

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 36

Weekly Information Bulletin

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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 Sports Day and found out more about it during our form time. Sports Day is all about having fun and promoting teamwork. It is also an opportunity for us to be **curious and active** as we need to think about what sport we would like to do. I like Celebration of the Word as it is a nice time to reflect with your friends in your year group."

By Nadia Winczura 7WIO

This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"We focused on Windrush Day. As part of this prayer, we thought about the importance of **loving** our neighbour and treating everyone with **dignity** and **love**. We also prayed for **The Common Good**. This is our Catholic Social Teaching focus for this term. **The Common Good** is all about creating a world where everyone has a chance to thrive. We can promote this by being kind to everyone. I like Afternoon Prayer as it gives us the opportunity to reflect on topics we might not know much about."

By Mickal Teklesenbet 7THO

Class Mass

"Today we went to Mass as a class. It was amazing and I enjoyed it very much. I am familiar with going to Mass as this is the second time our class has been. At the end of Mass, we talked about some important aspects of Mass including hymns and the Tabernacle."

By Saara Islam 8RES

Important Dates to Note

- **Year 6 Induction Day**
Wednesday 1 July 2026
- **Year 10 - Central St Michaels Sixth Form**
Wednesday 1 July 2026 – 10.00am to 3.30pm
- **Year 10 - Sandwell College**
Wednesday 1 July 2026 – 9.00am to 2.30pm
- **Year 10 - Midland Metropolitan University Hospital**
Wednesday 1 July 2026 – 9.10am to 2.30pm
- **Year 8 - The University of Oxford – 10 Pupils**
Friday 3 July 2026 – 8.00am to 5.10pm

Summer Weather

We would like to take this opportunity to remind pupils of the importance of staying well hydrated during the school day, particularly as we continue to experience very warm weather. Pupils can refill their reusable water bottles before 8.50am, as well as during break and lunchtime.

For those who need one, reusable water bottles are available to purchase in the canteen for 50p or alternatively they can bring one from home.



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Message from Head of School

Thank you to parents and carers for their support during the recent heatwave, and thank you to our pupils and staff for their hard work, positive attitude and resilience throughout the week. Thankfully, temperatures are forecast to decrease next week, which means that we will return to our normal school uniform expectations (and school timetable), as outlined in the two options below.

Warm Weather Uniform Guidance

Maintaining high standards during the warm weather

1
Option 1
Full School Uniform

- ✓ Blazer, Shirt & Tie
- ✓ Trousers or Skirt
- ✓ School shoes

2
Option 2
PE Polo with Uniform

- ✓ Blazer & Polo Top
- ✓ Trousers or Skirt
- ✓ School shoes

Can I remind all parents and carers to notify the school if your child is going to be absent before 9.30am by calling the school number 0121 554 1825 press number 1 and leave a voicemail . We ask that you contact us on each day of absence unless an agreed return date has already been provided. This enables our Attendance and Safeguarding Team to focus their time on genuine attendance and welfare concerns rather than following up missing communications.

The Government has set an expectation that all state-funded schools provide a minimum school week of 32.5 hours. Our current school week falls 50 minutes short of this requirement. Therefore, from the start of the next academic year, we will be **extending the school day by 10 minutes**. The school day will **begin at 8:45am** and **end at 3:15pm**.

The additional 10 minutes each day will be used to enhance pupils' educational experience. Five minutes will be added to form time, allowing us to explore important PSHE themes and wider personal development topics in greater depth throughout the year. The remaining five minutes will be added to lunchtime in response to pupil voice, providing students with additional time during the middle of the school day.

Further details regarding the updated timetable for September will be shared before the end of term.

In next week's newsletter, we will also provide an overview of the Government's updated guidance on school uniform and explain how this may influence our uniform policy moving forward.

By Mr Holder



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Head of Year News

Year 7

As we approach the end of another busy term, I would like to congratulate all of our Year 7 pupils on the positive way they have approached their recent assessments. They have shown resilience, maturity and determination throughout the assessment period, and we are proud of the effort they have put into their learning.

Due to the exceptionally hot weather this week, a small number of classes have had their assessment timetable adjusted to ensure pupils were able to work in a comfortable environment. These classes will complete their remaining assessments next week. Thank you for your understanding and support.

With the warmer weather and the summer holidays approaching, I would also like to remind families to speak to their children about water safety. Many young people are tempted to swim in open water such as rivers, canals, lakes or reservoirs; however, these environments can be extremely dangerous due to cold water temperatures, strong currents and hidden hazards. Please encourage your child to stay safe by avoiding swimming in open water and only using supervised swimming facilities.

