

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'



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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 Witness Week. As part of this, we reflected on our school Mission statement. Our Mission statement gives us an opportunity to develop and increase our skills, use our gifts and talents and experience new things. Witness Week will be a week full of trips which include Go Ape for Year 10 and Sports Day. We will also have visitors in school. These activities are a great way to develop us as individuals."

By Joseph Tesfaye 10RAH

This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"We prayed our school prayer. In this prayer, we asked God to guide us on the right path and to lead us to heaven. We also thought about all those who **love** us and **care** for us. As part of our prayer on Vocations, we asked God to fulfil our **hopes** and our dreams. We also thanked our Y11 prefects for their work and welcomed our new Y10 prefects. I like Afternoon Prayer because it makes me feel better. It refreshes my heart before I go to lunch or go home."

By Abdirazzaq Yusuf – Year 8

Class Mass

"I felt that I was very **peaceful** and it was a nice way to start the morning, As part of the Mass, I did a reading and felt very close to God while reading it. At the end of Mass, Fr George answered some of our questions about the importance of prayer during Mass and the use of the candles during prayer."

By Natasha Ejianreh 7THO

Important Dates to Note

- **Bank Holiday – School Closed to all Pupils**
Monday 4 May 2026
- **Local Elections – Year 11 in School Only**
Thursday 7 May 2026
- **Year 10 Work Experience**
Tuesday 5 May 2026 to Friday 8 May 2026
- **GCSE/AS/Cambridge Nationals External Exams Begin**
Friday 8 May 2026 to Friday 19 June 2026
- **Half Term**
Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026



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Brilliant Club Success

Year 8 HAPs Shine in Brilliant Club Success at the University of Warwick

Our Year 8 High Achieving Pupils have once again shown what hard work and ambition can achieve. Every pupil successfully completed the prestigious Brilliant Club Scholars Programme, culminating in a graduation ceremony at the University of Warwick.

The programme challenged pupils with university-style learning, independent research, and academic writing - and they truly shone throughout. Several pupils achieved first-class results, an outstanding accomplishment at this level.

We are incredibly proud of each and every pupil. Their dedication, curiosity, and resilience have been evident from start to finish.

A huge well done to all involved.

By Mr Hussain

HAPs Ambassador



Year 7 Futsal Tournament

Our Year 7 football team took part in their first competitive matches this week. We played against some of the local schools in a 5 a side futsal tournament. Nerves were a plenty, but we kept going and managed to be 3rd. Well done to the whole team and their friends for coming to support.

Not only did our pupils represent the school well with their performance on the pitch but also their support for the other pupils taking part.

Well done to: Paul Ngobeh, Graham Coffie, Adam Sharafpiani, Malvin Christ Yomi Ewi, Halc Christ Yomi Kouami, Omar Ahmed, Dilpreet Singh and Joshua Horvath.

By Mr Arshad



Visit to St Mary's Coffee Club

Pupils took part in Tai Chi today which they described as challenging! They were on hand to assist guests to and from their seats and were well rewarded with scones and biscuits before making their way back to school.

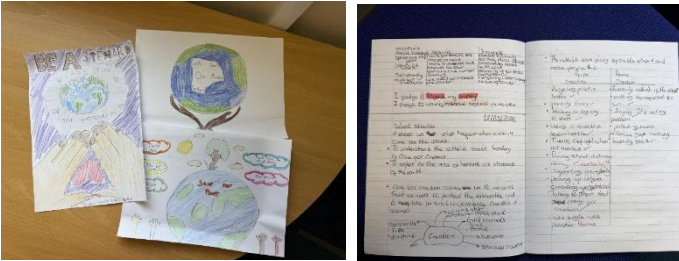
By Mrs Clayton



Catholic Life for March and April

Lifestyle

This month, pupils in my lifestyle classes have continued exploring Catholic Social Teaching. During their sessions on **Care for Creation**, pupils thought about all the different things in the world that are examples of creation. Pupils also worked through a range of examples of things that help and harm creation, thinking about what they can do to ensure they are always helping. During their **Solidarity** sessions, pupils thought about how they can show **solidarity** in school and around the world. Examples included helping the **poor**, charity work and prayer. Well done to all the pupils for their hard work this term!



St Patrick and St Edmunds

We have continued to visit St Patrick and St Edmund's Primary School each week to support with Chaplaincy. When we visited in March, the school celebrated their Saint's feast day. During this visit, the children did a special St Patrick's Day activity, looking at how they can be like St Patrick. The children filled out shamrocks, thinking about how they can be brave, kind and loving.

