

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 1

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 5 September 2025



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

Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers
Dignity
Loving and Compassionate

Welcome Back Prayer

Loving God,

As we return to school, we thank You for the gift of new beginnings.

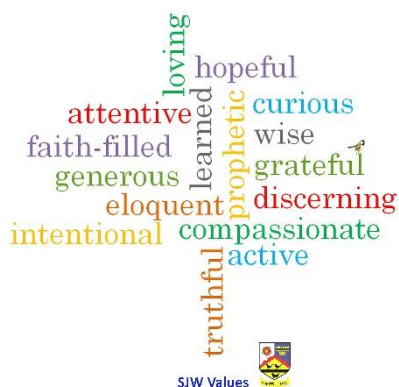
Bless our pupils, staff and families with joy, **curiosity** and courage.

Help us to **build bridges** of understanding and **compassion** and to break down barriers of fear and division.

May our school be a place of **peace** and our hearts be open to one another.

Guide us as we walk together, celebrating the **dignity** of every person and growing as one community, united in **love**.

Amen.



SJW Values

Welcome Back

We are delighted to welcome back our Year 8, 9, 10, and 11 pupils following the summer break. We hope you enjoyed a restful and refreshing holiday and are feeling prepared and inspired for the year ahead.

A very special welcome to our new Year 7 pupils joining Saint John Wall Catholic School. We wish you every success as you begin your secondary school journey, and we look forward to supporting you as you grow and thrive in our school community.

A reminder of times of the School Day

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| 8.20am - 8.50am You can arrive any time between 8.20am and 8.50am. | Site open for breakfast Pupil arrival, separate playgrounds, breakfast service. |
| 8.50am – 9.15am | Weekly or Daily Prayer/Tutor time |
| 9.15am - 10.30am | Lesson 1 |
| 10.30am – 10.50am | Break Separate playgrounds |
| 10.50am – 12.05pm | Lesson 2 |
| 12.05pm – 1.50pm | Lesson 3 (to include split lunches) |
| 12.05pm – 12.35pm - Year 7 & Year 8 1.20pm – 1.50pm - Year 9, Year 10 & Year 11 | Lunch Use separate playgrounds |
| 1.50pm – 3.10pm To include afternoon prayer at 3.05pm | Lesson 4 |



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Welcome to New Members of Staff

We would like to welcome the following members of staff to the SJW family.

Mr Bryant – Head of RE and PICCL (Person in charge of Catholic Life)

"I am looking forward to teaching the pupils and sharing my love of RE and Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. I am also looking forward to making friends with my colleagues and the wider community. I have read a lot about Handsworth which is inspiring, it is a very special place with a great historical heritage, and I think it has a very bright future. I hope that while I am teaching at SJW I will inspire the pupils, staff and wider community to a deeper devotion to God through prayer and worship. May we all grow in faith, hope and love and may God give us all the strength and love to do His will."

Ms Thomas – History and Geography Teacher

"I'm Ms Thomas and I teach History and Geography. I think both subjects are really important in helping pupils to understand the world around us. I've been teaching for a long time and really enjoy helping pupils to develop skills they can use both in and out of the classroom. I also love being a form tutor and am excited to be part of the Year 7 team. I'm really looking forward to getting to know all of my classes and being part of the SJW community."

Miss Kaur – MFL Teacher

"Hello everyone, I am Miss Kaur and I have recently joined Saint John Wall Catholic School as a Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages. I am really looking forward to getting to know the pupils and sharing my enthusiasm for learning languages with them. During my time at SJW, I hope to inspire pupils to feel confident in using Spanish, and to show them how languages can open doors to new opportunities and cultures."

We would also like to welcome Mr Jaral and Mr Patel who will be here supporting pupils as pupil coaches.

Welcome Mass

On Friday, pupils from Year 8 to Year 11 celebrated their return back to school with their Welcome Mass. We are very grateful to Bishop David Evans, for coming to celebrate our Mass with us. Bishop David Evans focused his homily on the Beatitudes and spoke to our pupils about the importance of **'Building Bridges and Breaking Barriers'** as they start this new school year.