Finally, a reminder that payment for Witness Week should be made via MCAS by the end of this month. Thank you to those families who have already completed payment. If you have any questions or require support, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

By Mrs Ellis

Year 8

It has been a fantastic period for Year 8, and I am incredibly proud of the positive attitude and effort shown by our pupils. At the time of writing, the year group has achieved an amazing 114,208 Class Charts positives, giving us 94% positive ratio. This is a brilliant reflection of the hard work, resilience, and respect that pupils are demonstrating every day across the school.

As we move towards the final part of the academic year, I would like to emphasise how important attendance remains. Every lesson counts and being in school every day ensures pupils do not miss valuable learning opportunities, especially as we begin preparing for Year 9. We really appreciate the support of parents and carers in helping us maintain high attendance and punctuality.

We are also very excited that a group of Year 8 pupils will be visiting the University of Oxford in early July. This is a fantastic opportunity, allowing pupils to experience a world class university setting and to begin thinking about their future aspirations. We are confident that it will be an inspiring and memorable visit for all involved.

A gentle reminder to families regarding Witness Week payments - if you have not yet completed your payment, please do so as soon as possible. This helps us ensure that all arrangements can be finalised smoothly and that every pupil can take part fully in the experience.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. It is greatly appreciated and makes a real difference to the success of our pupils.

By Mr Hussain





Head of Year News

Year 9

As we reach the end of Year 9, I want to take a moment to recognise how far each of you has come. This year has been full of challenges, growth and progress, and you should be proud of the effort you have shown.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank your parents and carers for their continued support throughout the year. Their encouragement, guidance and partnership with the school play a vital role in your success, and we are grateful for the part they have played in your journey so far.

Now, you stand on the edge of an important new chapter as you move into Year 10. This is a significant step in your journey, where your choices, habits and commitment will begin to shape your future outcomes more than ever before.

One of the most important factors in your success is **attendance**. Being in school every day gives you the best opportunity to learn, to keep up, and to achieve the grades you are capable of. Each lesson matters, and consistency is key. Alongside this, maintaining **high standards of behaviour** ensures that you, and those around you, can learn in a positive and focused environment.

As members of the Saint John Wall family, you represent something bigger than yourselves. We are proud of our community – a community that believes in **building bridges and breaking barriers**. Building bridges means supporting one another, showing respect, and working together. Breaking barriers means not allowing challenges or setbacks to limit your ambitions.

As you move forward into Year 10, remember:

- Be present
- Be consistent
- Be respectful
- Be determined

Continue to grow, continue to strive, and continue to make us proud.

“Your future is created by what you do today, not tomorrow.”
We believe in you, and we are excited to see what you will achieve next.

By Mrs Chand

Year 10

A huge well done to all Year 10 pupils for successfully completing Assessment Week 3. Despite the extremely hot weather, pupils showed resilience, determination, and maturity throughout the week. We are proud of the effort shown and the positive attitude many pupils brought to their assessments.

Next week, lockers will be allocated to Year 10 pupils. Please remember that having a locker is a privilege, not a right, and we expect all pupils to use them responsibly. On Monday, lockers will first be awarded to our Prefects and Golden Locker recipients. These pupils have consistently gone above and beyond in their school journey, demonstrating excellent commitment, attitude, and contribution to our school community. Congratulations to all those receiving this recognition.

A reminder that payment for Witness Week must be made as soon as possible to secure your place. As this will be your final Witness Week at school, we want as many pupils as possible to take part and make the most of this memorable experience. Witness Week is always a highlight of the year, providing opportunities to learn outside the classroom, develop new skills, and create lasting memories with friends. Although there is still plenty of Year 10 left to enjoy, preparation for Year 11 starts now.

The final year of school is both exciting and challenging, bringing new opportunities as well as increased expectations. The more effort you put into developing positive habits, organisation, attendance, and revision routines now, the easier you will find Year 11. Small actions taken today can make a big difference to your success next year.

Keep working hard, stay focused, and enjoy the final weeks of the year!

By Miss Cummings





Stars of the Month

English

Amunra Tamareye 10CAL - For kindness and perseverance.

Janna Bargil 10RAH - For offering some great answers into class discussion.

Isaiah Foster 10CAL - For completing consistently high-quality Exam Homework.

Rachel Buamaa Owusu 10ESM - For working her absolute best every lesson without fail.

By Miss Jones

Favour Adigun 7THO - Consistently completing Bedrock homework above and beyond, achieving the highest scores in the class.

Natasha Ejianreh 7THO - Consistently completing Bedrock homework above and beyond, achieving the highest scores in the class.

By Mr Bains

Sani Rani 8BRK - For her consistent and extensive engagement with Bedrock homework. I have had to contact Bedrock several times to ask for more tasks to be put on as she had finished everything on there! She regularly attains more than 100 points per week. Well done!

