

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 25

Weekly Information Bulletin

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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 Eid. We listened to a piece of scripture that reminded us that Jesus brings light and life to all. We reflected on the importance of honesty, courage and standing up for the truth, even under times of pressure. The practises and rituals of Eid are something that Catholics can relate to. During Eid and Lent, communities can come together to be **loving and compassionate** and to ask for forgiveness. I like Celebration of the Word as we can learn something from the different themes we focus on each week."

By Javier-Kelvin Garcia George 7WIO

This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"We prayed for Ramadan. We reflected on the shared values of Ramadan and Lent - giving up what you have to become closer to God. We also prayed for St Patrick's Day. St Patrick is known for many things - being **compassionate, loving** and making good choices. Our prayed for St Joseph reminded us to hold onto our faith, even if we find it difficult to find **hope**. I like Afternoon Prayer because it is a time for all the pupils in the school to join together as one community."

By Favour Adigun 7THO

Important Dates to Note

- **France Trip – 40 Year 8 and Year 9 Pupils**
Monday 23 March 2026 to Friday 27 March 2026
- **Year 11 Parents' Evening**
Wednesday 25 March 2026 – 3.30pm to 5.30pm
- **Careers Without Barriers Next Steps Fair – x10 Year 10 & 11s**
Friday 27 March 2026 – 8.50am to 11.15am approx.
- **Easter Holidays**
Friday 27 March 2026 – School Closes at 12.45pm
- **Easter Holiday**
Monday 30 March 2026 to Friday 10 April 2026



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Aston's Got Talent Shines at St John Wall!

Saint John Wall Catholic School was buzzing with excitement as we proudly hosted, on Tuesday 17 March, this year's *Aston's Got Talent* as part of the School Games programme. With our doors open to **7 primary schools** and **5 secondary schools**, the stage was set for an unforgettable day of creativity, courage, and community spirit.

A remarkable **38 acts** took to the stage, showcasing everything from music and dance to drama, sport-themed performances, and original talent pieces. The atmosphere was electric—full of cheers, encouragement, and genuine celebration of every performer who stepped into the spotlight.

Our own **SJW House Captains** played a vital role behind the scenes, supporting the smooth running of the event by managing lighting, sound, and transitions with professionalism and enthusiasm. We were also incredibly proud to have **three SJW pupils** compete after impressing judges in our school auditions.

The event truly embodied the **School Games values**, which were evident in every corner of the room:

- **Passion** – performers giving their all on stage
- **Self-Belief** – pupils stepping up with confidence and pride
- **Determination** – acts pushing themselves to shine
- **Teamwork** – schools supporting one another throughout
- **Respect** – celebrating every performance, big or small
- **Honesty** – fair judging and genuine sportsmanship

The energy in the room was infectious, and the sense of unity across all participating schools made the day even more special.

A huge **thank you** goes to everyone involved in organising the event—from staff who coordinated logistics, to volunteers who supported on the day, to the pupils whose enthusiasm made the event such a success. Your hard work and dedication ensured that *Aston's Got Talent 2026* was a day to remember.

We look forward to welcoming even more talent to the stage next year!

Primary Results -

School	Final Score	Rank
St Patrick's + St Edmunds 9	142	1
St Patrick's + St Edmunds 3	141	2
Moor Hall 1	131	3
St Patrick's + St Edmunds 8	130	4
St Patrick's + St Edmunds 7	127	5
St James C of E	126	6
Nelson Junior 1	120	7
St Patrick's + St Edmunds 6	119	8
Moor Hall 2	116	9
Nelson Junior 4	110	10
Summerfield Primary	110	10
St Patrick's + St Edmunds 5	108	12
St Patrick's + St Edmunds 2	106	13
Moor Hall 3	104	14
Nelson Junior 5	104	14
St Patrick's + St Edmunds 1	104	14
Nelson Junior 2	101	17
St Francis	100	18
Thai Boxing	97	19
Nelson Junior 3	96	20
St Patrick's + St Edmunds 4	96	20
Nelson Junior 6	93	22
Nelson Junior 9	92	23
King Solomon 2	90	24
King Solomon 3	82	25
King Solomon 1	78	26
Nelson Junior 7	72	27
Nelson Junior 8	71	28

