

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 34

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 12 June 2026



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 pupil leadership. Pupil leadership is all about having strength and purpose, noticing those who need help and showing kindness. Next year, pupils in Year 7 to Year 9 can be a Liturgy Leader. These pupils can be **loving and compassionate** by doing things such as charity work and school events. Those in Year 10 will have the opportunity to be a Mental Health Champion, working on whole school events and audits. These are great opportunities to help our community to grow."

By Amrit Bhopal 8RES

This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"We prayed for World **Caring** Day. This is a day where we can show **love** and **care** by showing simple actions such as smiling. By doing this, we help our community to grow. We also prayed our school prayer, asking that we grow in learning and confidence. This month, Pope Leo's intention is all about the importance of sport. At the end of our own clothes day, we reflected on the importance of respect and fairness and celebrating our community coming together."

By Hussain Imran 8RES

Class Mass

"This week we went to Mass as a class. It was a quiet and a calming atmosphere, the only thing we could hear was Fr George speaking. Even though I am not Catholic, I was welcomed up for a blessing. After Mass, we spoke about difference parts of the Mass, including the significance of the Altar being up high."

By Hussain Imran 8RES

Important Dates to Note

- **Year 7 and Year 10 Assessment Week**
Monday 15 June 2026 to Friday 26 June 2026
- **Year 11 Leavers' Mass – 2pm**
(All other year groups will finish school at 1.15pm)
Tuesday 16 June 2026
- **Year 10 CNAT Sport Studies - Outdoor Adventure Activity – 19 Pupils**
Tuesday 16 June 2026 – 8.50am to 12.05pm
- **Year 8 School Games Athletics Competition – 15 Pupils**
Wednesday 17 June 2026 – 12.15pm to 4.45pm
- **Year 6 Induction Day**
Wednesday 1 July 2026



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Goodbye to Members of Staff

We would like to wish Mrs Towie and Miss Raybe all the best for the future as they leave Saint John Wall for pastures new.

“As I prepare to leave Saint John Wall after almost ten wonderful years, I find myself reflecting on how fortunate I have been to be part of such a special school community. Since joining in September 2016, I have worked alongside colleagues and pupils who embody the school’s incredible values every single day.

I leave with so many wonderful memories: an art room filled with creativity, a food room full of incredible aromas, school productions, talent shows, afternoon teas, educational trips and countless other adventures that have made every year unique.

I would like to thank all the staff and pupils who have made my time at Saint John Wall such a rewarding and memorable experience. It has been a privilege to be part of this community, and I will always look back on my years here with great fondness. I wish everyone at Saint John Wall every success and happiness for the future.”

By Mrs Towie

“I just wanted to say a big thank you as I come to the end of my time in my role as a Pupil Coach. It has been a real pleasure working with you all and supporting such fantastic pupils. I’ll really miss the fun times we’ve shared – from trips out and sports days to the everyday moments in the classroom. Those experiences, big and small, have made this role so special and memorable.

I’m truly grateful for all the support, guidance and experiences I’ve gained here – they’ve made a huge difference.

Wishing you all the very best for the future.”

By Miss Raybe

Visit to St Mary’s Coffee Club

We had a visit from a new Tai Chi instructor today which guests enjoyed very much. Pupils were rewarded with cake as a thankyou for their efforts helping put chairs away and chatting with visitors.

By Mrs Clayton



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Revision - Exam Breakfast and After School

During the examination period, Year 11s will be provided with exam breakfast and after school revision support in subjects from 8am each day and after school. We will be providing breakfast to pupils, please see the table below for the subjects taking place each day next week.