The display board outside the Chapel is now full of all the wonderful work that the children have been doing each week. Well done to all of the children for continuing to work so hard. As always, a big thank you to Mrs Breslin and all the staff for their support and for making us feel so welcome each week!



CAFOD Fast Day

We have also celebrated CAFOD Fast Day. During Lent, we reflected on the importance of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These all remind us of the blessings we often take for granted. On this day, we chose to eat simply and give **generously**, thinking about all those who often go without. Thank you to all the staff and pupils who supported our soup and bread roll sale at lunch time on this day! All proceeds went to CAFOD who help support communities around the world.



Afternoon Prayer

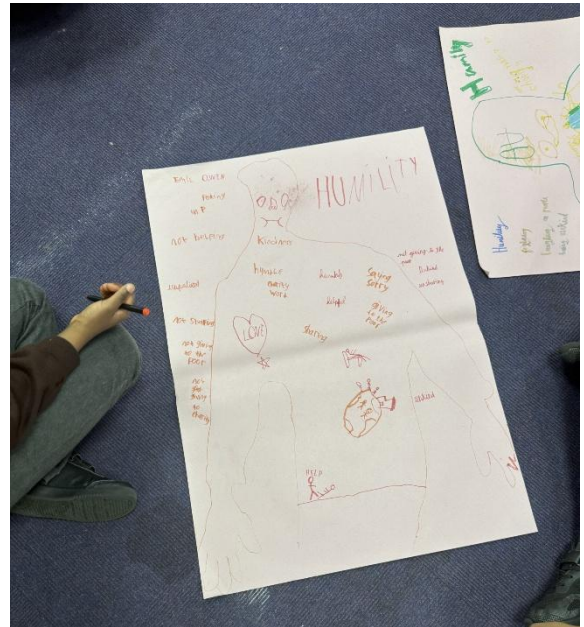
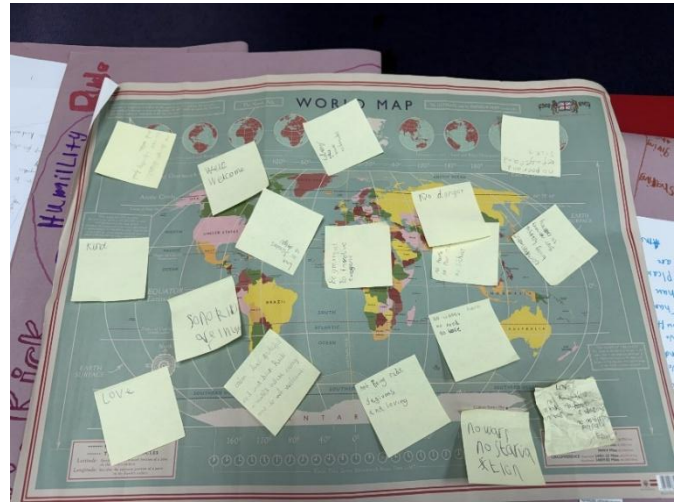
Each day as a school community, we end our school day in prayer. We recently prayed our school prayer together. As part of our reflection, we invited pupils to the playground after school to write some **generosity** cards for our staff. Our school prayer enables us to think about all those who show us **love, support and generosity**. These cards provided pupils with the opportunity to say thank you to a member of staff who ensures that **each and every unique child** is able to **respond to what God calls them to be**.

We had a great number of pupils attend after school and our staff were very **grateful** for the lovely messages they received!



St Clare's Primary School

I recently enjoyed a visit to St Clare's Primary School to deliver a Holy Communion retreat. This retreat focused on the Beatitudes, exploring how the children can be **compassionate**, humble and **peacemakers** when preparing for their Holy Communion. The children thought about how they can be **compassionate** at home and in school, how they can be humble like Jesus and what behaviours they can leave behind as they try to grow closer to him. The children also wrote their own **peace** prayers. Thank you to Mrs Rogers for inviting me into St Clare's and to all the children for being so well behaved!



By Mr Lysaght



Head of Year News

Year 7

Year 7 pupils will be completing assessments across all subjects from **Monday 15 June to Friday 26 June**. To support their preparation, compulsory assessment homework has been issued to all pupils. This is in addition to their regular weekly **Sparx (Maths)** and **Bedrock (English)** homework.

Please ensure that your child is completing all homework on time and bringing the correct booklets and materials to school on the appropriate days. Good organisation will play an important role in helping them feel confident and prepared.