During the Mass, pupils were able to understand the different important moments that were happening. The Liturgy of the Word and the Eucharist, as well as the Communion, were all explained to our pupils. This allowed all pupils to fully understand what was happening at each moment.

Bishop David Evans was very impressed with the reverence of all our pupils and spoke about the importance of taking moments of silence. Thank you to all pupils for their respect during this time.

A big thank you to all those pupils in Year 8-11 who read. Thank you also to Mrs Crooks, Mr Lloyd-Price, Ms Hewett, Miss Lally, Mr Holden, Mr Bryant and Mrs Henvey for their support during the Masses.

By Mr Lysaght



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Important Dates to Note for the Academic Year 2025 - 2026

Teacher Training Days

The school is closed on the following days for Teacher Training:

Monday 5 January 2026
Tuesday 6 January 2026
Monday 20 July 2026

Open Evening and Open Mornings for new prospective Year 6 pupils

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| Tuesday 23 September 2025 | Open Evening | 4.30pm – 6.00pm |
| Wednesday 24 September 2025 | Open Morning | 9.30am – 12.00pm |
| Thursday 25 September 2025 | Open Morning | 9.30am – 12.00pm |

Parents' Evenings/Parents' Afternoon

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| Year 11 Parents' Evening | Thursday 4 December 2025 | 4.00pm – 6.00pm |
| Year 9 Parents' Afternoon | Thursday 8 January 2026 | 1.30pm – 4.00pm |
| Year 7 Parents' Afternoon | Wednesday 14 January 2026 | 1.30pm – 4.00pm |
| Year 10 Parents' Evening | Wednesday 11 February 2026 | 4.00pm – 6.00pm |
| Year 8 Parents' Afternoon | Wednesday 18 March 2026 | 2.30pm – 4.00pm |
| Year 11 Parents' Evening | Wednesday 25 March 2026 | 4.00pm – 6.00pm |

Assessments/Exams

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| Year 10 Assessment Week | Monday 29 September 2025 – Friday 3 October 2025 |
| Year 11 Mock 1 Exams | Monday 3 November 2025 – Wednesday 12 November 2025 |
| Year 7 & Year 9 Assessment Week | Monday 1 December 2025 – Friday 5 December 2025 |
| Year 8 & Year 10 Assessment Week | Monday 19 January 2026 – Friday 23 January 2026 |
| Year 11 Mock 2 Exams | Monday 23 February 2026 – Friday 6 March 2026 |
| Year 7 & Year 10 Assessment Week | Monday 15 June 2026 – Friday 26 June 2026 |

GCSE/AS/Cambridge Nationals External Exams start from Friday 8 May 2026



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Attendance

Every school day counts! When your child attends school **regularly and on time**, they build strong learning habits, stay connected with their classmates, and make the most of every opportunity to grow and succeed. Let's work together to give them the best start every day!



Uniform and Equipment

The Saint John Wall Catholic School uniform shows that pupils are part of an organisation. Wearing it says, "we're all in this together" and part of team Saint John Wall. Also, if you wear your uniform with pride, it means you are halfway there to being respectful; buying into what our school is all about. Uniform also gives pupils a sense of belonging and create an identity for the school in the community. On that note, please note that "Hooded Jumpers", Caps, Trainers and boots are not part of the Saint John Wall uniform policy.

Please note, all pupils must wear the winter uniform of school shirt, tie and blazer.

Our uniform policy can be viewed on our website:

[Click here](#)

A reminder that all pupils should be bringing to school the following equipment every day:

- 2x black pens
- 1 pencil
- 1 rubber
- 1 purple pen
- 1 ruler
- 1 highlighter
- Clear pencil case
- School bag

Remember equipment is available from the equipment shop between 8.30am – 8.50am each day at the Head of Year offices.



