

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

This week in Weekly Worship...

"We focused on Praise. As we come to the end of the year, we come together in praise to share all of our achievements. During Weekly Worship, we focused on awards including attendance and positives. We also focused on our school values. We can be **curious and active** by being on time to lessons, presenting ourselves well in lessons and always being engaged."

By Devarnte Dawethi-Wilson 9CAL.

This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"We prayed for Global Forgiveness Day. We prayed to God that he would forgive us and that we can forgive others. We can be **loving and compassionate** by forgiving others even if we find it hard. We also prayed for Witness Week. We prayed that we are **active** during this week whether on trips or with visitors in school. During our prayer on Catholic Social Teaching, we thought about how we can show examples of **peace, dignity** and how we can **care for creation**."

By Isa Khan 9CAL

Dates to Note

- **IFS Business & Computing Trip – London (40 Year 9 Pupils)**
Monday 14 July to Tuesday 15 July 2025 – 7.45am to 4.30pm
- **Year 7 Trip to Conkers**
Monday 14 July 2025 – 9.00am to 3.30pm
- **Aladdin the Musical – Performed by SJW Pupils**
Tuesday 15 July 2025 & Wednesday 16 July 2025
6pm to 7.30pm (Tickets £2 each via MCAS)
- **Year 7 Trip to Sandwell Valley**
Wednesday 16 July 2025 – 8.30am to 3.00pm
- **Year 9 Trip to Weston-super-Mare**
Wednesday 16 July 2025 – 8.30am to 4.30pm
- **Year 10 Trip to University College Birmingham**
Wednesday 16 July 2025 – 8.30am to 1.00pm
- **Year 10 trip to Hamstead Hall Academy**
Wednesday 16 July 2025 – 8.30am to 3.10pm
- **Year 8 Trip to Dudley Zoo**
Thursday 17 July 2025 – 9am to 3.30pm
- **Year 9 Trip to National Justice Museum (45 Pupils)**
Thursday 17 July 2025 – 8.30am to 4.00pm
- **School closes for Summer Holidays**
Friday 18 July 2025 at 12.45pm



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Jubilee Week

Next week, we are delighted to celebrate Jubilee Week with a vibrant programme of exciting activities and trips for all year groups.

Please refer to the following page for detailed information on the events scheduled for each year group throughout this special final week of term.

A Positive Start to Year 11 – Locker Allocations and a Warm Welcome Back

As our Year 10 pupils prepare to step into Year 11, it was a joy to see them receive their own lockers this week — each one containing a printed positive quote to inspire and motivate them as they begin this final stage of their school journey. From messages of self-belief to reminders about resilience and hard work, these small touches are there to help our pupils start the year feeling encouraged and supported.

It was also lovely to be able to offer a special reward to those pupils who have consistently met expectations throughout the year. Our prefects and other high-achieving pupils were given the privilege of choosing their own locker location — a small gesture to say thank you for their efforts and to recognise the positive example they've set for others.



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Hussain for his work as Head of Year over the past year. His commitment to the year group has been appreciated. As I return to the role of Head of Year, having supported this group during their Year 9 journey and in the background during Year 10, I'm really looking forward to working directly with this year group again as they take on the challenges and opportunities of Year 11.

I'm incredibly proud of how far they've come, and I'm excited to see all that they will achieve in the year ahead!

By Miss Reynolds

Sunflowers

At the end of September 2024, I shook a few dried out sunflower heads into the greenhouse as a little experiment to see if anything would grow with little care or attention and this is the result! Pretty lovely don't you think? Perhaps you could try to grow some at home next year.

By Mrs Clayton



Visit to St Mary's Coffee Club

Yesterday was our last visit for this year and we have been busy with question cards. Alex has been working with Theresa for a few weeks asking familiar questions to help jog her memory. Today she remembered his name which everyone was very pleased about. Pupils also had the opportunity to play darts before we left and made great improvements in their technique over a short period of time so very well done to them!

By Mrs Clayton





Brilliant Club Graduation Event

On Thursday, Mr Sangar and I had the pleasure of accompanying 12 Year 8 pupils on a trip to Warwick University to celebrate their achievements in 'The Brilliant Club'.