	15th June 2026	16th June 2026
	Exams	Exams
Exam Breakfast 8am Onwards	<p>Science Room 15: CAL Room 16: ILY Room 17: FOR Room 18: KIY Room 19: RAH Room 110: HEW</p>	<p>Spanish Room 23: KAA</p> <p>Extended Maths Room 13: JAS</p>
After School		

GCSE Examination Timetable

Date	Start Time	Length	Level	Exam	Board	No. of Cands.
15/06/2026	09:15	1 hour 10 mins	GCSE	Combined Science Option F - Paper Six physics(f)	Edexcel GCSE	64
15/06/2026	09:15	1 hour 10 mins	GCSE	Combined Science Option H - Paper Six physics(h)	Edexcel GCSE	43
15/06/2026	09:15	1 hour 45 mins	GCSE	Physics Option H - Paper Two(h)	Edexcel GCSE	12
16/06/2026	09:15	1 hour 10 mins	GCSE	Spanish Tier F - Spanish Writing Test Tier F	AQA	11
16/06/2026	09:15	1 hour 15 mins	GCSE	Spanish Tier H - Spanish Writing Test Tier H	AQA	12
16/06/2026	09:15	1 hour 15 mins	L2EC	L2 Extended Mathematics - Calculator Paper	Edexcel GVQ	3
16/06/2026	10:45	1 hour 15 mins	L2EC	L2 Extended Mathematics - Calculator Paper	Edexcel GVQ	2



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Year 10 Assessment Week

Year 10 assessment week starts on Wednesday 17 June. Some pupils have received a letter to outline access arrangements during the assessment week. Access arrangements are designed to ensure that examinations fairly reflect a student's knowledge and skills by removing barriers caused by identified learning, physical, medical, or emotional needs. These arrangements do not give an advantage but allow students to demonstrate their abilities on an equal footing with their peers.

By Miss Lally

Access Arrangement	Access Arrangement
Bilingual Dictionary	Your child may use an approved bilingual translation dictionary during certain exams if English is not their first language and they meet JCQ criteria. The dictionary can translate words between languages but cannot contain definitions, explanations or subject-specific notes.
Supervised Rest Breaks	Your child can take planned breaks during an exam when needed. The exam clock is stopped during the break, so they do not lose working time. This can help students who experience fatigue, anxiety, concentration difficulties, ADHD, autism, medical conditions, or other needs that make sustained focus difficult. During the break, they cannot continue working on the exam.
25% Extra Time	Your child receives an additional 25% of the normal exam time. For example, in a 2-hour exam they would receive an extra 30 minutes. This supports students who process information more slowly, have difficulties with reading, writing, concentration, or other identified needs.
Scribe	Your child receives a scribe. The scribe writes down exactly what the student says and cannot change, improve or suggest answers. This arrangement is typically used when a student's writing ability significantly affects their ability to record answers.
Laptop	Your child is allowed to type their answers instead of handwriting them. This can help students whose handwriting is difficult to read, who write slowly, experience pain when writing, or find typing a more effective way to record their work. Spellcheck and grammar tools are usually disabled unless separately approved.
Prompt	A trained member of staff provides occasional prompts to help your child maintain focus and engagement with the exam. They cannot explain questions, read questions, or give any help with content. Their role is simply to support concentration.



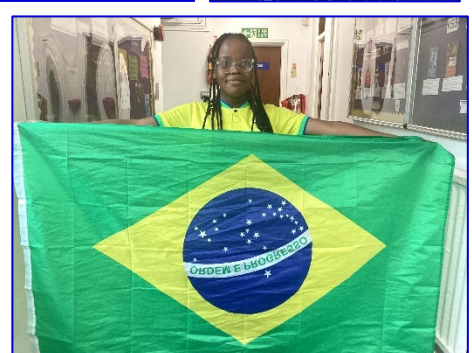
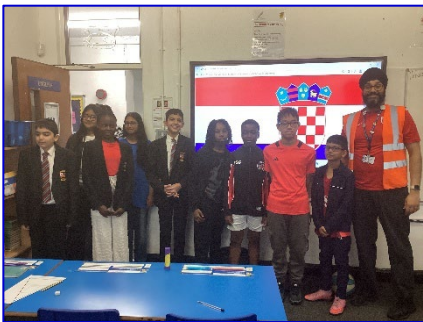
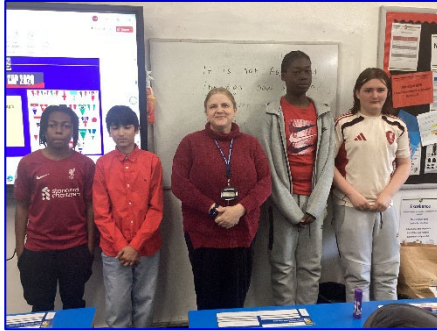


Non-Uniform Day – World Cup

This week pupils and staff took part in a non-uniform day to celebrate the upcoming FIFA World Cup 2026. Each form group was assigned a different country, and pupils were wearing an item representing either their nation's flag or football kit. Corridors were transformed into a sea of colour, pupils were creative and were showing the colours with pride.