Secondary Results –

School	Final Score	Rank
St Paul's Girls' 1	141	5
St Paul's Girls' 2	144	4
St Paul's Girls' 3	171	1
SJW 1	99	9
George Dixon	155	2
Hall Green 1	114	7
Hall Green 2	104	8
KEVIHS	154	3
SJW 2	120	6

By Mrs Ratcliffe





Year 10 HAPs triumph at The Big Maths Quiz

We are incredibly proud to announce that our Year 10 High Attaining Pupils (HAPs) have achieved first place in The Big Maths Quiz. This outstanding accomplishment marks an unprecedented and unrivalled success for our pupils and the school.

"The trip was really enjoyable with many different types of questions which needed teamwork and dedication. All groups tried their hardest and played a huge part in our school winning the competition." **By Raena Teshome 10BRO**

The competition brought together talented mathematicians from schools across the region, and our pupils demonstrated exceptional problem-solving skills, teamwork, and determination throughout the event. Their hard work and dedication truly shone through.

A huge well done to the Maths department, whose continued commitment, encouragement and expertise ensure that all pupils are supported to reach their full potential. We are also grateful to the school leadership for providing enriching opportunities that allow pupils to thrive beyond the classroom.

"All groups used problem solving skills and decision making to answer the questions which helped our school win the competition. The trip itself was really fun and I had a great time." **By Makda Abraha 10CAL**

Most importantly, we celebrate our pupils, whose enthusiasm, resilience, and love of learning made this achievement possible. Their success is a testament to their effort and ambition.

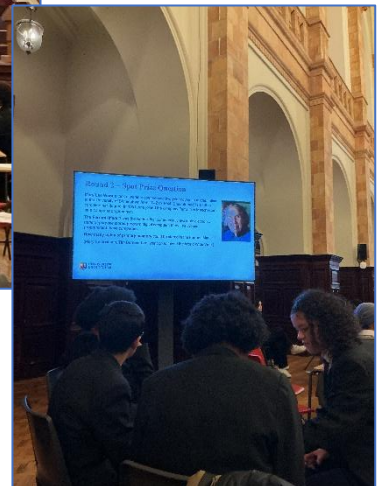
"The trip to the University of Birmingham was incredible. We had a challenging and fun quiz that tested our knowledge, and thinking creatively. We also had a nice exploration of the campus to see what a real university looks like."

By Trae Nguyen 10RAH

A huge well done to the Year 10 team - you have done yourselves and the school proud.

By Mr Hussain

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Values@Day – Year 7

For Year 7 Values@Day, we welcomed Sport4Life and Barclays into school. Sport4Life focused their sessions on confidence building and communication to support our pupils in forming positive relationships. Pupils had the opportunity to work in teams. Barclays looked at the process of setting up a new business and the barriers that they can face doing this.

'I enjoyed the sessions with Sport4Life because it helped me interact with people I hadn't worked with before.' **By Taivien Cole 7BA1**

'I learnt about how to be innovative and start up business with Barclays bank. We were learning about being independent and how to showcase our skills and talents.' **By Zelig Nyame 7ARD**



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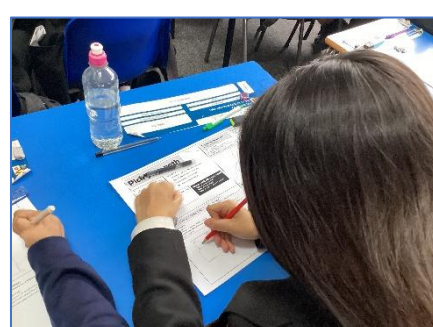
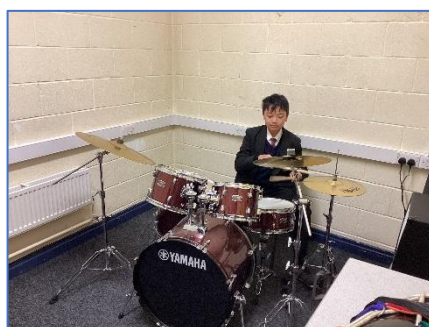
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Values@Day – Year 8

Year 8 had taster sessions focusing on the different subjects available to them in the Pathways process. This is the last opportunity pupils have to consider what they want to choose for their education. Pupils received taster sessions in subjects like Music, Technology, Business and Languages. Thank you to all the staff who prepared these additional sessions for our Values@Day.

