonucci, for their amazing work arranging the Mass and music. A massive thank you to our musicians and singers Natasha Glenn, Michelle Odebiyi, Italia Holder and Kobi Mensah.

I am sure you will also want me to mention your wonderful form tutors throughout your time at Saint John Wall who have nurtured and supported you through your time with us.

Thank you, Mr Mull, for your support with Year 11s – their Yearbook as well as postcards throughout their exam period to keep them motivated as well as ensuring their last pictures were perfect and producing their final video remembering their years with us. There are so many people that have supported Year 11s over the past 5 years, too many to mention, from lunchtime supervisors, cleaners, site staff, support staff, admin & exam staff and all our wonderful teaching staff. Thank you.

I know myself and Mr Holder will miss you all as you start your exciting journey.

As you step forward into new adventures, remember that your worth is not defined by grades or results, but by the kindness you show, the courage you carry and the dreams you dare to chase. Keep being curious, compassionate and true to yourselves.

Thank you for the joy, the energy and the spirit you brought into school. You will be missed more than you know.

Wishing you all the success and happiness in the world. Go forward with confidence — the best is yet to come.

**With heartfelt congratulations and every blessing,**

**#LIMITLESS**

**By Mrs Chand**



## Good Luck for the Future!



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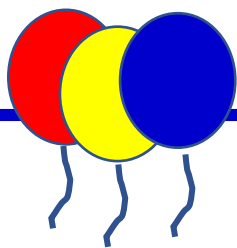


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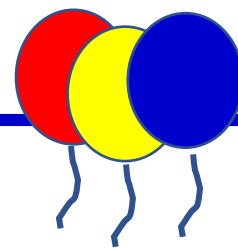


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## Refugee Week

### Weekly Worship

As part of our celebrations for Refugee Week this week, all pupils took part in a Refugee Week Weekly Worship. During this Weekly Worship, pupils listened to a piece of scripture that reminded them about how Jesus promises to guide us during uncertain times. During uncertain times, many refugees rely on **hope**, faith and guidance too. The Weekly Worship also reminded pupils to listen to the voices of refugees, to hear their stories and to be **compassionate**.

The theme of this year's Refugee Week is 'Community as a Superpower' and this is all about celebrating the incredible every day. Pupils were reminded that simple acts of shared **generosity** and kindness can go a long way.

At the end of the Weekly Worship, pupils reflected on what they can do and how they can be a source of **hope** to everyone they meet. We can all educate ourselves and use our voices to build our communities.

### Afternoon Prayer

This week, our pupils also prayed for Refugee Week during one of our Afternoon Prayers. Our school community prayed for **peace** and **hope** for all Refugees and prayed for a community of safety and **solidarity**. As part of their reflection, pupils reflected on the theme of 'Community as a Superpower', thinking about how we can continue to be a community here at St John Wall.



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Refugee Week

Today's afternoon prayer focuses on Refugee Week.

Let us take a few moments to ensure that we are ready to pray as a school community.

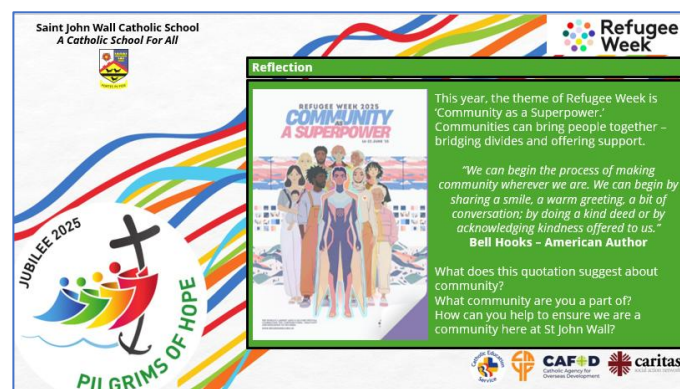
In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Loving God,  
This Refugee Week, we remember those who have been forced to leave their homes - seeking safety, **peace** and a place to belong. We pray for children and families who have lost so much, and we ask you to surround them with **hope** and healing.  
Help us to see that community is our superpower - that when we come together with kindness, courage and **care**, we can build a world where everyone feels welcome.  
May our school, our homes and our hearts be places of safety, strength and **solidarity**.

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Refugee Week

Reflection

REFUGEE WEEK 2025  
**COMMUNITY A SUPERPOWER**

This year, the theme of Refugee Week is 'Community as a Superpower.' Communities can bring people together - bridging divides and offering support.