By Mrs Mavrogenis

Adam Sharafpiani 7WIO - For being top Bedrock user this month, excellent effort and consistency.

Patryk Kardel 7ARD - For excellent effort and achievement in English, consistency in completing Bedrock homework.

Akram Morisho 8HAS - For excellent participation in English and being consistently the top Bedrock user in the class.

Seth Holder 9AHM - For an excellent attitude to English lessons, great achievement and being consistent with Bedrock homework.

Wendy Thompson 10CAL - For great progress in English, excellent effort and attitude.

By Mrs Wieremiewicz

Manthan Marok 8MAV - For consistent effort in lessons and completed Bedrock.

Adunoluwa Adesola 9PAD - For exceptional effort and work in lessons.

Armanpreet Singh 10BRO - For excellent independent revision.

By Mrs Hashmi





Stars of the Month

RE

Mario Covaci 7THO - For his excellent verbal contributions to answers in every lesson.

Jermaine Kunashe Hatina 7ANT - For his hard work and super revision skills for the recent assessment.

Omar Ahmed 7ANT - For working hard in the lead up to his assessment.

Renaë-Taylor Joseph 8PHA - For her attentiveness and work ethic in lessons.

Sukhraj Ghotra 8PHA - For working hard in lessons and verbal contribution in class.

By Mrs Ellis

Natasha Ejianreh 7THO - For approaching the revision period with maturity and making a strong effort to prepare thoroughly for the RE assessment.

Favour Adigun 7THO - For showing great maturity during the revision period and pushing herself to prepare fully for the RE assessment.

Asim Zaman 10ESM - For being consistent in his efforts during RE lessons and for preparing thoroughly for his RE exam.

Nagina Amdad 10BRO - For demonstrating excellent initiative by completing exam homework early and making a strong effort to understand difficult RE topics.

By Mrs Begum

IT

Gagandeep Singh 9PAD - Has taken to the subject very quickly and is making excellent progress.

Amnah Salim 10BRO - For working hard on exam homework.

Engineering

Ananiya Ayele 9PAD - For showing excellent CAD skills.

Titus Grayburn 10 CAL - For excelling in his assessment 3.

By Mr Rathbone

Computing

Hamza Hussain 8RES - For always challenging himself in computing lessons

Computer Science

Seth Holder, Edward Ung and Raydon Nguyen - Excellent effort in Computer Science this month they have shown great focus, resilience, and a positive attitude towards improving their programming and problem-solving skills.

By Mr Esmaili





Stars of the Month

Humanities and MFL

Priscilla Idahosa 7ANT - Excellent effort with revision and worked hard in the History assessment.

Adam Sharafpiani 7WIO - Demonstrated outstanding effort and enthusiasm in preparing for his History assessment.

By Mrs Begum

Riccardo Mario Stefa 11KIY - Being an excellent student and historian.

Daiana Manescu 11GUE - Being an excellent student and historian.

Sebastian Prusak 10RAH - Learned and wise in preparation for assessment week 3.

By Miss Lally

Lamario Wright-Ashley 10ESM - Excellent effort with examination homework.

Edward Ung 9HEA - Excellent effort with "how far do you agree?" style question.

Abdulhannan Chaudhry 9BRS - Excellent effort with "how far do you agree?" style question.

Rana Hassan 10RAH - Learned and wise in preparation for assessment week 3.

By Miss Guest

Emmanuel Franklyn-Uloh 9BRS - Focused and good effort in History - producing detailed work.

Sara Antony 10ESM - Being an excellent student and historian.

Shine Kamulete 7THO - A consistently high standard of work in Geography.

Akram Morisho 8HAS - Consistent hard work and effort in History.

By Mrs Thomas

Alex Adesola 7BAI - Excellent effort and enthusiasm shown in French lessons.

Evelyn Adeyeye 7BAI - Excellent effort and enthusiasm shown in French lessons.

Monica Agyemang 7BAI - Excellent effort and enthusiasm shown in French lessons.

Yoh Kone 7ANT - For scoring 100% in the French assessment.

By Mrs Bigongiari

Alisha banger 7THO - Excellent effort and enthusiasm shown in Spanish lessons.

Jaskaran Sahota 8HAS - Excellent effort and enthusiasm shown in Spanish lessons.

Lorraine Harris 10ILY - Excellent effort and enthusiasm shown in Spanish lessons.

By Miss Kaur

Edgaras Tamosauskas 7ARD - Brilliant attitude to the start of his STAC placement and giving 100% in all his lessons.

Mohammed Zain 7WIO - For his continuous efforts in all his lessons and sharing great points during classroom discussions.

Nathan Chmielecki 7WIO - Staying focused and completed all tasks in every lesson.

