

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 37

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 learnt about St Peter and St Paul. St Peter reminds us that everyone makes mistakes and that we can improve from them. No matter what has happened in the past, we can all chose a better future. Every action matters, even small ones. We should always think about how we can show kindness, learn from our mistakes and welcome others, especially those who don't feel welcome. We can use our gifts and talents to make our school community a happy place for everyone."

By Ainda Aleksejeva 7ANT

This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"We prayed for our school theme of **Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers**. We can **build bridges** by carrying out small actions like smiling and welcoming others. We can all be **peacemakers** in our school community. This week, we welcomed Y6 and prayed for their induction day. We reflected on our own first day at St John Wall and thought about how we can support Y6. We also prayed for Pope Leo's intention, respecting human life. We can show **compassion** and kindness to those all around us."

By Ivone Antonemilianuspillai 7ANT

Class Mass

"This week we went to Mass as a class. We were **curious** and were able to ask questions about the Mass. We listened to Fr George who spoke about the importance of Saints, the meanings of the different liturgical colours and the hymns that are sung on Sundays."

By Simranpreet Kaur 8RES

Important Dates to Note

- **Year 8 Oxplore Festival at Joseph Chamberlain College**
Wednesday 8 July 2026 – 8.45am to 3.15pm
- **Year 8 Grosvenor Road Studios – 20 Pupils**
Monday 13 July 2026 – 9.00am to 3.00pm
- **Year 9 Trip to Weston-Super-Mare**
Monday 13 July 2026 – 8.00am to 3.30pm approx.
- **Year 10 Trip to Go Ape**
Monday 13 July 2026 – 8.00am to 2.15pm
- **Year 7 Walk to Sandwell Valley**
Tuesday 14 July 2026 – 9.00am to 3.00pm
- **Year 8 Trip to Dudley Zoo**
Tuesday 14 July 2026 – 9.00am to 2.15pm
- **Year 9 National Justice Museum**
Tuesday 14 July 2026 – 8.30am to 3.30pm
- **St John Wall Day**
Wednesday 15 July 2026
- **Sports Day**
Thursday 16 July 2026
- **End of Year Services**
Friday 17 July 2026



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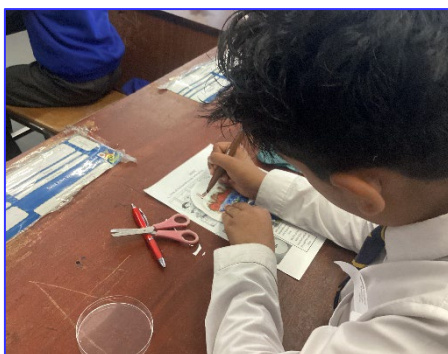
Year 6 Induction Day

We were delighted to welcome our new Year 6 pupils to Saint John Wall for their Induction Day. Throughout the day, pupils took part in a range of exciting activities across the school, including English, science experiments, computing and sports, giving them a real taste of life as a Year 7 pupils.

As part of the day, pupils also met their form tutors and spent time with their new form groups, helping them to begin building positive relationships and feel more confident about joining us in September. It was wonderful to see so many new friendships forming as pupils got to know one another and became part of our school community.

We have been incredibly impressed by this lovely year group. Their enthusiasm, excellent behaviour and willingness to get involved were a credit to them, and we are excited to welcome them back in September as they begin the next stage of their journey with us.

By Miss Reynolds



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Year 10 Trip to Sandwell College, Central St Michael's Sixth Form & Midland Metropolitan University Hospital Learning Campus

Year 10 Next Steps Taster Day

As part of our **Next Steps** programme, Year 10 pupils recently took part in a taster day to explore different post-16 pathways. The year group was split across three campuses, with each group participating in a range of engaging experiences designed to provide an insight into further education and future careers.

Some Year 10 pupils visited **Central St Michael's Sixth Form** to experience life as a post-16 student. They enjoyed a range of interactive taster sessions, including investigating a mock crime scene in Forensic Science, exploring the law surrounding murder, and discovering the possibilities of 3D printing in the Fab Lab.

Pupils also toured the excellent facilities and took part in a session exploring how different post-16 subjects can lead to a wide range of future education and career opportunities.

The visit was an engaging and inspiring experience, helping pupils to think positively about their next steps after Year 11.

