

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 respect. We listened to a piece of scripture about respect, thinking about how respect isn't about being polite, it's about how we treat people every day. We reflected on how to include others, how we show respect as individuals and how our actions can impact others. We thought about any choices that we may need to change. We can show respect by being polite to our community and by helping others who are in need. I like celebration of the word as our year group gathers together to pray and praise God."

By Tam Akinfenwa 7ANT

This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"We prayed for respect and thought about how we can show it. We can show respect by listening to people without talking. We can also help people in need and be **loving and compassionate** to everyone. This can also be shown when we gather as a school community. We also prayed for Stephen Lawrence Day. Stephen was a teenager who was murdered because of the colour of his skin. As part of this prayer, we reflected on the importance of speaking out against racism."

By Omar Ahmed 7ANT

Class Mass

"It was a very **peaceful** experience, and we had a look at some very holy parts of the Church. I was very **active** in mass by reading scripture from the Acts of the Apostles and was very **curious** by asking Fr George lots of questions."

By Omar Ahmed 7ANT

Important Dates to Note

- **University of Warwick – Scholars Programme Graduation**
Tuesday 28 April 2026 – 8.50am to 4.10pm (14 Year 8 Pupils)
- **Year 11 Alton Towers Trip**
Friday 1 May 2026 – 8.15am to 4.00pm
- **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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Message from Head of School

We have just recovered from a busy first week back after the Easter break. A particular highlight for me was the *Alice in Wonderland* performance. It was fantastic to see our pupils grow in confidence throughout the rehearsal process and performance week. We were also delighted to welcome pupils from local primary schools for a matinee showing. Thank you to all members of our community who came to support the production, and to the staff whose hard work made it possible.

I would like to extend my congratulations to Sachin C in Year 9, who has been selected for both Midlands cricket and Worcestershire cricket. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are extremely proud of him. You will also be pleased to hear that I have offered a very competitive coaching fee to pass on some of my own extensive cricketer skills...

On Thursday 7 May, Saint John Wall will be used as a polling station for the local elections. As a result, the school will be closed to all year groups except Year 11.

This week has also marked the start of external assessments, with Year 11 pupils completing their final Art examinations and beginning their MFL speaking assessments. Pupils have approached these with maturity and focus. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their remaining exams.

By Mr Holder

Year 7 Assessment Homework

Year 7 have received their assessment homework booklets this week. This homework is **compulsory** and will run alongside their usual Sparx and Bedrock programs. The library is open until 4.10pm each day for pupils to access computers should they need a quiet space to study. The assessment booklets will help to support pupils with revision for their assessments which are on Monday 15 June- Friday 26 June.

There will be an additional support session held in the library every Wednesday from 29 April until 24 June to help with managing homework. This will run until 4.10pm and I shall be offering revision resources, as well as help with the homework across all areas.

Please ensure that you have a clear timetable of due dates for homework so everything is completed promptly to support your learning.

By Mrs Ellis

Year 8 pupils explore with University of Oxford

Ten of our Year 8 pupils recently enjoyed a fantastic visit from the University of Oxford as part of the Making Materials Matter programme. The session gave pupils a hands on introduction to what it's like to work as a real researcher.

A particular highlight was an exciting thermal shock demonstration, where pupils watched ceramic, metal and glass orbs being heated and then cooled rapidly in water to see how different materials reacted. The experiments sparked lots of curiosity and great questions, helping pupils understand how materials behave under extreme conditions.

Our pupils were engaged, enthusiastic and a real credit to the school throughout the visit. We are very grateful to the University of Oxford team for an inspiring experience that brought science to life and encouraged our pupils to think about future possibilities.

By Mr Hussain



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