

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 29

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Tuesday 6 May 2025



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 our school theme. This year, we are looking at how we can be **Pilgrims of Hope on the Path of Peace**. When you go on a pilgrimage, you need to prepare your hearts with **hope, love** and determination. When you journey, you need to think about what you will bring and how you will make a difference to others. We can bring **hope** in school by donating to charity and through our Live Simply and School of Sanctuary status."

Year 8 Chaplaincy Team

This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"We prayed for the death of Pope Francis. During this prayer, we prayed for the life of Pope Francis and reflected on all the work that he has done throughout his time as Pope. We also prayed for Stephen Lawrence Day. Stephen was a young individual who was murdered in an unprovoked racist attack. We reflected on the importance of being **loving and compassionate** and fighting for justice and human rights. We like Afternoon Prayer as it is a chance to reflect at the end of the day."

Year 8 Chaplaincy Team

Dates to Note

- **Year 10 Work Experience**
Monday 5 May 2023 to Friday 9 May 2025
- **GCSE/AS/CNAT External Examinations**
Thursday 8 May 2025 to Wednesday 18 June 2025

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the final term of the academic year! We hope you all enjoyed a peaceful and restful Easter break.

As we approach the Year 11 external GCSE, AS and CNAT examinations in a few weeks, we extend our best wishes to all our pupils. This is a pivotal period for Year 11, and it is essential that they attend school punctually each day to ensure they are thoroughly prepared for the challenges ahead.

There is an extensive after school revision programme, and Year 11 are expected to attend all sessions to which they are invited.



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VE Day Celebrations – 80th Anniversary

On **Thursday 8 May**, our school will be marking the **80th anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe Day)** – the day in 1945 when World War Two ended in Europe. This is an important moment in British history as it marks the beginning of peace after years of conflict.

Remembering VE Day is important because it honours the courage and sacrifice of all those who served during the war and celebrates the return of peace and freedom. Across the country yesterday, people held street parties, there was a military procession, and a flypast over Buckingham Palace where large crowds gathered to celebrate and remember.

To mark the occasion, our **canteen will serve a special VE Day 80th Anniversary British Menu**: cottage pie (£2.00), fish and chips (£2.55), vegetable stew and crusty bread (£2.00), carrots and broccoli, jam roly-poly with custard (£1.20). There will be a **Meal Deal for Free School Meals**: one main and a dessert.

In **History lessons**, pupils will explore what VE Day was like through a memoir written by **Miss Guest's Grandad**, who was 12 years old when the war ended.

We will also come together for a **whole school weekly worship** on Thursday to reflect on the significance of this day and celebrate together.

We look forward to marking this historic anniversary with our school community.

By Mr McIntosh

THURSDAY 8 MAY 2025

VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY

BRITISH MENU

COTTAGE PIE £2.00

FISH AND CHIPS £2.55

VEGETABLE STEW AND CRUSTY BREAD £2.00

CARROTS AND BROCCOLI

JAM ROLLY POLY WITH CUSTARD £1.20

FREE SCHOOL MEALS
MEAL DEAL - 1 MAIN & DESSERT £2.55



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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)



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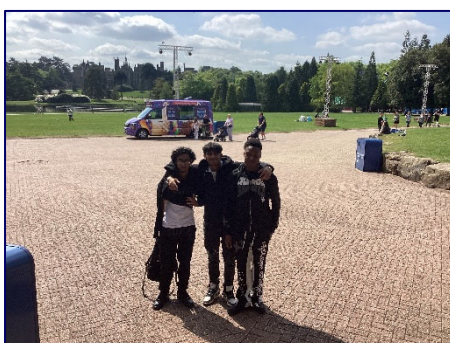
Year 11 Alton Towers Trip

We are thrilled to share that our recent rewards trip to Alton Towers on Friday 2 May 2025 was a resounding success! Our pupils had an absolutely fantastic time, enjoying all the exciting rides and attractions the park has to offer.

Not only did they have fun, but their behaviour was impeccable throughout the day. They represented our school with pride and demonstrated excellent manners and respect for others.