Over the past few months, pupils took part in university-style seminars led by a PhD tutor, exploring the thought-provoking course "Philosophy of Science - Why Are We Here?" They engaged with complex ideas, developed their critical thinking, and produced a 1,500-word final assignment demonstrating everything they had learned.

The course concluded with a graduation ceremony at the university. Our pupils were awarded certificates, applauded for their efforts, and taken on a tour of the Warwick campus, where they began to reflect on their aspirations for future study. During the ceremony, Abel Keneni stood out as 'Spoke Scholar', confidently sharing his experiences of the programme to other brilliant pupils.

A huge congratulations to all our pupils, not only for becoming brilliant scholars, but for representing our school with such maturity, enthusiasm, and pride.

By Miss Lastun



TITAN Partnership Award

We are very proud to announce that our very own Teacher of History, Mr McIntosh, has won the TITAN Partnership Award for Secondary Teacher of the Year.

The TITAN Partnership Award is a respected accolade that celebrates outstanding teachers who make a real difference in their school communities across Birmingham. This prestigious award recognises the hard work, dedication and commitment Mr McIntosh has shown to his pupils. His passion for history and his ability to bring lessons to life have inspired pupils, helping them achieve academic success and develop a love for learning. Long may he continue to be the greatest Handsworthorian!

By Mr Rathbone



Thank You, Tarun (Think for the Future Mentor)!

After two fantastic years at Saint John Wall, we say a fond farewell to Tarun. He has been an incredible support to both staff and pupils, making a real difference in so many lives. Though we're sad to see him go, we're excited for his new role working with SEND pupils in a pastoral team — they're very lucky to have him! Thank you, Tarun, and all the very best for the future.

By Miss Reynolds





Come Meet "Forte" - St John Wall's Bull on Parade!

We are thrilled to announce that Saint John Wall Catholic School is proudly taking part in Birmingham's Bulls in the City trail, a spectacular celebration of creativity, community, and culture!

Our beautifully crafted bull, Fortes In Fide – Latin for *Strong in Faith* – will be on display from **Wednesday 16 July to Sunday 14 September** at the **Library of Birmingham, Amphitheatre, Centenary Square (B1 2ND)**.

Affectionately known as "Forte", our bull is a powerful symbol of spiritual strength, unity, and resilience. One side of the sculpture shows a path of people walking with Jesus – a heartfelt representation of our school's mission as *Pilgrims of Hope*, inspired by Pope Francis' call for Jubilee 2025. It's a reflection of our Catholic identity and the shared journey we walk together – grounded in faith, guided by hope, and uplifted by love.

From 14 July, you can download the Bulls in the City app to follow the trail, find all the bulls across Birmingham, and unlock exciting content as you go!

Make sure to stop by Centenary Square and see Forte up close – take a selfie, reflect on the message, and join us in celebrating this amazing city-wide event!

#bullsinthecity #pilgrimssofhope #SJWspirit

By Mrs Towie



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Jubilee Week Information

Monday 14 July 2025

| | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Trip/Activity | Conkers | Jubilee Pledge Day | Jubilee Pledge Day | Jubilee Pledge Day |
| Date and Time | Leaving at 9am (be in school for 8.30am) Returning at 3.30pm | 8.55am to 3.10pm | 8.55am to 3.10pm | 8.55am to 3.10pm |
| What do you need? | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Own appropriate clothes and trainers• Bottle of water• Suncream/hat if hot weather• Coat if cold• Lunch (FSM will be provided)• Pupils NOT on Free School Meals will need to bring their own lunch.• Medical items if required (e.g. inhaler, EpiPens) | Full school uniform | Full school uniform | Full school uniform |

Tuesday 15 July 2025

| | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Trip/Activity | Fete Day | Fete Day | Fete Day | Fete Day |
| Date and Time | 8.50am to 2.30pm | 8.50am to 2.30pm | 8.50am to 2.30pm | 8.50am to 2.30pm |
| What do you need? | Full School Uniform Small amount of spending money | Full School Uniform Small amount of spending money | Full School Uniform Small amount of spending money | Full School Uniform Small amount of spending money |





