

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 20

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 6 February 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 Lent Launch. Lent is a forty-day period leading up to Easter when we remember the time that Jesus spent in the desert. We listened to a reading from the Gospel of Matthew, teaching us that everyone has **dignity**. During Lent, people may decide to give something up. Other people may take something on – such as giving to charity. As a school, we will be raising money for CAFOD by being **active** and taking part in the Big Lent Walk. This is important as this year CAFOD are helping communities to get access to clean water. We like Celebration of the Word as it helps us to learn something new."

By 7Y Lifestyle

This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"We prayed for Rosa Parks' Day. It is important to reflect on individuals like Rosa Parks as it allows us to remember what people have gone through in history and allows us to think about how we can make the world a more **loving** place for everyone. We also prayed for Racial Justice Day. As part of this prayer, we reflected on the importance of fair rights and how we can stand in **solidarity** with those who face racism. We like when pupils lead Afternoon Prayer as we get to hear how they feel about the theme that day."

By 7Y Lifestyle

Class Mass

This week we went to Mass as a class. There was a very calm atmosphere. I go to St Augustine's every Sunday, so I knew what to expect during Mass. Father George was really welcoming and gave us the opportunity to learn new things at the end of the Mass. **By Dieudonne Nah 9AHM**

Important Dates to Note

- **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.
- **University of Birmingham Trip – 12 Year 9 Pupils**
Monday 9 February 2026 – 8.55am to 3.05pm
- **Year 10 Parents' Evening**
Wednesday 11 February 2026 – 4pm to 6pm
- **CBSO at Symphony Hall Trip – Year 7 (All Pupils)**
Friday 13 February 2026 – 12pm to 3.45pm approx.
- **Half Term**
Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026
- **Year 11 Mock 2 Examinations**
Monday 23 February 2026 to Friday 6 March 2026



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Hot Chocolate Friday

It was a pleasure last Friday to host Saint John Wall Catholic School's first *Hot Chocolate Friday*. Pupils from each year group who achieved the highest number of positive points, with no negative points recorded that week, were invited to my office to enjoy a hot chocolate and a cookie.

This initiative provided an opportunity to recognise and celebrate pupils' consistent effort and their role as positive ambassadors for our school values. Congratulations to the pupils listed below, who have achieved this recognition over the past two weeks.

Year Group	26th Jan – 30th Jan	2nd Feb – 6th Feb
Year 7	Antonia Maria Magaon	Favour Adigun
Year 8	Chloe Magala	Sana Rani
Year 9	David Kadzik	Safah Akhtar
Year 10	Ashtaz Islam	Demi-Lee Hulme
Year 11	Kritika Basra	Priya Chem

As you will be aware, we promote our SJW values alongside our EAR (Excellence, Achievement and Respect) Steps to Success. I firmly believe that these values should be shared community values, demonstrated both in school and beyond. Over the coming weeks, I will be focusing on each value in turn and highlighting its importance to our wider school community.

The benefits of being physically active are well documented and include improvements to physical health, as well as social and mental wellbeing. Current guidance recommends that children and young people engage in at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day. PE lessons provide an excellent opportunity for pupils to meet this recommendation. I would therefore ask for your continued support in ensuring pupils are fully prepared for PE lessons by knowing when they have PE and checking that their PE kit is packed and ready.

By Mr Holder

Wellbeing (WoW) Afternoon

This week, staff at Saint John Wall had the chance to take part in some extra-curricular activities of their own. Yoga with Mrs Ratcliffe allowed staff to slow down, get grounded and focus on wellbeing, while the quiz led by Miss Pollock put everyone's general knowledge to the test in a fun and competitive atmosphere. The sessions aimed to bring staff together, promoting community and positive wellbeing across the school. A big thank you to all the staff who planned and delivered these activities!