By Miss Lally

Comments from pupils:

"I found the trip very fun as I learnt more about my future pathways and it also helped clear up misconceptions. I also learnt about what grades specifically I needed in subjects I would like to pursue and would definitely recommend going there. The people there were also very lovely."

By Janna Bargil 10RAH

"At Central Saint Michaels, we were welcomed by the staff and shown around the place, such as their theatre, media studies room, and copious toilets. Then we were able to have a look at their Fab Lab, and having a go at their augmented reality, 3D printing tools and their creations, such as a robot dog. In the afternoon, we had an insight into criminology at Central Saint Michaels, taking part in looking at a crime investigation, and observing our fingerprints under a specialised ink. Finally, we had a Q&A and played a game on possible careers in the future, showing us that qualifications opens up a large branch of careers."

By Sebastian Prusak 10RAH

"The trip to Central Saint Michaels was a wonderful experience. I had a great time socialising and meeting new people and it was a really helpful place that gave me an insight of my future paths. I would definitely recommend this trip and place to everyone, especially people who need assistance in finding out what they wish to do at their next step of education."

By Trae Nguyen 10RAH

Pupils who attended **Sandwell College** experienced a variety of vocational taster sessions. Half of the group explored Construction, Automotive, Animal Care and Sport, while the other half took part in Travel & Tourism and Creative Arts. These practical sessions provided an insight into the skills, facilities and career opportunities available in each area. Students who visited the **Midlands Metropolitan Hospital Campus** took part in four interactive sessions covering PPE and infection control, health sciences, dementia awareness, and careers in health and social care. They also explored the hospital's brand-new facilities, gaining a valuable insight into the wide range of opportunities available within the healthcare sector. The taster day gave pupils the opportunity to broaden their awareness of post-16 options, explore potential career pathways and make more informed decisions as they begin to consider their next steps.

By Mr Rathbone

"I had such a great time checking out the activities at Sandwell College! Honestly, it was so much fun and way more hands-on than I expected. Everyone was super welcoming, and the whole vibe just made it really easy to dive in and try new things. It was definitely the highlight of my week!" the trip was very fun we done various activities and fun things my group won everything including the balloons where we won a chocolate freddo and sweets." **By Sarra Omar 10ESM**

"Today at the metropolitan hospital, I learnt about many health and social care careers, and it has helped me to find some jobs I might want to do in the future such as therapy or being a paramedic. Also, the staff at the metropolitan hospital were very warm and welcoming and were eager to engage with us and taught us about things such as human biology, ethical dilemmas, PPE and dementia awareness. I really enjoyed this trip and might consider coming back when applying to colleges/sixth forms in Year 11." **By Hamza Mehmood 10BRO**



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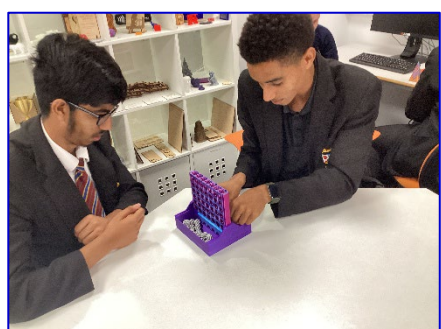
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"It was a very enthusiastic trip, I was able to understand different functions of body parts systems, I was able to understand the way PPE works, I was also able to understand more deeper about how dementia works and also how sometimes ambulances have to make choices on who to rescue first. I was able to meet new people and experience different activities in the health and social care department." **By Princela Manu 10RAH**



"Today I did sessions to do with esport, IT and business which I was strong in. I enjoyed the business and esport sessions since I was strong in both. The sessions helped me come to a decision that I want to do things to do with media and video editing." **By Devarnte Dawethi-Wilson 10CAL**