To further support pupils:

- Homework planning sheets are available from my office to help with organisation.
- Members of staff are available in the school library every day after school until **4:00pm** to support with homework.
- An additional revision group runs in the library with Mrs Ellis every **Wednesday from 3:10pm–4:10pm**.
- Computers are available for pupils to complete Sparx and Bedrock at break time, lunchtime, and after school.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child prepare for their assessments.

By Mrs Ellis

Year 8

As we come to the end of month, it's been lovely to reflect on everything Year 8 has been doing over the past few weeks. One of the biggest moments this month has been pupils choosing their options and pathways for Key Stage 4. This is a big step, and we've really enjoyed supporting pupils as they think about what they enjoy, what motivates them, and where they want their learning to take them.

We've also had some brilliant enrichment achievements. Ten Year 8 pupils took part in the MMM programme, showing real teamwork, creativity and resilience. Alongside this, fourteen pupils completed the Brilliant Club Scholars Programme, taking on university style study with maturity and pride. Their hard work has been inspiring, and we're incredibly proud of them.

However, we do need to be honest about one area that needs improvement: attendance. As a year group, we're not where we should be. Being in school every day and on time before 08:50 makes a huge difference - not just to learning, but to confidence, friendships and routine. When pupils are here, settled and ready to learn, they make real progress. We want that for every single member of Year 8.

As we move forward, our message is simple: be in school, be on time, stay focused, and show 100% cooperation. Year 8 is full of potential, and when you show up and give your best, you really do shine.

By Mr Hussain





Head of Year News

Year 9

As Year 9 pupils continue to complete their assessments, it is vital that they come into school **ready for learning each day**. This includes wearing **correct school uniform** and bringing the **appropriate equipment** to every lesson. Being prepared helps pupils to focus, stay organised, and perform to the best of their ability.

Attendance and punctuality remain extremely important at this stage of the year. Every lesson counts, and good attendance ensures pupils do not miss essential learning or assessment opportunities. Arriving on time allows pupils to settle quickly and engage fully in their work.

We would also like to remind pupils of the importance of **keeping safe when leaving school**. Pupils should go **straight home at the end of the school day** and behave responsibly, remembering that they continue to **represent the school within the wider community**.

Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these expectations and helping our Year 9 pupils achieve the best possible outcomes.

By Mrs Chand

Year 10

It's an exciting and important time for our Year 10 pupils as we head into a busy few weeks. A key highlight is that **Work Experience (WEX) begins next week**, and we are incredibly proud of the effort pupils have put into securing their placements. This is a valuable opportunity to gain real-world experience, develop confidence, and build essential employability skills. To make the most of this experience, pupils should aim to arrive at least 10 minutes early each day, dress appropriately according to their workplace (smart and professional is always a safe choice), and demonstrate a positive, respectful attitude at all times. Being proactive, asking questions, and showing enthusiasm will help pupils leave a lasting impression.

During their placement, it is essential that pupils **complete their Work Experience log book**. This should be filled in daily where possible, with thoughtful reflections on what they have learned.

The completed log book **must be brought back to school** after the placement, as it forms an important part of the overall experience.

For any pupils who **have not yet secured a placement**, they are expected to **attend school on Tuesday at the normal time**, where they will be supported by staff. Throughout the Work Experience period, the school will also be making **wellbeing phone calls** to check in with pupils and ensure everything is going smoothly. However, if pupils or families have any concerns or require support at any point, please do not hesitate to **contact the school directly**—we are here to help.

We would also like to say a huge **congratulations to our newly appointed prefects**. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the commitment, leadership, and positive attitude these pupils demonstrate in school. We are excited to see them grow into their roles and act as strong role models within our community.



Looking ahead, **Assessment Week 3 will take place in June**, and preparation is already underway. Pupils have now received their **examination homework booklets**, which are **compulsory to complete**. These booklets are designed to support revision and ensure pupils are fully prepared for their assessments. We encourage pupils to dedicate regular time each week to completing their work, and we ask parents/carers to support by helping pupils stay organised and on track. This preparation is key to ensuring pupils have the best possible opportunity to succeed during exam week.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support during this important stage of Year 10.

By Miss Cummings



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Head of Year News

Year 11

As we reach the final stages of Year 11, I would like to take a moment to reflect on recent successes and look ahead to the upcoming GCSE examination period. This is a crucial time, and I am incredibly proud of the maturity, resilience, and determination shown by our pupils. Now is the time to #RiseUp and finish strong.

Alton Towers Celebration – 1st May

We were delighted to celebrate the hard work and commitment of our Year 11 pupils with the Alton Towers Rewards Trip on 1st May. It was a fantastic day and a well-deserved reward following months of dedication.