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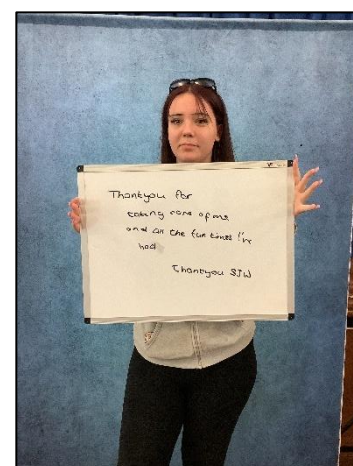
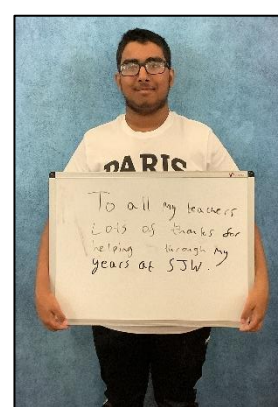
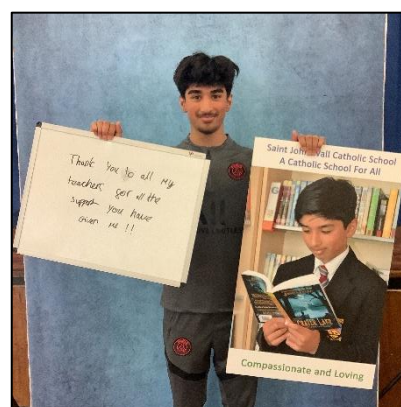
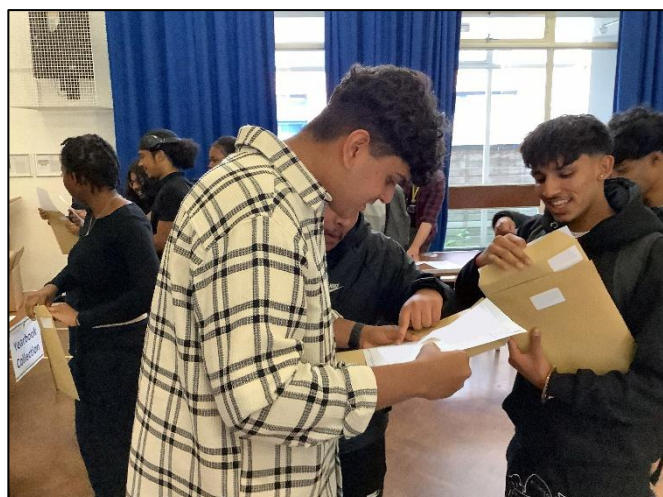
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Results Day 2025

It was a pleasure to welcome our Year 11 pupils back to school in August as they collected their examination results. Their dedication and hard work in the lead-up to the exams truly paid off. The atmosphere was filled with nervous anticipation, which quickly gave way to joy and celebration as pupils opened their envelopes.

The Leavers of 2025 have upheld the school's tradition of excellence, achieving an outstanding set of external results. We look forward to sharing a full update once these results have been officially validated.

We also remain proud of our Leavers 2025 cohort and will continue to stay in touch, celebrating their ongoing achievements as they embark on their next chapters.





OPEN

Mornings & Evening



Take part in activities



Scan the QR Code to register or visit
www.sjw.bham.sch.uk

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

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Thursday 25 September 2025

9.30am - 12.00pm

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Rising to the challenge

Erdington

A 6 week programme for parents and carers of autistic children

The course will help attendees gain a more in depth knowledge of autism and how it impacts the person that you care for.

We will be looking at autism as a spectrum, communication, anxiety, sensory differences and much more.

Dates and times to be confirmed

Our Autism Specialist Advisers will deliver the training and support attendees to identify strategies to help support the autistic young person they are caring for.



**To attend: Must live in Birmingham. Course is for parents/Carers
Full address to be released when we have everyone registered**



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**Mondays: 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
September & 6th, 13th
October.**

**Sessions start at
10am & finish 12pm**

Northfield High Street – Full address to be confirmed closer to the time



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