

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 6

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 10 October 2025



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

Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers
Dignity
Loving and Compassionate

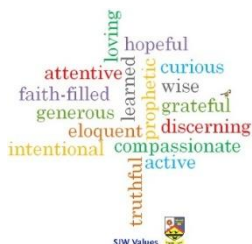
This week in Celebration of the Word...

*"We focused on Black History Month. We listened to a piece of scripture about a small seed and how even the smallest faith in something can make a big difference. In history, there have been examples of individuals who have used their courage, creativity and strength to make big changes. The theme of Black History Month this year is 'Standing Firm In Power and Pride' – we can all stand together and help each other to live in a **peaceful** society. It is important to celebrate Black History Month because we can remember those individuals who have fought for equality and **dignity**."*

This week in Afternoon Prayer...

*"We prayed for World Teacher Day. It is important that we thank teachers and support staff for helping us and for our education. In our prayer, we showed appreciation for all their hard work. We also prayed for Black History Month and took time to watch, listen and reflect – learning about the different themes that help us to understand the stories of Black History Month. We prayed for Dyslexia Awareness Week, recognising that some people may learn differently but can still succeed. We pray that our school is place where everyone feels **loved** and welcome."*

By 7X Lifestyle



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

Revision and After School Clubs

Please note that there will be no Year 11 revision sessions or after-school clubs on Tuesday 14 October due to staff meetings.

By Mr Rathbone



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Let's Move Festival

Eight pupils attended the School Games 'Let's Move Festival' yesterday at Nechells Well-Being Centre 😊

The festival was run by BMET Sport Leaders and involved 6 exercise stations to help encourage movement and enjoyment through physical activity.

It was wonderful to see the pupils getting involved and giving 100% effort!

An ex SJW Pupil was also part of the sports leaders - **Shannoi Campbell**, she did a fantastic job supporting our pupils!

By Mrs Ratcliffe

"When I first walked in, I was a bit nervous, but I really enjoyed it. I really enjoyed archery because I was able to practise my aim, and the leaders cheered me on. I now feel more confident with activities." - **Izaiah**

"My favourite sport was basketball because when I tried, I failed a few times, but the leaders kept believing in me, so I felt really motivated." - **Vanessa**

"I enjoyed archery because it was fun and I enjoyed trying to hit the target. I now feel more confident and braver if I was asked to do it again." - **Alice**



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Community Languages Lessons

Punjabi GCSE with Mrs Uppal- Mondays in Room 23

French GCSE - Fridays in Room 23

Punjabi GCSE with Miss Kaur - Fridays Room 22

Spanish GCSE - Fridays in Room 22

Polish GCSE Higher - Mondays Room 21

Polish GCSE Foundation - Fridays in Room 24

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guten tag

bonjour





Community Languages Lessons

**In summer 2025
4 students
achieved
grade 9**

Saint John Wall school encourages pupils with who are able to speak another language other than English to take a GCSE in that language.
This is often completed earlier in Year 9 or 10 to gain the qualification before Year 11 examinations. EAL pupils can attain very good grades at GCSE.

Another benefit of taking a GCSE in your community language is it means you are eligible to fulfil the Ebacc. The Ebacc is a combination of GCSE subjects, including a language, that offer an important range of knowledge and skills to young people. By completing the Ebacc pupils have access to a full range of employment options when they leave secondary school. If pupils are thinking of going to university, the Ebacc is also recommended by Britain's most prestigious universities.

We can offer lessons in French, Italian, Spanish, Punjabi, Polish, Urdu, Bengali, Arabic, Persian.

LESSONS FEATURES:

- ✓ Experienced tutors
- ✓ 1 hour per week
- ✓ excellent pass rates

'Completing a GCSE in my home language was a great opportunity. It opens many doors for the future. Who wouldn't want an extra GCSE?'

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Parent Coffee Morning

**Friday 17 October 2025
11.00am
at Saint John Wall Catholic School**

Join us for an Information opportunity for parents of children with additional needs specifically, language communication concerns, autism and access to the curriculum for dyslexia/learning.

What We'll Cover:

- Meet supporting agencies: Language, Learning, Strategic School Support and Communication, Autism Team
- Identifying language needs in young people
- How to support children with communication difficulties
- Understanding the difference between social communication/interaction needs and Developmental Language Disorder (DLD)

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing practical strategies to support your child's development.



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16-30 AND NOT IN EDUCATION OR EMPLOYMENT?

Join Street League's **FREE** employability programme starting the **13th October** at **Xcelerate, Edgbaston Cricket Ground**



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