To take part, pupils were asked to bring a small 50p donation, with all proceeds going towards Sport for Life and supporting the school's football kit fund. Thanks to the generosity of pupils and families, the day proved to be both enjoyable and impactful. The funds raised will help provide better opportunities and equipment for pupils to stay active and engaged in sport. It was a fantastic day!!! We raised **£174.45**.

By Ms Hewett





University of Birmingham - Arts and Humanities Big Quiz

On Monday, a group of our Year 9 pupils had the exciting opportunity to attend the Arts and Humanities Big Quiz at the University of Birmingham. This enriching event brought together pupils from a range of schools to celebrate knowledge and curiosity across key humanities subjects in a competitive yet highly enjoyable setting.

The quiz was thoughtfully organised into four challenging and engaging rounds: English Literature, Modern Foreign Languages, History, and a special mixed round, which tested pupils' broader general knowledge and ability to make connections across disciplines. Each round required not only subject knowledge, but also teamwork, communication, and quick thinking under pressure.

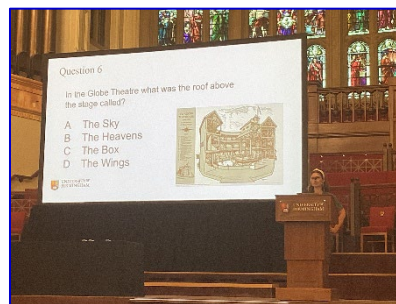
Throughout the day, our pupils represented the school exceptionally well. They demonstrated impressive subject knowledge, enthusiasm, and resilience as they worked collaboratively to tackle a wide range of questions. It was particularly pleasing to see pupils applying what they have learned in the classroom to a new and stimulating environment.

We are especially proud to celebrate that one of our teams achieved Word Search Excellence, earning a special award in recognition of their accuracy and determination. This was a fantastic achievement and a testament to their focus and teamwork.

Beyond the competition itself, the experience provided pupils with valuable exposure to university life. Visiting the University of Birmingham inspired many of our pupils, helping them to envisage their own future pathways in education. Events like this play an important role in raising aspirations and encouraging pupils to aim high.

Most importantly, pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They spoke enthusiastically about the event afterwards, highlighting how much they had learned and how much they appreciated the opportunity to take part. The day not only reinforced their knowledge across the arts and humanities but also fostered a deeper interest in these subjects.

By Mr Hussain - HAPS Ambassador



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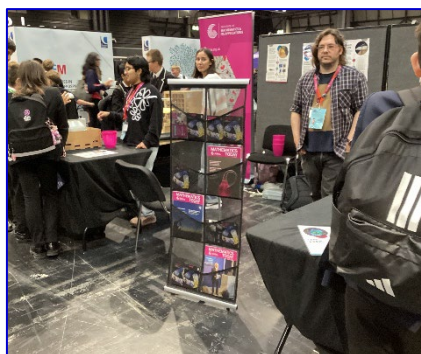
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Big Bang Fair – NEC

On Wednesday, pupils from Year 8 attended an inspiring trip to the Big Bang Fair at the NEC in Birmingham, where they were immersed in a dynamic world of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The event brought learning to life through a wide range of hands-on exhibits and simulations, allowing pupils to step into the roles of engineers, scientists, and innovators. The visit was an opportunity to engage with industry professionals and gain insight into future pathways within STEM fields. Through interactive simulations such as medical diagnostics, robotics programming, and environmental problem-solving tasks, students developed both their practical skills and confidence. The trip broadened their understanding of the possibilities within STEM careers.