A big thank you to all the staff and pupils who made this trip memorable.

By Mrs Chand



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Big Maths Quiz University of Birmingham

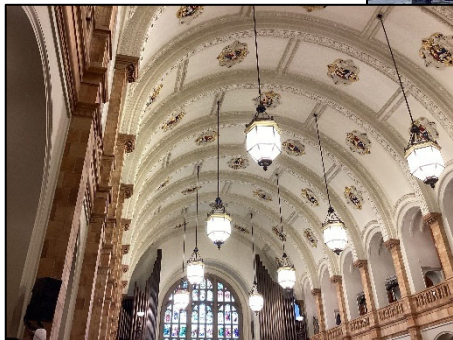
We are thrilled to share the remarkable achievements of our Year 10 pupils who visited the University of Birmingham on Tuesday 29 April to compete in The Big Maths Quiz 2025. Our pupils demonstrated excellent attitude, behaviour, and fantastic maths skills throughout the event.

Their enthusiasm and curiosity were evident as they actively engaged in the competition, showcasing their mathematical talents and problem-solving abilities. We are incredibly proud of their performance and the generosity they displayed in supporting one another.

I would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our school for making this trip possible despite the tight deadline. Everyone's support and swift arrangements ensured our pupils could participate in this enriching experience.

This experience not only highlighted their academic talents but also their ability to work collaboratively and represent our school with pride. Congratulations to all our participants for their outstanding efforts and for making this event a memorable success.

By Mr Hussain



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SEND Occupational Therapy Newsletter

PARENT & CARER OFFER

Spring 2

Sensory Circuits at Home:

This online webinar explains the benefits of using a sensory circuit and how to implement one at home to support your child with regulation throughout their day

Scan the QR code, book via Eventbrite

Thursday 20th March 2025: 13.00–14.00

OR

Thursday 22nd May 2025: 13:00-14:00



Coming Soon: In Person Sensory Circuits at Home for families

Transition Through Education Virtual Webinars:

How to support children and young people to transition through education

Scan the QR code to book via Eventbrite

Thursday 29th May 2025

- Getting School Ready: 09:30-10:30
- Preparing for Secondary School: 11:30-12:30
- Moving on from Secondary School: 13:30-14:30



SEND Occupational Therapy Webpage:

We are in the process of developing our website on Birmingham's LOCAL OFFER. You can access our OT newsletter, **FREE** advice videos on different topics including dressing skills, sleep, P.E, sensory and many more!



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Occupational Therapy Advice Line

Parents, professionals and education staff can contact the OT advice line to gain advice and signposting on children's OT needs.

Monday- Friday, 09:00- 16:00.

0121 683 2325

Interpreting Advice Line information is found on our website via the QR code.



Community Paediatric Occupational Therapy Webpage:

A variety of advice packs (self-care, school skills, sensory) are available on the Occupational Therapy website.



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Communication and Autism



Access to
Education

Secondary Age CAT PAC – Summer 2025 Archbishop Ilsey Secondary School B27 7XY.

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 and who are on CAT Caseload.

- The course has been designed for parents who want to increase their understanding of autism.
 - The sessions will take place at **Archbishop Ilsey Secondary School B27 7XY.**
 - Each session will last for 2 hours

Session1 – What is Autism?	Tuesday 3 rd June 2025: TIME: 12.45-2.45pm
Session 2 – Social communication	Tuesday 10 th June TIME: 12.45-2.45pm
Session 3 – Sensory differences	Tuesday 17 th June TIME: 12.45-2.45pm
Session 4 – Supporting teenagers with autism	Tuesday 24 th June TIME: 12.45-2.45pm
Session 5 – Emotional well-being / Anxiety	Tuesday 1 st July TIME: 12.45-2.45pm
Session 6 – Parent carer choice & signposting to Local Offer / services	Tuesday 8 th July TIME: 12.45-2.45pm

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

Summer 2025 Secondary CAT PAC Archbishop Ilsey: In your email please include:

- Your name – Parent carer
- Your Child's name
- Your Child's 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 and Viv Walters.



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