

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 9

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 7 November 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...

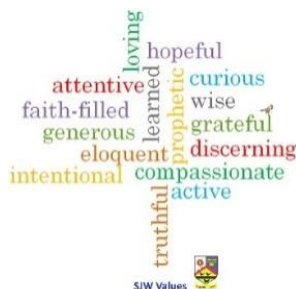
"We focused on All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. During this Celebration of the Word, we listened to a piece of scripture in which Jesus led people in living holy lives. We can honour All Saints' Day by being **loving** and **compassionate** to everyone. All Souls' Day allows us to remember those who have passed away. I like Celebration of the Word as it allows me to learn new things."

By Liyah Nadeem Rani 8RES

This week in Afternoon Prayer...

We prayed for All Saints' Day. During this prayer, we "remembered all the saints known and unknown. Not all saints were perfect, but they tried their best to be kind and **loving**. We can be like the saints by smiling at someone and by helping people. We also prayed for All Souls' Day, a day to remember all those who have died. We spent time reflecting and praying for those in our communities who have passed away. I like Afternoon Prayer as we pray for something different each day, so I am able to learn from it."

By Masuma Fatema 8RES



Important Dates to Note

- **Year 11 Mock 1 Examinations**
Monday 3 November 2025 – Wednesday 12 November 2025
- **Values@Day**
Friday 14 November 2025
- **Year 7 and Year 9 Assessment Week**
Monday 1 December 2025 to Friday 5 December 2025

Firework Safety

Firework safety is especially important when children are involved, as their natural curiosity and excitement can put them at risk of serious injury. Fireworks can cause burns, eye damage, and even hearing loss if not handled properly. To keep children safe, it's crucial that fireworks are only used by responsible adults, and that children are kept at a safe distance during displays. Teaching children about the dangers of fireworks and setting clear boundaries can help prevent accidents. Simple precautions like, using sparklers with supervision, keeping water nearby, and never relighting malfunctioning fireworks can make celebrations both fun and safe for everyone.

Please see the letter from West Midlands Police at the end of this newsletter.



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Year 11 Mock 1 Timetable - Continued

Period	Monday 10 November	Tuesday 11 November	Wednesday 12 November	Thursday 13 November
Form and Period 1 9:00 Start	Maths Calculator 1h 30m	Catering & Hosp 1h 15m	Art Day	Music and Drama Day
		Engineering 1h 15m		
Break	Break			
Period 2 and 3 10:50 Start	IT 1h 30m	Combined Science 1h 10m		
	Health and Social Care 1h 15m	Science - Physics 1h 45m		
Lunch	Lunch			
Period 4 13:50 Start	GCSE PE 2 1 Hour			

Visit to St Mary's Coffee Club

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Today we had a visit from a Ukelele band which pupils found highly entertaining. They joined in with dancing and singing and were complemented on their bravery by the audience. Next week is a quiz to get everyone in the mood for Christmas.

By Mrs Clayton



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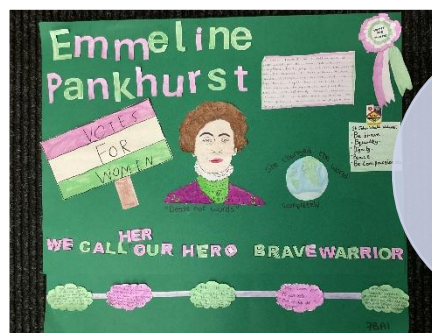
House Competition

As part of this term's house competition, pupils took part in a creative challenge titled **"Know Your Patron"**, designed to deepen their connection with their house identity. Each house explored the legacy and values of their patron, using this inspiration to design a unique logo and a slogan. These elements were then combined to represent the spirit, history, and ethos of each house. The activity encouraged teamwork, research and artistic expression.

These designs won't just be celebrated in the competition, they will be used to produce official house flags in the future. Each flag will incorporate the winning logo and slogan, becoming a lasting symbol of house pride displayed at school events, assemblies and competitions.

By Mrs Hewett

Winners



**Pankhurst
7BAI**



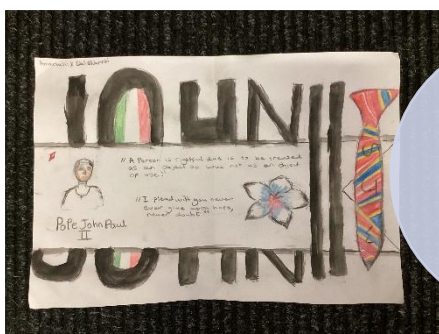
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Remembrance Day

Pupils in the STAC have been learning about the importance of Remembrance Day. We learnt about its origins, why we remember veterans that have fallen, the importance of memorials such as the Cenotaph and how we commemorate the day. Additionally, we made poppy wreaths. This is what the pupils had to say:

By Mrs Kaur and Miss Lai

"Remembrance Day is held on the 11th November. A 2-minute silence is held at 11.00am. You must show respect by not talking during this time."

By Edgaras Tamosauskas 7ARD

"I learnt that Remembrance Day is a where we remember the people who died in WWI and WWII. On 11th November the charity called Royal British Legion would sell poppies and use the money to help veterans and their families."

By Bok Man Sin 7ARD

"I learnt that Remembrance Day was first held in 1919, on year after the First World War ended. Poppies are worn because they are the flower that grew on the battlefields. Also, surviving veterans would go and pay respect to their comrades on this day."

By Petra Boldiova 7BAI





Dear Parent/Guardian

Message from West Midlands Police

Ahead of Bonfire Night tonight, and planned celebrations at the weekend, we're writing to remind parents and guardians of the importance of keeping children safe around fireworks and in public areas.

While organised and safe bonfire events can be fun for the whole family, we have sadly seen unacceptable scenes with fireworks in Birmingham city centre recently.

Pockets of disorder involving young people saw several fireworks released in a dangerous manner, as members of the public and our officers faced attack.

These incidents are currently subject to ongoing police investigations, and a number of individuals were arrested.

Our message to you is firstly - we are not tolerating this appalling action.

We are doing everything in our power to keep the city safe, including for young people attending school and college here. We have been very clear that anyone who is involved in this kind of behaviour faces serious consequences, and risks being arrested.

In addition to our existing powers, a Section 60 order will be in place in Birmingham in response to this disorder. The powers from this allow us to stop and search people without the need to have reasonable grounds. This power is exercised to safeguard the community from this dangerous behaviour.

As always, our focus is on keeping everyone safe, which is why we are asking parents and guardians to:

- Speak to your children about the dangers of handling and misusing fireworks
- Know where your children are, and who they are with, especially during the darker evenings
- Encourage them to attend organised firework displays rather than unsupervised gatherings
- Report any concerns about antisocial behaviour and firework safety directly to us

Reporting information to us is vital, and as well as parents and guardians, we're asking schools and colleges, and the wider community to share their concerns with us – as your support helps us keep communities safe.

We will continue working with our partners across the city and the wider West Midlands as we work through this intelligence and act accordingly.

You can read more safety advice on our website, where you can also find details of how to share information with us – including how to do so anonymously.

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Schools Liaison Officer



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