By Ms Hewett



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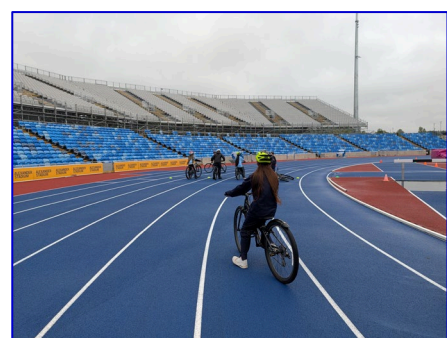
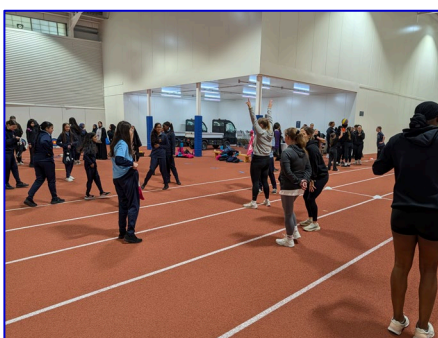
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Annual Girls of Brum Event Alexander Stadium

On Thursday, 10 Year 7 girls went to the Alexander Stadium for the Annual Girls of Brum event. The event was opened by Athena from the Gladiators as an inspiring female in sport. The event involved a morning of wellbeing activities ranging from friendship bracelets, dancing, challenges and a variety of sports. The girls opted for badminton, as well as tennis and football in the rain, truly embracing the spirit of the event of trying something new and having fun. Their energy and desire to have a go despite the weather was commented on by many people there, and we proud of the resilience they showed. In the afternoon we got the chance to participate in four different sporting activities. We started with netball lead by the Birmingham Panthers. We then participated in cycling, boxing and then rugby, which involved a lot of slipping and sliding. Erdington Rugby Club offer free sessions for all under 18s, and there are free football sessions locally for girls. If you would like any more information about these opportunities, please see Mrs Padmore at the PE office. We had a fantastic day trying out lots of new activities, even the weather could not stop everyone having fun.

By Mrs Padmore



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Year 7 and Year 10 Assessment Week

Period	Monday 15 June	Tuesday 16 June	Wednesday 17 June	Thursday 18 June	Friday 19 June
1 9:00 Start	Science GCSE YEAR 11	Spanish GCSE YEAR 11	Geography 1h 30m	Year 7 RE 1 hour	History 1h 30m
Break					
2 and 3 10:50 Start *12.05 start			Maths 1h 30m Non-Calculator	Science Combined Chemistry 1h 10m Calculators	Business 1h 45m
				Single Science Chemistry 1h 45m	
Lunch					
4 13:50 Start			Science Combined Biology 1h 10m Calculators	Year 7 Science 1 hour	Engineering 1h 15m
					Health and SC 1h 15m



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	GCSE Drama All Day	Music ALL Day
English Language 1h 45m	Science Combined Physics 1h 10m Calculators	Computer Science 1h 30m IT		
	Single Science Physics 1h 45m	1h 30m Sport 1h 15m		
Year 7 English 1 hour	Year 7 Maths 1 hour			



Youth Space meet every last Tuesday of the month.

Meeting dates:

20 January	28 July
24 February	25 August
31 March	29 September
28 April	27 October
26 May	24 November
30 June	22 December

Time: Doors open at 5.30pm, meeting starts 6.15pm through to 8pm

Food and drinks provided from 5.45p.m.

For queries about Youth Space and booking (essential), please call 0121 507 2671 or email the team at swbh.engagement@nhs.net.

Interested? Join us on the last Tuesday of the month at Education Centre, Sandwell Health Campus, Hallam Street, West Bromwich B71 4HJ.

Join Youth Space If you would like to join Youth Space scan the QR code.

Monthly meetings A registration link is sent out to members for each meeting.



BSL Interpreter available on the evening



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- Are you aged 13–21?
- Interested in health?
- Want to know more about our hospitals and community services?

Benefits:

- Improving health services.
- Opportunities for volunteering and work experience.
- Helps with CVs, UCAS applicants etc.
- Fun quarterly thank you sessions like, go karting, ice skating, bowling, adventure activities.

What is it?

- The purpose of our forum is to give young people a voice, to work with us and tell us about the good stuff and help us make the others things better.
- It's an opportunity to help shape future services.
- A great way to meet other young people interested in health.

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