"We can begin the process of making community wherever we are. We can begin by sharing a smile, a warm greeting, a bit of conversation; by doing a kind deed or by acknowledging kindness offered to us."  
Bell Hooks - American Author

What does this quotation suggest about community?  
What community are you a part of?  
How can you help to ensure we are a community here at St John Wall?

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## Chaplaincy Teams

This week, members of our Year 7 and Year 8 Chaplaincy Teams also focused on Refugee Week. Pupils began by thinking about what makes them feel at home. Some answers included family and friends, pets and home comforts like bed and traditional foods. Pupils explored key words including 'Refugee', 'Asylum Seekers' and 'Persecution', reflecting on the treatment individuals often face when they are forced to leave their country of origin. Pupils also explored the history of Refugees in the UK.

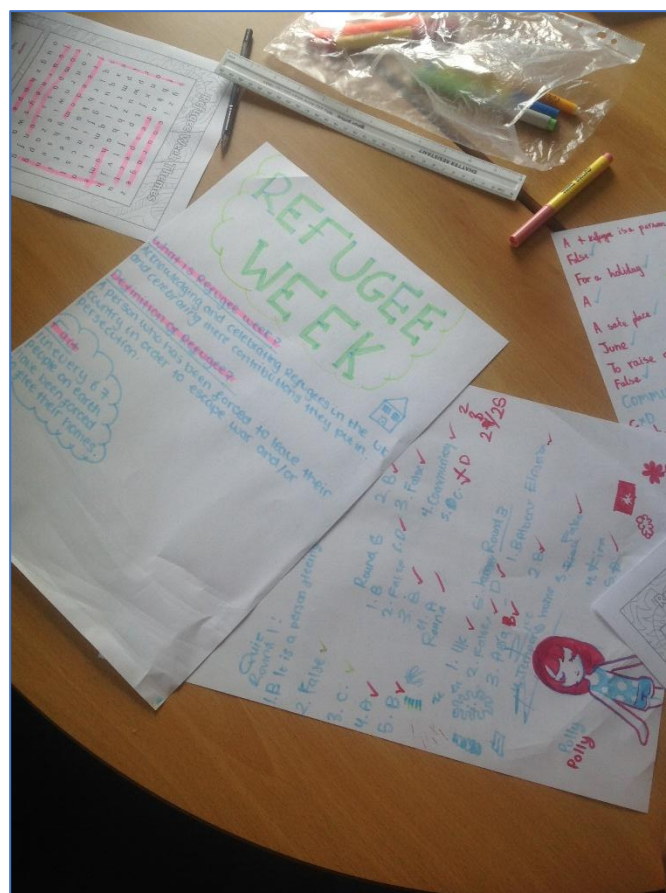
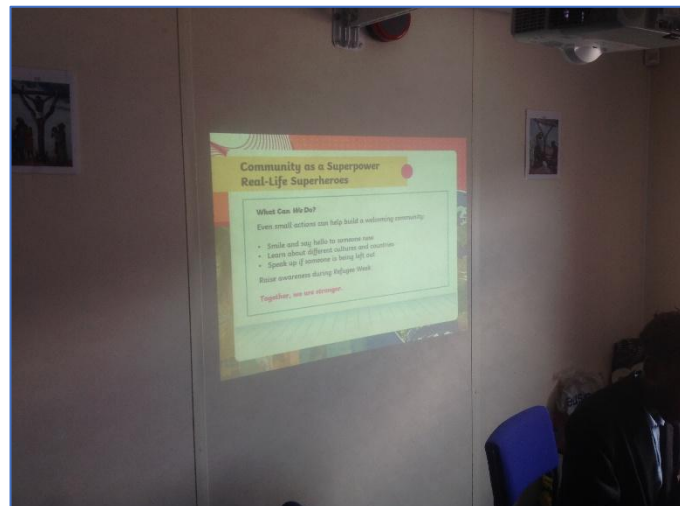
They then focused on the theme of 'Community as a Superpower'. Pupils thought about different examples of communities. Examples included school, places of worship and homes. They thought about how they can be a superhero in their communities by smiling, saying hello and learning about new cultures.

Pupils ended by taking part in a quiz learning all about what Refugees are, famous Refugees, and how they can show empathy and raise awareness. Well done to all pupils in the Y7 and Y8 Chaplaincy Teams for being so **loving and compassionate** when working on Refugee Week.

