

# 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 2

Weekly Information Bulletin

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**Catholic Life Annual Theme:**  
**Termly Catholic Social Teaching:**  
**Termly SJW Values:**

**Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers**  
**Dignity**  
**Loving and Compassionate**

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

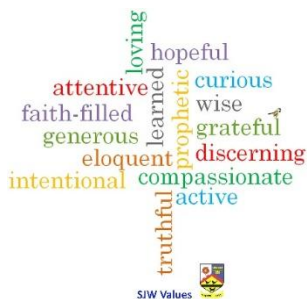
"We focused on **Dignity** and what it means to have **Dignity**. We all have **Dignity** because we are made in the image of God. We are all special and different with our own **unique** gift and talents. This year at St John Wall, we are focusing on the theme of **Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers**. We can do this by donating to charity and helping others when they are in need of help."

By Saffie Ndow 7BAI

### This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"We prayed for our school values of **love** and **compassion**. We can be **loving** and **compassionate** by showing respect to others. We also had a special prayer just for Year 7 as we begin our journey at St John Wall. I like Afternoon Prayer because it is a nice way to end the day. We also used to do this in primary school, but we used to pray the same prayer each day. It is nice to have a different prayer at the end of each day at St John Wall."

By Mickal Teklesenbet 7THO



### Important Dates to Note

- **Open Evening**  
Tuesday 23 September 2025 - 4.30pm – 6.00pm
- **Open Morning**  
Wednesday 24 September 2025 - 9.30am – 12.00pm
- **Open Morning**  
Thursday 25 September 2025 - 9.30am – 12.00pm
- **Year 10 Assessment Week**  
Monday 29 September 2025 – Friday 3 October 2025

### 'My Child at School' (MCAS)

If you have not already done so, please ensure that you have made an account so that you will be able to pay for your child's lunch/trips and also to view your child's academic performance, attendance, behaviour and class charts. You will also receive important information like the Weekly Bulletin/Monthly Newsletter.

Please follow the guidance on our website [Saint John Wall Catholic School - MCAS \(sjw.bham.sch.uk\)](https://www.sjw.bham.sch.uk). The guide is designed to give you a sense of how the website works, as well as some basic information about how to use the messaging service on the app. If you download either the Apple or the Android app, it is important that you **enable your notifications**.



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## Parking Outside School

We encourage pupils to walk, cycle, or take the bus to school whenever possible. It's a great way to promote independence and reduce traffic around the school. For those who cycle, we have secure bike parking available on site.

The **101 bus** conveniently stops right outside the school gates.

If you're dropping off or picking up your child by car, please take extra care around the school entrance.

To help keep everyone safe, we kindly ask that you:

- Park on a nearby side road and let your child walk to meet you, away from the busy entrance.
- Avoid parking on pavements or blocking driveways.
- Observe all road signs and school bollards.
- Be mindful of children crossing between parked cars and buses.

Thank you for helping us keep the school environment safe and welcoming for all our pupils.

**By Mr Holder**

## School Photographs – Coming Soon

In the near future, all pupils will have their photographs taken by a professional photography company during the school day.

Parents and carers will have the opportunity to purchase these photographs, full details of how to order and payment details will be shared with you in the coming weeks.

**By Mr Holder**



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## Sparx Maths

At Saint John Wall, students will be using **Sparx Maths** to complete their weekly maths homework. Sparx provides highly personalised homework tailored to each student's attainment level and working speed.

Students' homework will be set every **Wednesday** and will be due the following **Wednesday**.

We know you want to support your child's progress in maths, so we are sending this letter to explain how Sparx works and how you can help your child complete their homework each week.

### What is Sparx Maths Homework?

- Sparx provides personalised homework with questions that are challenging yet achievable, tailored to each student's learning needs.
- Most of each week's homework will focus on recently learnt topics that will appear in upcoming assessments, with some questions from previous topics to reinforce learning.
- Students access their homework via their online Sparx account, receiving immediate feedback on their answers.
- Although homework is completed online, it is primarily written work. Students should record their working in their workbooks. Sparx includes a "bookwork checks" system to help build this habit.
- Every question includes a support video that your child can use to get help independently.

### How can you help your child with their homework?

- Provide a quiet space for your child to focus each week.
- Encourage them to start early so they can ask their teacher for help before the deadline if needed.
- To help prevent gaps in your child's maths knowledge, homework is only marked as complete once all compulsory questions have been answered correctly.

- Check the weekly email you'll receive from Sparx and praise your child for starting or completing their homework. Encourage them to finish it before the deadline if they haven't already.
- Please encourage your child to attempt each question independently before offering help. This ensures Sparx can continue to provide questions at the right level. Remember, support videos are available for every question.

### What support is available at Saint John Wall?

- **Sparx Intervention Club** every Wednesday after school
- **School library** open every break, lunch, and after school
- **iPads** available in the Maths department during break and lunch
- **Help from their Maths teacher** after attempting questions independently

We hope you agree that Sparx will play an exciting and important role in growing your child's understanding, success, and confidence in maths.

If you have any questions, please contact **Mr. Mughal** at [gmughal@sjw.bham.sch.uk](mailto:gmughal@sjw.bham.sch.uk).

Kind regards

By Mr Mughal

## Pupils in Y7, Y8, Y9 & Y10

From this term onwards all pupils in Y7 to Y10 will be required to purchase their own CASIO Maths calculator...

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 for the NEXT FEW WEEKS)



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## Mornings & Evening



Take part in  
activities



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