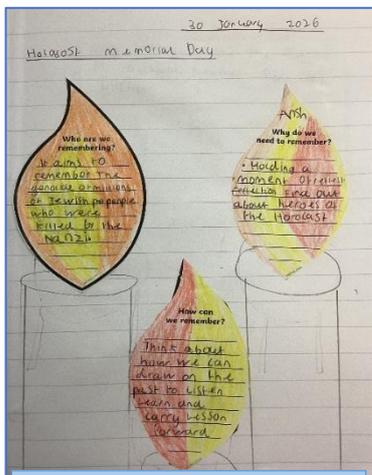
By Mr Rathbone



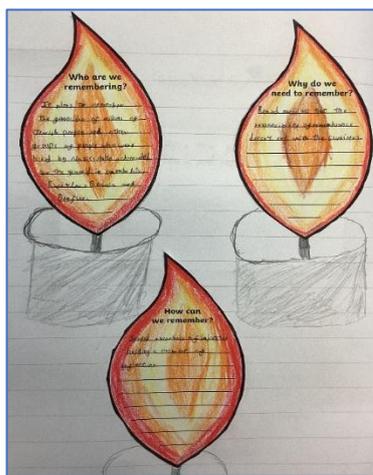
Holocaust Memorial Day

To pay our respect, pupils in St Thomas Aquinas Centre learnt about Holocaust Memorial Day. We read and discussed about who we should remember, why it is important to remember and what we can do to remember. Not only did each pupil contribute to discussions, showing compassion and empathy to those we remember, they produced excellent work to show their understanding.

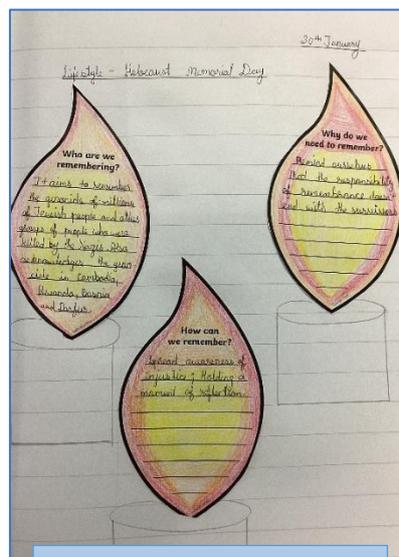
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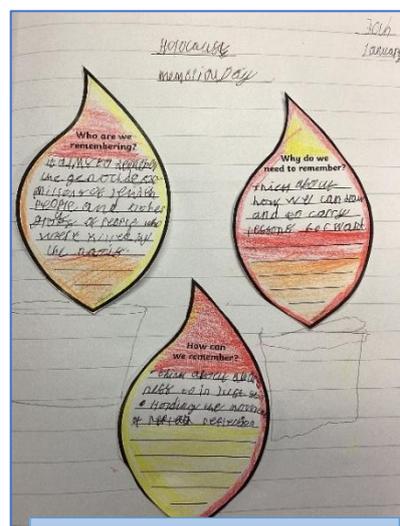
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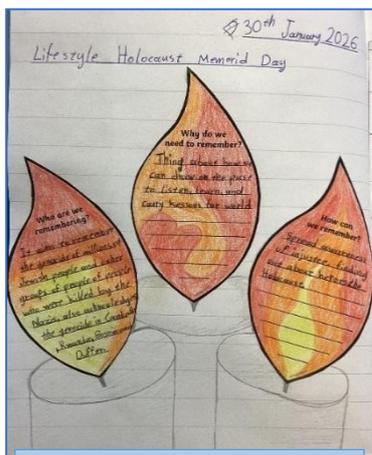
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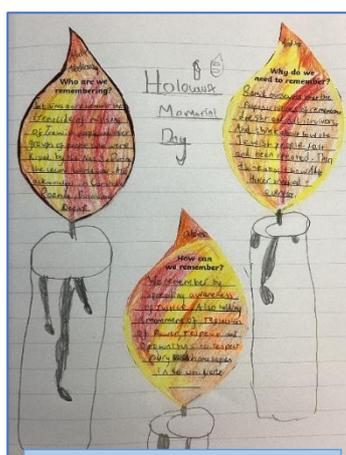
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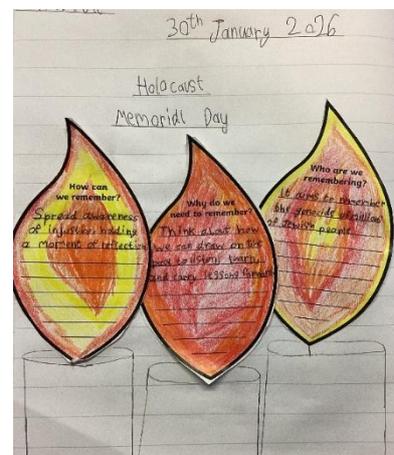
Mohammed Sayem 8BRK