*"All I ask for is the right to live without panic and fear. The right to think about the future of my family; the right to develop my work and not have to run away from fireballs, chemical weapons and explosions. The right to feel safe."*

### A Syrian Refugee

During break and lunch times, pupils in the Chapel were about to take part in wordsearch and colouring activities based around Refugee Week.



By Mr Lysaght





## Athletics Competition

On Tuesday 17 June Year 8 represented Saint John Wall at the School Games Athletics Competition held at Wyndley. Both the boys and girls teams performed exceptionally well, and really pulled together as a team organising themselves into their specific events.

After facing tough competition from seven other schools the Year 8 boys came fourth, narrowly missing out on third place and the Year 8 girls came an impressive third, gaining bronze medals.

Congratulations and well done to the following members of the team who represented themselves and the school in the most impressive way:

- Injacio Mdeja
- Nadia Adams
- Goldlyn Omali-Okonkwo
- Praise Ejiofor
- Angela Baruti
- Diuedonne Nah
- Yahannyi Smith
- Chinomso Isife
- Kushi Patel
- Tanaka Johwa
- Mohammed Omar Younas

By Mrs Padmore

## Visit to St Mary's Coffee Club

On Thursday we had a visit from a pop-up choir which was lovely. They have visited before and it was wonderful to hear the progress they have made. There is no visit next week as they are on a trip to Trentham Gardens however, we have Tai Chi to come.

By Mrs Clayton

## Athletics Awards

Well done to the following pupils that have achieved Bronze, Silver or Gold awards in their athletics lessons this week.

### Bronze

Hussain Imran 400m

Patrick Chojnowski - 400m and Javelin

Ondrej Zajac - 400m

Kirandeep Taal - Discus

Solihome Atobrham - Discus

Eline Behane - Discus

David Ifeosame - Discus

Africa Beauty Garcia George - Discus

### Silver

Rakeem Douglas - Discus

Sukhraj Ghotra - Discus

Harjot Singh - Discus

Keyaan Miah - Discus

Jamie Hoang - Discus

Darius Chiriac - Discus

Sarah MonThomas - Discus

Chisom Nwaichi - Discus

Aaphryl Pereira - Discus

### Gold

Kevin Dinu - Javelin

Injacio Mjeda - Javelin

Davide Bacelan - Discus

Anton Antonemilianuspillai - Discus

Rihana Guesh - Discus

By Mrs Padmore



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## Maths Department

### Pupils in Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 & Year 10

From this term onwards all pupils in Year 7 to Year 10 will be required to purchase their own

**CASIO Maths calculator** product number

**Fx-85GT CW**

Some are currently available to purchase from school at a HEAVILY discounted price of....

**£5 from Reception**

(This offer is only available until the End of July)

## SEND Policy

Our Accessibility Plan (as part of the SEND policy) is in draft and can be found by [clicking here](#)

The school would welcome any feedback from parents and carers up until Friday 27 June 2025 as part of this consultation period. Please email [enquiry@sjw.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@sjw.bham.sch.uk).

By Mrs Crooks



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## Mornings & Evening



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activities



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### 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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# AI and Assessments

## A quick guide for students



### What is AI?

- AI stands for artificial intelligence and using it is like having a computer that thinks
- AI tools like ChatGPT or Snapchat My AI can write text, make art and create music by learning from data from the internet, but watch out – they can also make things up and be biased



### How can AI be misused in assessments?

AI misuse is when you take something made using AI and say it's your own work.

**THIS IS CHEATING!**



### How do I make sure I don't misuse AI?



#### 1 Know the rules

- You're **not allowed** to use AI tools when you're in an exam
- Your teachers will tell you if you're allowed to use AI tools when doing your coursework – the rules will depend on your qualification
- Even if you're allowed to use AI tools, you can't get marks for content just produced by AI – your marks come from showing your own understanding and producing your own work

#### 2 Reference reference reference!

If you're allowed to use AI tools, you must reference them clearly

- Name the AI tool you used
- Add the date you generated the content
- Explain how you used it
- Save a screenshot of the questions you asked and the answers you got

#### 3 Declare it's all your own work

When you hand in your assessment, you have to sign a declaration. Anything without a reference must be all your own work. If you've used an AI tool, don't sign the declaration until you're sure you've added all the references



### What happens if I misuse AI?

If you've misused AI, you could lose your marks for the assessment – you could even be disqualified from the subject.

**DON'T RISK IT!**



**REMEMBER**  
Misusing AI is cheating!  
Know the rules  
Talk to your teachers  
Reference clearly





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