

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 17

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 16 January 2026



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

Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers
Solidarity
Attentive and Discerning

This week in Celebration of the Word...

"We focused on our new Catholic Social Teaching of **Solidarity**. We listened to a piece of scripture that reminded us that we are all part of one family. Just as bodies are made up of many parts, the Church is also made up of many individuals who all have gifts and talents. We can show **solidarity** by **loving** everyone and showing **compassion**.

When our world suffers, we suffer too, so it is important to show kindness, **compassion** and **solidarity** to all members of our global family."

By Dilpreet Singh 7ANT

This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"We prayed for Pope Leo's Intention. Pope Leo asked us to reflect on 'Prayer with the Word of God'. We can do this by thinking about our actions and the words we use. This can help us to build a **caring** community. We also prayed for our Catholic Social Teaching focus of **Solidarity** and our school values of being **Attentive and Discerning**. We thought about how we can help those who may be feeling left out and thought about what we can do to ensure we are treating each other correctly.

By Malvin Christ Yomi Ewi 7ANT

Class Mass

"This week we went to Mass as a class. It was very quiet and peaceful and I felt very welcomed. I felt that Jesus was present when Fr George was speaking, and I felt renewed during Holy Communion."

By Nadia Adams 9HEA

Important Dates to Note

- **Year 8 and Year 10 Assessment Week**
Monday 19 January 2026 to Friday 23 January 2026
- **The University of Birmingham Trip – 10 Year 8 Pupils**
Monday 26 January 2026 – 9.45am to 4.15pm approx.
- **Alton Castle Residential – 20 Key Stage 3 Pupils**
Monday 9 February 2026 to Wednesday 11 February 2026
Leaving at 2pm – Arriving back at 4pm approx.

Year 10 & Year 8 Assessment Week

Next week marks an important milestone for our Year 8 and Year 10 pupils, **Assessment Week begins on Monday**. This is a valuable opportunity for pupils to show what they've learned so far, demonstrate their skills, and highlight their progress. These assessments help teachers understand each child's learning journey and identify areas where extra support may be needed, ensuring they stay on track for future success.

To help your child make the most of this week, please ensure they: **Arrive on time** for every assessment, **Bring the correct equipment** (pens, pencils, calculator, etc.), **Come prepared and focused**.

Being organised and ready not only shows a positive attitude towards learning but also sets the foundation for achieving their best possible outcomes.

By Mr Mull



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Solidarity

The Catholic Social Teaching theme for this half term is **Solidarity**, which helped to shape the theme for the Celebration of the Word led by both Miss Marston and myself. We discussed how, although everyone is unique and has their own talents, we are all part of one community, united with a shared purpose.

This week also provided our first opportunity to welcome Year 7 parents and carers to their first Parents' Afternoon. It was a really positive evening and a valuable opportunity to recognise the pleasing start the Class of 2030 has made to their journey at Saint John Wall.

We kindly ask for the solidarity of parents and carers in supporting the school uniform policy. This is a crucial policy, as it creates a shared identity, a sense of belonging, and a unified standard across our school community. Before purchasing any items that are not school-branded (for example, school shoes or trousers), please consult the Saint John Wall Uniform Policy. This can be accessed via the link below.

[Uniform Policy – click here](#)

One specific area that will be a focus in the coming week is school trousers. Please note that trousers must be of a standard fit; flared trousers and leggings are not permitted.

As always, thank you in advance for your support.

By Mr Holder

Aston Villa Trip

Our Year 9 pupils had an exciting and enriching visit to the Aston Villa training ground, where they took part in an engaging Kin-Ball session that promoted teamwork, communication, and inclusive participation. Pupils then enjoyed a guided tour of the stadium, gaining a behind-the-scenes insight into a professional sporting environment. The visit was a fantastic opportunity to link physical activity with real-world sporting pathways and inspired pupils through exposure to elite facilities and professional standards.

By Mr Ahmed

Visit to St Mary's Coffee Club

Pupils organised a darts competition today for coffee club guests. They completed the scoring very skilfully despite being under some pressure and bravely organised the guests at the same time. They enjoyed some well-earned biscuits and a drink at the end as a thank you for their efforts. They were brilliant!

By Mrs Clayton



Basketball

Hamstead Hall 46 - 32 SJW

Well done to the boys who played well against Hamstead Hall.

The game was almost a tied game into the half with both teams trading baskets. One of their players stood out and scored enough 3s to put them almost 20 points up.

SJW did well to come back and are already looking forward to their next match.

Well done to the team:

Ethan Mthinsi 10ESM	Hero Dania 10ESM
Natnael Desta 10ESM	Nathanael Byfield 10ESM
Ananiya Ayele 9PAD	Abel Keneni 9BRS
Injacio Mjeda 9PAD	Peter Masih 10ESM
Gabriel Mendoza 10BRO	Mernell Ried 10ILY
Ernesto Breton Johnson 10CAL	

By Mr Adedeji



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Year 10 Assessment Week

Monday 19 January 2026 to Wednesday 28 January 2026

Period	Monday 19 Jan	Tuesday 20 Jan	Wednesday 21 Jan	Thursday 22 Jan	Friday 23 Jan	Monday 26 Jan	Tuesday 27 Jan	Wednesday 28 Jan	
1 9:15 Start	English Literature	GCSE Business	Engineering	Geography	Science Combined	Spanish Writing F= 1h 10m H= 1h 15m	Music AM - P1/2	Drama ALL Day	Art All Day
	1 hour	1h 15m	1h 15m	1h 15m	1 hour				
			Hosp & Catering 1h 15m		Calculators				
Break									
2 and 3 10:50 Start *12.05 start	Maths		History	IT	GCSE Statistics	GCSE Drama			
	1h 15m Non-Calculator		1h 20m	1h 30m	1h 30m	1h 45m			
				Health and SC	Sport				
			1h 15m	1h 15m					
Lunch									
4 13:50 Start	Spanish Reading F= 45m H= 1h	RE							
		1 hour							



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Year 8 Assessment Week

Monday 19 January 2026 to Friday 23 January 2026

Period	Monday 19 January	Tuesday 20 January	Wednesday 21 January	Thursday 22 January	Friday 23 January
1 9:15 Start	8XJ History Room 32	8YJ MFL Room 23	8YS Computing Room 003		
	8XW Computing Room 003	8YW Geography Room 24			
	8XS Computing Room 002				
Break					
2 10:50 Start		Year 8 Science GYM	8YS History Room 21	8XW Geography Room 24	8XJ MFL Room 23
				8YW MFL Room 23	
Lunch					
3 12.35 Start	8XS Geography Room 24		8XS History Room 32	8YS MFL Room 23	8YJ History Room 32
	8YW Computing Room 003		8YJ Geography Room 24		8YW History Room 004
	8XW History Room 21				8YS Geography Room 24
4 13:50 Start	8XJ Computing Room 003	8XJ Geography Room 24	Year 8 Maths GYM	Year 8 English GYM	Year 8 RE GYM
	8XW MFL Room 22	8XS MFL Room 23			
		8YJ Computing Room 003			



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