Wednesday 16 July 2025

| | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------|--|--|
| Trip/Activity | Sandwell Valley | Values Day | Weston-super-Mare | University College Birmingham and Hamstead Hall Academy – Post 16 Visits |
| Date and Time | 8.50am to 3pm | 8.50am to 3.10pm | Leaving at 8.30am (be in school for 8am) Returning at 4.30pm | UCB 8.30am to 1.00pm Hamstead Hall Academy 8.30am to 3.10pm |
| What do you need? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Own appropriate clothes and trainers • Bottle of water • Suncream/hat if hot weather • Coat if cold • Lunch (FSM will be provided) • Medical items if required (e.g. inhaler, EpiPens) • Pupils NOT on Free School Meals will need to bring their own lunch. | Full School Uniform | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Own appropriate clothes and trainers • Bottle of water • Suncream/hat if hot weather • Coat if cold • Lunch (FSM will be provided) Pupils NOT on Free School Meals will need to bring their own lunch. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full school uniform • Packed lunch (FSM provided if required) • Pupils NOT on Free School Meals will need to bring their own lunch. |





Thursday 17 July 2025

| | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---|---|---------------------|
| Trip/Activity | Values Day | Dudley Zoo | Values Day National Justice Museum Trip (45 Pupils) | Careers Day |
| Date and Time | 8.50am to 3.10pm | Leaving at 9am (be in school for 8.30am) Returning at 3.30pm | 8.50am to 3.10pm Trip: 8.30am to 4.00pm | 8.50am to 3.10pm |
| What do you need? | Full School Uniform | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Own appropriate clothes and trainers• Bottle of water• Suncream/hat if hot weather• Coat if cold• Lunch (FSM will be provided) Pupils NOT on Free School Meals will need to bring their own lunch.• Medical items if required (e.g. inhaler, EpiPens) | School <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full School Uniform Trip <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full School Uniform• Lunch (FSM will be provided)• Pupils NOT on Free School Meals will need to bring their own lunch.• Medical items if required (e.g. inhaler, EpiPens) | Full School Uniform |

Friday 18 July 2025

All year groups

End of term services

School will start at 8.50am and end at 12.45pm



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Sun Safety



Summer is here!!!

Make sure you...

- **Cover Up**



Hats and sunglasses can be worn during break and lunch time.

- **Apply Sunscreen**



SPF 30 or higher. This can be applied before school and reapplied during break and lunch time.

- **Bring a Water Bottle**



Bring a refillable water bottle to school and even a spare if necessary to fill up at break and lunch time.

- **Seek Shade**



Reduce UV radiation by sitting in the shaded areas around school during break and lunch time.



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Saint John Wall Catholic School
Presents

Aladdin the Musical



Tuesday 15 July & Wednesday 16 July
6:00pm-7:30pm

Doors open at 5:30pm

Tickets are £2 each



Buy tickets on MCAS



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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

Open Mornings
Wednesday 24 September 2025
&
Thursday 25 September 2025
9.30am - 12.00pm

Come and see our school in action

Opportunity to talk to pupils

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Family wellbeing day

Connect with other bereaved families while having fun and relaxing at our wellbeing day.

A range of activities will be available on the day, suitable for both adults and children, including fun family games (organised by Sport Birmingham), creative dance and arts and crafts. There will also be an opportunity to enjoy mindfulness and relaxation activities.

This event is suitable for parents bereaved of a child, parents supporting a bereaved child, and bereaved children and young people (accompanied by an adult).

Thursday 7 August, 11.30am to 3.30pm
St Germain's Church, City Road,
Birmingham B17 8LE

Refreshments will be provided including halal options.



**For more information visit the link below
or scan the QR code:**
childbereavementuk.org/events-birmingham



Charity No in England and Wales: 1040419 and Scotland: SCO42910



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ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE



Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK

Take time to assess your surroundings.

Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.



STAY TOGETHER

When around water always go with friends or family.

Swim at a lifeguarded venue.



In an emergency:

CALL 999

Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.



FLOAT

Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help.

Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



Enjoy Water Safely

Learn basic lifesaving and CPR skills.
Visit www.rlss.org.uk



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