

# 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:**  
**Termly Catholic Social Teaching:**  
**Termly SJW Values:**

**Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers**  
**The Common Good**  
**Generous and Grateful**

### This week in Celebration of the Word...

"We focused on Refugee Week. In this weeks' reading, Jesus sees a group of people who are tired and worried. He feels **compassion** for them and sends his disciples to heal them. This helps us to reflect on the amount of hardship that refugees face and allows us to show empathy, respect and **dignity**. It is important to celebrate this week so we can show **love** to everyone around the world, especially those who have to travel to leave their countries behind. We like Celebration of the Word as it helps to raise awareness around important topics."

**By 7Y Lifestyle**

### This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"We prayed for Refugee Week. We listened to a poem that reminded us about the importance of **hope** and friendship. It allowed us to reflect on the importance of being **grateful** for what we have. We also prayed for National Thank a Teacher Day. During this prayer, we showed appreciation to all the teachers and support staff that help us every day at school. We like Afternoon Prayer as different pupils get the opportunity to write and lead their prayer."

**By 7Y Lifestyle**

### Important Dates to Note

- **Year 7 and Year 10 Assessment Week**  
Monday 15 June 2026 to Friday 26 June 2026
- **Year 7 and Year 8 After School Cricket Match SJW V GD**  
Monday 22 June 2026 - 3.30pm to 5.00pm
- **Year 6 Induction Day**  
Wednesday 1 July 2026



SJW Values



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## Year 11 Leavers' Mass & Celebration

On Tuesday, our Year 11 pupils came together for the last time to celebrate their Leavers' Mass. We are very **grateful** to Fr George for coming to celebrate this Mass with us. During his homily, Fr George spoke how this Mass should not just be considered a Leavers' Mass, but should be thought of as an Achievement Mass. This was a lovely thought for our pupils and staff to reflect on as we think about all the things these pupils have achieved over the past five years. Fr George was very impressed with our Year 11 pupils and spoke highly about the Mass and Leavers' Celebrations afterwards. Thank you everyone.

A big thank you to our Head Boy and Head Girl Veer Kaura and Erica Fosua Agyemang, as well as Africa Beauty Garcia George, Krzysztof Daszkiewicz and Deborah Agbolade who all read beautifully during the Mass. Thank you also to Miss Lally, Miss Reynolds, Mr Lloyd-Price, Miss Antonucci, Ms Hewett and our admin team for their help in supporting and setting up for this Mass.

Wishing our Year 11 pupils all the best for their futures.

**By Mr Lysaght**

**Lay Chaplain**

Following the Leavers' Mass, our Year 11 pupils came together one final time to celebrate at their Leavers' celebration. It was wonderful to see so many pupils proudly wearing shirts they had designed themselves, each one covered in creative messages, signatures, drawings and memories that reflected the friendships they have built over the past five years. Pupils enjoyed spending time together over food and ice cream, sharing stories, laughter and creating lasting memories before they embark on the next stage of their journey. The atmosphere throughout the afternoon was one of joy, celebration and togetherness, making it a truly fitting way to mark the end of their time at Saint John Wall.

As Head of Year, it has been a privilege to watch this year group grow into the remarkable young adults they are today. They have faced challenges that many year groups before them never had to experience, yet they have shown resilience, determination and strength throughout. They should all be incredibly proud of what they have achieved, as should their families, friends and everyone who has supported them along the way.

Now it is time for them to take everything they have learnt and confidently step into the future. Whether they are moving on to sixth form, college, apprenticeships or employment, I hope they embrace every opportunity, face every challenge with courage and continue to believe in themselves. Success is not measured simply by grades or qualifications but by the person you become, the values you hold and the positive impact you have on those around you.

As they begin this exciting new chapter, I encourage every one of them to continue striving to be the very best version of themselves. Be kind, work hard, show compassion, remain curious and never be afraid to chase your dreams. There will undoubtedly be challenges ahead, but I know this year group has the resilience and determination to overcome them.

My final message to Year 11 is simple: **#RiseUp**. Rise up to every opportunity. Rise up after every setback. Rise up to new experiences, new friendships and new ambitions. Continue to make yourselves proud, continue to make your families proud and continue to make Saint John Wall proud.

Congratulations, Year 11. Thank you for the memories, the laughter and the privilege of being your Head of Year. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you, and we cannot wait to see what the future holds.

**By Miss Reynolds**

**Head of Year 11**



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## University of Birmingham – Biology Quiz Competition

Our Year 10 pupils recently had the exciting opportunity to visit the University of Birmingham to take part in a Biology Quiz competition. Competing against other schools, our pupils tested their knowledge across a range of topics, from cell biology and genetics to ecology and human physiology.

The day provided a fantastic insight into university life and allowed pupils to experience learning in a higher education setting. They demonstrated excellent teamwork, resilience, and enthusiasm throughout the competition, tackling challenging questions with confidence.

In addition to the quiz, pupils enjoyed exploring the university campus and engaging with subject specialists, helping to inspire their future aspirations in science. We are incredibly proud of their positive attitude and the way they represented the school.

By Mr Hussain

HAPs Ambassador



## Wyndley Summer Athletics Competition

This week our Year 8's participated in the School Games Summer Athletics competition against schools across Birmingham. Although we did not win any of our events, every pupil tried their very best to perform at the top of their ability. We were just beaten ever so slightly in the 300m and shotput to get on the podiums.

Well done to:

Chevonne Jolayemi, La'Sharnti Stewart, Skye Gayle, Annabell Ika, Rosa Opoku, Taniqua Carter, Amrita Uppal, Jennifer Pham, Zion Matondo, Hussain Imran, Mikel Usoro, Kaiden Mowatt, Kene Mwaichi and Michael Pham

By Mr Arshad



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## KS3 Astroturf Cricket League

Yesterday our KS3 pupils took part in their first game of the School Games cricket league. It was unfortunately a loss for us on this occasion, but everyone can be proud of their efforts throughout the week.

Well done to Nicholas Briceag, Dilpreet Singh, Edgaras Tamosauskas, Baljeet Bharaj, Hussain Imran, Harman Rajania, Ansh Kumar, Tarandeep Singh, Meghan Dhamija and Rakeem Douglas for their effort.

We are looking for a stronger result on Monday against George Dixon.

**By Mr Arshad**





# Year 7 and Year 10 Assessment Week

Monday 22 June	Tuesday 23 June	Wednesday 24 June	Thursday 25 June	Friday 26 June
Hosp & Catering 1h 20m	RE 1h 30m	Maths 1h 30m Calculator	<b>GCSE Drama All Day</b>	<b>Music ALL Day</b>
English Language 1h 45m	Science Combined Physics 1h 10m Calculators	Computer Science 1h 30m		
	Single Science Physics 1h 45m	IT 1h 30m		
		Sport 1h 15m		
Year 7 English 1 hour	Year 7 Maths 1 hour			<b>Drama ALL Day</b>



ASTON BASKETBALL

# SUMMER CAMP

**TRAIN. DEVELOP. ELEVATE.**



**MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> –  
WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**



**ASTON MANOR SPORTS HALL  
THOMAS STREET, B6 4TN**

**CURRENT  
YEAR 9 STUDENTS**

**10AM – 12PM**

**CURRENT  
YEAR 10 STUDENTS**

**1PM – 4PM**

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**A PASSION FOR BASKETBALL**

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All abilities are encouraged to come and learn.



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