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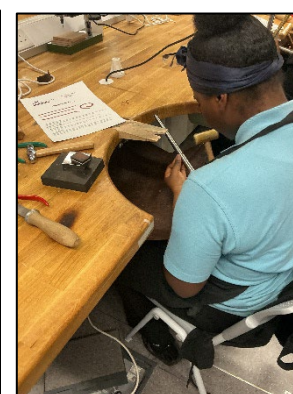
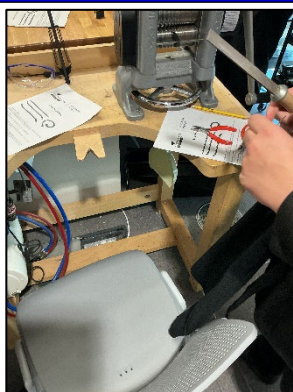
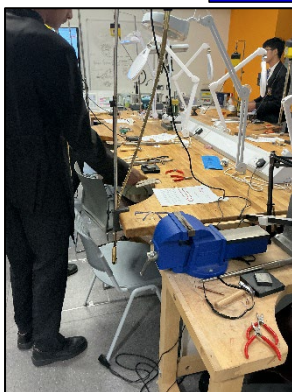
Year 10 Jewellery Workshop at Aston University Engineering Academy

On Thursday 2 July, our Year 10 pupils visited the Aston University Engineering Academy to take part in a hands-on jewellery-making workshop. Working in a professional jewellery studio, pupils learnt key manufacturing techniques and created their own piece of jewellery and gained an insight into careers in the creative industries and technical education pathways. The workshop was a fantastic opportunity to develop practical skills, explore future career options, and experience a real working environment. Each pupil will receive a certificate of participation and took home their finished piece of jewellery as a reminder of an enjoyable and inspiring afternoon.

By Mr Rathbone

"We were shown step-by-step on how to make a copper ring, and supported through the several stages, allowing us to end up with a finished product of two copper rings. We learnt about new equipment and methods used in engineering." **By Sebastian Prusak 10RAH**

"Today was amazing. I don't like rings in general but the manufacturing aspect of it was my favourite." **By Victoria Osayande 10RAH**



"Today we as a class visited Aston University's Jewellery workshop where I learn the uses of new tool that I have not learnt about and we as a class had chance of using those tools to make ourselves a ring with copper with different techniques. Overall, I had a great time there with the staff and learned how rings are manufactured. This all links to our curriculum as we have made a garden lantern and a key chain before we visited Aston University." **By Armanpreet Singh 10BRO**



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Celebrating Success in the F2D Enterprise Programme

This week marked the conclusion of our F2D Enterprise and Mentoring Programme, designed to develop employability skills, raise aspirations and prepare pupils for life beyond school. Over four engaging workshops, pupils explored career pathways, teamwork and enterprise, culminating in a Young Entrepreneur Project where they designed and developed their own products. The programme gave pupils valuable hands-on experience of business, design and entrepreneurship while building confidence, communication and problem-solving skills. We are proud of everything our pupils have achieved and would like to thank F2D for delivering the inspiring and rewarding programme.

By Mr Rathbone

"I Enjoyed it and it was great. I liked the experience."

By Imaan Akhtar 9PAD



"I really enjoyed this programme and looked forward to this every week."

By Patrick Chojnowski 9PAD

"It was a good fun experience, It was nice to collaborate with people so that we could all bring our ideas to one brand."

By Samuel Antalik 9AHM

"I enjoyed the workshop and it was a very good experience."

By Ava Henry 9HAB

"We got to express our own creativity and it was nice working with F2D. I am looking forward to wearing my hoodie." **By Shayan Khan 9BRS**

"My time with F2D was amazing, I had fun working with them. They were respectful and funny, I would love to do it again." **By Roxana Karzan-Naser 9PAD**

"It was a very good experience working with F2D as we were able to express our creativity with clothing and managed to work in a team to make our own brand."

By Josue Matthews 9HAB

"I really enjoyed doing this. It was good learning about fashion and designing hoodies."

By Sunny Atobrihan 9JAS





Visit to St Mary's Coffee Club

Pupils have been helping out with a charity bring and buy sale and auction today. They did really well as it was a busy morning helping out on stalls and chatting to guests. They were also tasked with checking if guests needed tea or coffee so a very active session. Next week is our last visit for this academic year and pupils will be in charge of organising a skittles competition so maths skills in use!

By Mrs Clayton



SUMMER 2026 SOCCER SCHOOLS

FOUNDATION



Aston

Bromsgrove

Burntwood

Harborne

Streetly

Sutton Coldfield

Times: 9:30 - 15:30

Dates: 20th July - 28th August

Days: Mon - Fri (excl. bank holidays)

Ages: 5-12 (13-14 at selected camps)





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