

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 5

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 3 October 2025



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 Little Way Week. St Thérèse helped us to understand the importance of little actions. We listened to a piece of scripture that reminded us that the small things in life are important. In school, we can do small actions like opening the door for someone or by talking to someone if they are lonely. I like Celebration of the Word because we can learn about new topics that are important."

By Yoh Kone 7ANT

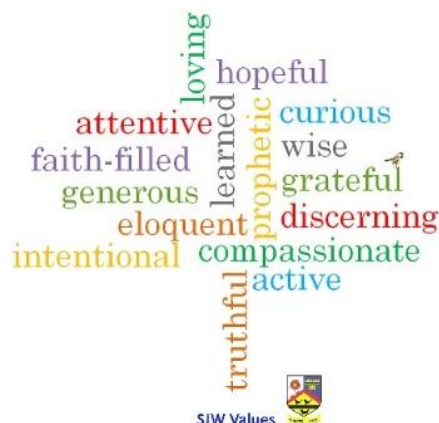
This week in Afternoon Prayer...

*"We focused on St Vincent de Paul. He was a man that lived a life of **love** and **compassion**. During this prayer, we reflected on how we can **loving and compassionate** in our own lives. We also prayed for Pope Leo's Intention, in which we prayed that people of all faiths come together in **hope** and respect. I like Afternoon Prayer because it is a good time for the whole school to come together and be **peaceful**."*

By Tankirat Syan 7ANT

Important Dates to Note

- **Awards Evening – Year 8 and Year 9 (Invite only)**
Wednesday 22 October 2025 (5pm to 6pm)
- **Awards Evening – Year 10 and Year 11 (Invite only)**
Thursday 23 October 2025 (5pm to 6pm)
- **Cultural Heritage Day**
Friday 24 October 2025
- **Half Term**
Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025
- **Year 11 Mock 1 Examinations**
Monday 3 November 2025 – Wednesday 12 November 2025



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Keeping You Informed with ClassCharts

At Saint John Wall, we believe it's important to keep everyone informed about how our pupils are doing, particularly when it comes to behaviour and achievements.

To support this, we use **ClassCharts**, a simple and effective app that allows both parents and pupils to track behaviour points. Positive points can be earned for great effort, attitude, and achievements, while negative points highlight areas for improvement.

- **For Pupils:** Please download the *ClassCharts Student App*. Positive points can be saved and exchanged for prizes, so it's a great way to celebrate your hard work.

You will receive your login details and code via your school email address by Monday.

- **For Parents/Carers:** Please download the *ClassCharts Parent App*. You will receive a unique login code by email (please keep this private). We encourage you to log in regularly to celebrate successes with your child and support them in reflecting on areas where they can improve. The app can also be used to set goals and challenges together.

To make things even easier, over the next half term we will be creating a set of simple "How To" guides to help parents get the most out of ClassCharts.

In addition, we are trialling a new system where parents will receive a weekly text if their child is among the **top 10 pupils for positive points** or the **top 10 for negative points** in their year group. If you receive one of these messages, please take the opportunity to discuss with your child what has gone well and what can be improved.

Together, we can celebrate success and support every pupil in making positive choices.

By Mr Holder

Visit to St Mary's Coffee Club

Pupils have played darts today and worked hard to keep the score cards. Sadly, we had no winners but pupils really enjoyed helping guests with mobility and getting to know people.

By Mrs Clayton



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Message from Head of Year 11

Welcome Back, Year 11

We are delighted to welcome our Year 11 students back for their final year at school. The year group has already made an excellent start, achieving the highest number of positives in the whole school so far this year. This reflects the commitment, focus, and determination that we are confident will carry them through the challenges ahead. It is the year to focus, to persevere, and to truly #RiseUp to the opportunities before them.

Early Preparation is Key

We would like to emphasise the importance of beginning examination preparation as early as possible. Students have now been issued their Examination Homework Booklets, which are an essential tool to support structured revision. By keeping on top of these tasks and revisiting knowledge regularly, students will be able to approach their final examinations with confidence and clarity. This does not just mean only revise when you have homework but little and often is key! Doing 30 minutes each night of different subjects will make all the difference in the run up to external exams.

Post-16 Pathways

Year 11 is also the time for students to make informed decisions about their Post-16 options. We strongly encourage students to research the opportunities available to them and to attend upcoming **Open Days** at sixth forms, colleges, and training providers. Details of many of these events can be found on the Birmingham Careers Service website: www.birminghamcareersservice.co.uk/open-days.

Exploring these options thoroughly will ensure that every student is prepared to take the next step in their journey. Remember to book these (where possible) outside of school hours- including revision. Please forward any open day information to Miss Reynolds if it falls within school time.

#RiseUp

This year will undoubtedly be demanding, but with determination and commitment, it will also be immensely rewarding. As Andra Day's song reminds us: *"All we need is hope, and for that we have each other... and we will rise up."* This song was chosen by the prefects during the first week back and offers motivation to pupils (and staff) to keep going and #RiseUp to achieve their best.

Let us make this year one where our students #RiseUp, meet their challenges with resilience, and achieve their very best.

Key Dates for Year 11

- **Mock Examinations 1:** Monday 3rd November – Wednesday 12th November 2025
- **Parents' Evening 1:** Thursday 4th December 2025
- **Mock Examinations 2:** Monday 23rd February – Friday 6th March 2026
- **Parents' Evening 2:** Wednesday 25th March 2026
- **External Examinations Begin:** Friday 5th May 2026

By Miss Reynolds



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Thank you all so much for collecting food for the Stourbridge foodbank. We will use all your donations to make emergency food parcels for families and individuals in crisis.

You have donated **34kg of food**, which will provide 68 meals, as well as **1kg of toiletries**. We are very thankful that you have chosen to support us so generously.

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