Zahra Al-Shammari 8PHA



Abdirazzaq Yusuf 8MAV



Mohammed Al-Shammari 7ARD



Year 11 Mock 2 Examinations

Monday 23 February 2026 to Monday 9 March 2026

Period	Monday 23 February	Tuesday 24 February	Wednesday 25 February	Thursday 26 February	Friday 27 February
Form and Period 1 9:00 Start	English Lit 1 hour	Maths 1 Non Calculator 1h 30m	RE 1 1h 30m	Geography 1 Physical 1h 30m	Maths 2 Calculator 1h 30m
Break	Break				
Period 2 and 3 10:50 Start	History 1 1h 30m	Computer Science 1h 30m	Comb Science - Biology 1h 10m	English Language 1h 45m	Comb Science - Chemistry 1h 10m
		Catering & Hosp 1h 20m	SScience Biology Y10 1h 45m		SScience Chemistry 1h 45m
		Panjabi Writing F 1h 10m H 1h 15m			
Lunch	Lunch				
4 13:50 Start	French Reading F 45 mins H 1 hour	Sport 1h 15m	History 2 55m	Bus Enterprise 1h 15m	Spanish Listening F 40 mins H 50 mins
	Italian Reading F 45 mins H 1 hour	GCSE PE 1 1 Hour		Extended Maths 1h 15m	Italian Listening F 40 mins H 50 mins
	Spanish Reading F 45 mins H 1 hour				



Year 11 Mock 2 Examinations

Monday 23 February 2026 to Monday 9 March 2026

Period	Monday 02 March	Tuesday 03 March	Wednesday 04 March	Thursday 05 March	Friday 06 March	Monday 09 March
Form and Period 1 9:00 Start	RE 2 1h 30m	Maths 3 Calculator 1h 30m	French Writing F 1h 10m H 1h 15m	Drama/Music	ART	PE Practical
			Italian Writing F 1h 10m H 1h 15m			
			Spanish Writing F 1h 10m H 1h 15m			
Break	Break					
Period 2 and 3 10:50 Start	Comb Science Physics 1h 10m	IT 1h 30m	Geography 2 Human 1h 30m			
	SScience Physics 1h 45m	Engineering 1h 15m				
		GCSE Statistics Y10 1h 30m				
Lunch	Lunch					
4 13:50 Start	GCSE PE 2 1 Hour	French Listening F 40 mins H 50 mins	Polish Writing F 1h 10m H 1h 15m			
	Health and Social Care 1h 15m					





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Online Safety

Learn about digital safety for kids including impact of screen time, apps, gaming, AI risks, cyberbullying and gain practical tips to create a safer digital environment at home

Date: Wednesday 25th February 2026
Time: 9:30-11:30am

Emotional Regulation

This workshop covers emotional regulation in children, causes and signs of dysregulation, the nervous system's role, and practical strategies to support healthy skills.

Date: Wednesday 4th March 2026
Time: 9:30-11:30am

Managing Worries/Anxiety

This workshop covers understanding anxiety in children, its causes and signs, and offers practical tips and strategies to help manage worries effectively.

Date: Wednesday 11th March 2026
Time: 9:30-11:30am

Register for the workshops here:

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Any question answered



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by Anna Silver,
Education Officer

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(for monthly dates and zoom links email
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FEBRUARY HALF TERM WORKSHOPS

Running Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February at grounded.
Selly Oak 11 Bournbrook Road, B29 7BL

WORKSHOPS INCLUDE



AND MORE...

Walk-in self-referrals welcome

- Where? grounded. 55 St. Pauls Square, B3 1QS
- When? Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

Want your child to attend? By signing up, you are referring into our Youth Counselling Service and will be sent a booking link shortly after registration.



Disclaimer: Our staff are not medically trained and cannot assist with medications or diagnoses. We are unable to offer crisis support.