'It was interesting learning about the different subjects that are on offer for next year. I found it helpful in making my choices.'
By Naiemah Lawrence 8HAS



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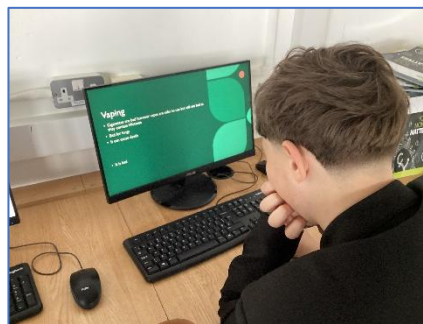
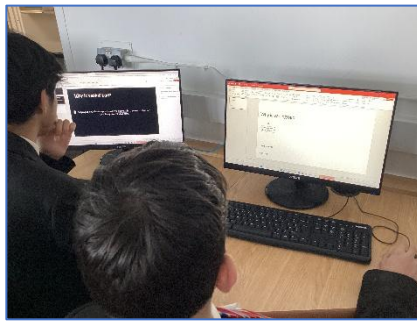
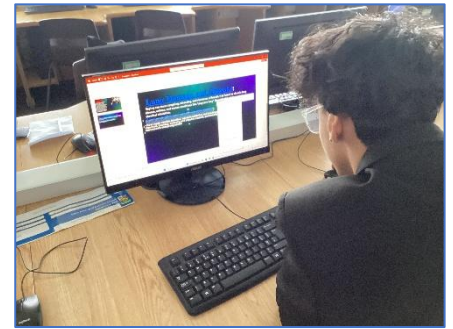


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Values@Day – Year 9

PC Manns, the school's SIPO came into SJW to lead a session focusing on vapes and organised crime for Year 9. PC Manns is part of the St John Wall family and always offers sound advice to support our pupils in making the right choice. St John Wall staff led sessions focusing on anti-social behaviour and marriage and families.



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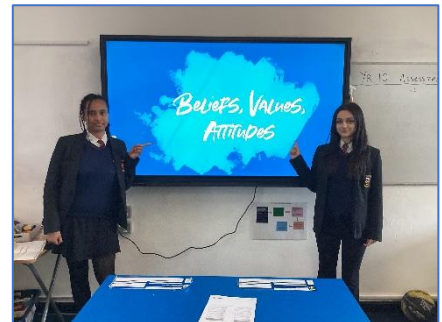
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Values@Day – Year 10

Year 10 working with three providers on their Values@Day. They had a session led by Libby from SLL (a favourite at SJW!) focusing on healthy relationships and boundaries and online safety. Aquarius led a session focusing on vapes and drugs due to issues that our pupils may face in the local community. Stand Against Violence led an anti-violence workshop to help our pupils in emergency situations.

'I learnt how to act in an emergency situation and how to save a life.' **By Aaliyah Bains 10CAL**



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Upcoming events

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All information for Autism West Midlands events can be found on our Eventbrite



**Family fun day at Kingsbury water park
Sunday 19th April**



**Teen autism confident - 8 week course
Wednesday 29th April Evenings**



**Northfield evening support group
Tuesday 12th May 6pm - 8pm**



**Solihull Coffee Morning
Wednesday 13th May 10am - 11.30am**



**Great Barr Coffee Morning
Thursday 14th May 10am - 12pm**



**Castle Vale Coffee Morning
Friday 15th May 10am - 12pm**



**Rising to the Challenge Solihull
6 week course
Wednesday 4th June 10am - 12pm**



If you require any further information contact AmyS@autismwestmidlands.org.uk



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Autism and the Teenage Brain
14th April at 10am



Autism and Food
28th April at 10am



Rising to the Challenge Online
starts 12th May
6 week course



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