By STAC



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Stars of the Month

PE and Health

David Kadzik 9BRS - Working hard on Task 5 & great task 4 delivery in CNAT.

Sarra Omar 10ILY - Great effort in CNAT lessons recently.

Jaskaran Sahota 8HAS - Fantastic effort in cricket.

By Mr Ahmed

Ava Henry 9HAB - Working hard on her Health & Social Care coursework and actioning feedback.

Julia Kaza 10BRO - Fantastic effort to lesson and revision - quality homework booklet work completed for Health & Social Care.

Jennifer Masih 9PAD - Fantastic effort in rounders.

By Miss Reynolds

Ansh Kumar 8PHA - Great effort in cricket, attending clubs and fixtures too.

Kacper Skomski 10CAL - Always gives 100% effort and does the best he can in whichever sport we are doing in PE.

By Mr Arshad

Izaiah Robinson 7ARD - Really improved his behaviour and effort and has shown great talent in PE over the last half term.

Makda Abraha 10CAL - Really focused in lessons and shows great effort and teamwork.

Dieudonne Nah 9AHM - Always focussed in lessons showing incredible respect for others at all times.

Deandre Johnson 10BRO - Producing promising work independently.

By Mrs Padmore

Liyah Nadeem Rani 8RES - Tried her best in all sports. 100% kit this academic year, therefore organised. Fantastic role model to others, very supportive and kind.

By Mrs Ratcliffe

Science

Arriv Kumar 7ARD - For exceptional manners.

Mohammed Sayem 8BRK - For always trying his best in science lessons.

Gagandeep Singh 9PAD - For always offering to help in lessons and for completing work to a good standard.

Roxana Karzan-Naser 9PAD - For great effort in lessons.

Hamza Mehmood 10BRO - For always being proactive in his studies.

By Mrs Ilyyas





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HOLIDAY CLUBS IN BIRMINGHAM

FOR AGES 4-16

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HOLIDAY CLUBS IN BIRMINGHAM 2026

MORE INFORMATION

Did you know that as well as free school meals during term time, your child can also access funded spaces at holiday clubs?

Through the Department for Education's Holiday Activity and Food Programme, known in Birmingham as Bring it on Brum!, children can attend local holiday clubs packed with fun activities, learning opportunities and healthy meals—all at no cost to you.

If your child is aged 4–16 and eligible for benefits-related free school meals, they're entitled to funded places at Bring it on Brum! holiday clubs.*

Our clubs offer a wide variety of activities, including sports, arts and crafts, cooking, dance, music, and more—so there's something to suit everyone! Each session also includes a nutritious meal to keep children happy, healthy and energised throughout the day.

Every club runs its own unique programme depending on its location, meaning there's always something new to discover.

Not eligible? Many clubs also offer paid places, so every child can still get involved and enjoy the fun.

*See website for full eligibility criteria.

IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING
Bookings open: 9th March 2026
Holiday clubs open: 30th March 2026 - 10th April 2026

SUMMER
Bookings open: 29th June 2026
Holiday clubs open: 20th July 2026 - 28th August 2026

WINTER
Bookings open: 30th November 2026
Holiday clubs open: 21st December 2026 - 31st December 2026

All dates exclude bank holidays and weekends.

HOW TO BOOK

- 1 Get your unique BIOB/ HAF code from your child's school
- 2 Go to our website bringitonbrum.co.uk
- 3 Follow our handy How to Book Guide
- 4 Subscribe to the Bring it on Brum! Newsletter

MORE INFORMATION:
bringitonbrum.co.uk

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HOW TO BOOK

GET YOUR CODE

- 1 Get your BIOB code from your child's school.
If you haven't received your code, but believe you are eligible for the programme, please contact your child's school.

CHOOSE YOUR CLUBS

- 2 Go to bringitonbrum.co.uk and click **BOOK NOW**
- 3 Enter your criteria E.g Location, participant age, date and click **SEARCH**
To view the session details click **MORE INFORMATION**
- 4 Once you've found a holiday club you like, click 'BOOK NOW' and choose a date and time that works for you.
- 5 Enter your child's details- you can add more than once child.
You may need to add 'Supplementary Information' Please write 'none' in any fields that do not apply.
- 6 Repeat to add more sessions.

CREATE A LOG-IN

- 7 Once you have chosen all your sessions, go to your cart and click **CHECKOUT**
- 8 To complete your booking, you will need to create a log-in. You can then view/ edit and add any additional bookings at any time by logging in.
Create a Log-in
 Add your details
 Sign up for session reminders
 Enter your child/ children's details
 Sign up for the Bring it on Brum! newsletter

COMPLETE BOOKING

- 9 Click **COMPLETE BOOKING**

Why not take a photo of these instructions?

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