Pupils conducted themselves exceptionally well throughout the trip, demonstrating excellent behaviour, respect, and maturity. They were a real credit to the school, and it was wonderful to see them enjoying time together, building memories, and celebrating their achievements. This positive attitude reflects the effort many pupils have put into their studies and the 10 Week Challenge—a true example of pupils continuing to #RiseUp.

GCSE Examinations Begin – 8th May

The GCSE examination period officially begins on Friday 8 May. This marks the culmination of all the hard work pupils have put in over the past five years.

Attendance and Punctuality

- Pupils must arrive at school before 8:45am each day
- 8:50am is considered late and may impact exam readiness
- Attendance is mandatory during the exam period. Failure to attend an exam without valid reason may result in charges being incurred

If a pupil is absent or running late, it is essential that the school is contacted immediately by phone. Please do not rely on email, as these may not be seen in time.

Communication During Exams

Pupils may receive a phone call from staff on the morning of an exam. It is extremely important that these calls are answered, as they are in place to support and ensure pupils arrive on time and are prepared.

Preparing for Success

As exams begin, pupils should focus on simple but effective habits:

- Be organised and prepare equipment the night before
- Arrive early and ready to begin calmly
- Listen carefully to exam instructions
- Manage time effectively during exams
- Stay positive and focused

Remember — revision is temporary, results are forever!

Rest, Recovery, and Balance

While revision remains important, so too is rest and recovery. Pupils should ensure they are:

- Getting enough sleep
- Taking breaks between revision sessions
- Eating well and staying hydrated

A balanced approach will support both wellbeing and performance.

Final Words of Encouragement

Year 11, you have worked incredibly hard to reach this point. Believe in yourselves, trust the preparation you have done, and approach each exam with confidence. Challenges may arise, but this is your opportunity to show resilience and determination.

Now is your moment to #RiseUp, stay focused, and give your very best in every exam. We are all incredibly proud of you and are here to support you every step of the way.

By Miss Reynolds





Stars of the Month

English

Raena Teshome 10BRO - Consistently hard working in each lesson.
Amunra Tamareye 10CAL - Working hard towards English assessment.
Borys Morawski 11JON - Brilliant verbal contribution.
Rehmidi Wright 11BRT - Doing a great job with independent revision.

By Miss Jones

Favour Adigun 7THO - For consistently working hard every lesson and achieving the highest points for Bedrock homework.
Bhagwant Singh 11KIY - Working hard every lesson, going above and beyond with revision. Keep up the good work.

By Mr Bains

Amelia Skomska 7XJ - Excellent attitude and amazing progress in English
Rhona Sebastian 8XW - For consistently being prepared to learn and striving to become the best version of yourself.
Anja Lamallari 9XJ - For consistently being prepared to learn and striving to become the best version of yourself.
Arielle Elise Njike Yomi 10XJ - Excellent attitude, and amazing progress in English.
Erica Fosua Agyemang 11XJ - Consistently demonstrating resilience, a strong work ethic, and unwavering focus.

By Mrs Wieremiewicz

Armaan Ali 11MUH - For improving and maintaining his focus in English lessons and providing some excellent verbal contributions.
Javon Dillon 10BRO - For showing huge improvements in his engagement in lessons and demonstrating an enthusiastic enjoyment of Macbeth.
Joshua Horvath 7ANT - For always working hard and trying his best.

By Miss Flinn





Stars of the Month

Science

Yannis Gheorghe 8RES - Demonstrating positive and engaged attitude towards learning, approaching tasks with enthusiasm.

David Kadzik 9BRS - For displaying a generous attitude towards his peers in lessons.

Kavishnan Sanker 10ESM - Continually shows readiness to learn, actively participating and making meaningful contributions during lessons.

Erica Fosua, Success Ihaza, Taylor Milligan 11GUE, Ishmael Clarke 11JON, Kyreese Williams 11KIY - Consistently focused, maintaining excellent on-task behaviour and demonstrating strong dedication to their studies.

By Ms Forbes

Computer Science

Emilija Oniunaite 10ILY - Has demonstrated excellent programming skills and logical thinking.

Seth Holder 9AHM, Raydon Nguyen 9HAB and Edward Ung 9JAS - They have shown creativity in their approach to programming tasks.

IT

Khoi Nguyen 11MUH - for showing a determination to improve before his final exam and commitment to his coursework in IT.

Enterprise

Kodi Brown 11JON - For excelling in his business pitch coursework and supporting others with their studies.

Computing

Alayah Aaron 7WIO - For good progress in results and consistent improvement overall.

GCSE Business

Umar Islam 9PAD - For consistent good results and leading with responses.

By Mr Esmaili





Stars of the Month

PE and Health and Social Care

Paul Ngobeh 7WIO - Excellence attitude this half term in athletic lessons.
Caleb Buck 9HAB - Fantastic at warm up organisation.
Ameliah Raj-Sawyers 10ILY - Great effort recently in CNAT lessons.
David Kadzik 9BRS - Great effort recently in CNAT lessons.

By Mr Ahmed

Amritpreet Malhi 9JAS - Showing resilience and effort in lesson.
Elana Harris 9PAD - Working hard in lessons.
Kamalpreet Kaur 10CAL - Showing drive to improve coursework to a high standard.
Rayna Jassal 11MUH - Working on revision and sharing good practice with class.

By Miss Reynolds

Kimora Williams 10ILY - Always great effort and a positive member of the class.
Mariam Kimbah Musah 7ARD - Amazing effort in athletics showing incredible speed in sprinting and relay.
Dieudonne Nah 9AHM - Great effort in class working hard to complete work set at all times.
Billy Harrison 10BRO - Billy has increased his effort and work pace which has been shown in the quality of work her has been producing.

By Mrs Padmore

Michael Trieu Hai Pham 8HAS - Good effort in athletics achieving a very good score in shotput.
Anmole Rajwal 9JAS - Great effort in athletics and PE all year.
Jacob Boahene 11JON - Working very hard to achieve above and beyond his target grade by asking for additional revision material.

By Mr Arshad

Annabel Ika 8PHA - 100% effort in all PE lessons, really trying to improve running technique and speed in athletics.
Khoi Nguyen 11MUH - Really making an effort with revision to ensure he goes into his exam prepared and ready!

By Mrs Ratcliffe

History

Niyah Smith Bennett 7ANT - For always being fully engaged in History lessons; attentive and curious.
Adith Sarojkumar 7BAI - For always being fully engaged in History lessons; attentive and curious.
Henon Yosef 7WIO - For always being fully engaged in History lessons; attentive and curious.
Adam Sharafpiani 7WIO - For always being fully engaged in History lessons; attentive and curious.

By Mrs Begum





Stars of the Month

Maths

Alayna Rasheed 7THO - For consistently showing great effort in lessons and excellent behaviour.
Niyah Smith-Bennett 7ANT - For consistently working hard and completing all tasks to a high standard.
Kelly Pham 9BRS - Excellent attitude towards learning.
Rhona Sebastian 8RES - For consistently showing great effort in lessons and excellent behaviour.

By Mrs Omar

Jermaine Kunashe Hatima 7ANT - Consistent effort and participation.
Jason Nguyen 7BAI - Hard working and resilient.
Reet Powar 7WIO - Consistently attentive and discerning.
Serafein Khan 8BRK - Improved independent work.
Wendy Thompson 10CAL - Improved effort and independent work.

By Mrs Gandhi

Ernesto Breton Johnson 10CAL - For showing excellent resilience and problem-solving skills in lessons.
Patrick Chojnowski 9PAD - For excellent effort shown in lessons.
Rakeem Douglas 8MAV - For always contributing articulate answers in lessons.
Patryk Kardel 7ARD - For maintaining a high standard of work and effort in lessons.

By Mr Greedy

RE

Emmanuel Okereke 7YJ - For settling in well this term and producing some lovely work in his book.
Jermain Hatina 7XJ - For his eloquence during class discussions and excellent answers during lessons.
Tankirat Syan 7XS - For putting in lots of effort and being vocal in class.
Karan Chohhan 8YS - For demonstrating a willingness to learn and putting more effort into your note taking.
Amrita Uppal 8YW - For working hard in lessons and joining in with class discussions.

By Mrs Ellis

Yakob Binyam 11JON - Showing consistent effort in completing his revision tasks and demonstrating a clear commitment to preparing well for his RE exams.
Priya Chahaun 11GUE - Showing consistent effort in completing her revision tasks and demonstrating a clear commitment to preparing well for her RE exams.
Asim Zaman 10ESM - Demonstrating real maturity in his learning and focus during RE lessons; truthful and active.
Nagina Amdad 10BRO - Demonstrating real maturity in her learning and focus during RE lessons; truthful and active.
Roxana Karzan-Naser 9PAD - For preparing well for her RE exam; attentive and wise.
Darshana Rajkumar 9JAS - For preparing well for her RE exam: attentive and learned.
Gurkeerat Chana 7THO - For her continued focus on RE lessons; learned and wise.
Cristian Zbaric 7THO - For his continued enthusiasm in RE lessons; truthful and active.

By Mrs Begum

