

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 2

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 18 September 2026

Catholic Life Termly Theme:
Termly Catholic Social Teaching:
Termly SJW Values:

Kind Hearts
Peace
Loving and Compassionate

Celebration of the Word

This week in Celebration of the Word, we focused on Fairtrade Fortnight.

Loving God,

Thank you for the people who make our school a safe place. As we learn about Fairtrade Fortnight, help us to think about all people around the world. Help us to make choices that are fair and kind. May we always look out for each other and treat each other with respect. May we make our school and our world a better place for everyone. Amen.

By Mansirat - 8BAI

Afternoon Prayer

This week in Afternoon Prayer, we prayed for Our Lady of Sorrows. We thought about all the sorrows that Mary experienced in her life. Even though she went through a lot of tough times, she was still always there for Jesus. This allowed us to think about what we can do for others. We can show **love**, **compassion** and **care** to everyone. We can help those who are feeling sad.

By Divya - 9CAL

Class Mass

This week we went to Mass as a class. When we got to the Church, we had to kneel down before we went into our seats. At the end, Fr George gave us the opportunity to ask any questions we had and spoke to us about our school community.

By Divya - 9CAL

Dates to Note

- **Open Evening**
Tuesday 29 September 2026 – 4.30pm to 6.00pm
(Register by visiting our website)
- **Open Morning**
Wednesday 30 September 2026 – 9.30am to 12.00pm
(Register by visiting our website)
- **Open Morning**
Thursday 1 October 2026 - 9.30am to 12.00pm
(Register by visiting our website)
- **Year 10 Assessment Week**
Monday 5 October 2026 to Friday 9 October 2026
- **Awards Evening – Year 8 and Year 9**
Wednesday 21 October 2026
- **Awards Evening – Year 10 and Year 11**
Thursday 22 October 2026
- **Half Term**
Monday 26 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026



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Message from Headteacher

This week, we had the pleasure of welcoming **Jayne Lowe OBE** to Saint John Wall for our annual external safeguarding review. I was delighted to see the hard work and commitment of our staff in supporting and safeguarding our pupils recognised. My thanks go to **Mr Lloyd-Price** for organising the review and to all our staff for the important role they play each day in keeping our pupils safe.

I was also extremely proud to hear about two pupils who have been shining examples of our school values and have fully embraced this term's theme of **Kind Hearts**. On two separate occasions, pupils found mobile phones – one on the bus and another on the way to school. Both pupils did exactly the right thing and handed the phones in to our school reception, allowing them to be reunited with their owners.

A huge well done to **Naomi (7ESM)** and **Ivone (8ABD)**. Their honesty, kindness and consideration for others are wonderful examples of our values in action. They have been fantastic ambassadors for Saint John Wall.

Today, I also had the pleasure of welcoming another group of pupils to **Hot Chocolate Friday**. This is our weekly opportunity to recognise and celebrate pupils who are making an exceptional contribution to school life.

This week, our focus was on the pupil in each year group who had achieved the **highest number of positive ClassCharts points, with no negative points**. It was a delight to welcome and congratulate:

- **Olivia (7RAH)**
- **Favour (8THO)**
- **Alberto (9BRK)**
- **Morbina (10ILY)**
- **Makda (11GUE)**

Congratulations to all five pupils. Their positive attitude and consistently high standards are excellent examples of our **Steps to Success: Excellence, Achievement and Respect**.

As we continue our focus on **Kind Hearts** this term, these examples remind us that kindness is demonstrated through the choices we make each day – looking out for others, doing the right thing and making a positive contribution to our community.

By Mr Holder

Year 11 Afterschool Revision

Year 11 afterschool revision will begin on Monday 28 September. This takes place everyday (apart from Fridays) until 4.15pm. These revision sessions are compulsory for all pupils in Year 11 to support their learning. If pupils are unable to attend a revision session, they should see Miss Cummings in advance of the day with medical or sixth form/college evening evidence.

Notice - Maths revision on Tuesday 29 September is postponed to Friday 2 October. This is due to Open Evening taking place on Tuesday.

By Miss Lally

Year 11 Revision Timetable

2026 - 27

Week 1 – Core Week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Science	Maths	English	RE	

Week 2 – Options Week				
Monday (C)	Tuesday (B)	Wednesday	Thursday (A)	Friday
• Art • Drama • Engineering • Geography • History • Performing Arts	• Business • Catering • Geography • History • Spanish • Triple Science		• Business • Computer Science • Health and Social • History • IT • Music • Sport	

Year 11 Revision Schedule

2026 - 27

Week	Week Beginning	Revision Week
1	31 st August 2026	
2	7 th September 2026	
3	14 th September 2026	
4	21 st September 2026	
5	28 th September 2026	1
6	5 th October 2026	2
7	12 th October 2026	1
8	19 th October 2026	2
Half term		October Half Term
9	2 nd November 2026	
10	9 th November 2026	Mocks 1
11	16 th November 2026	1
12	23 rd November 2026	2
13	30 th November 2026	1
14	7 th December 2026	2
15	14 th December 2026	1
Christmas		Christmas Break
16	4 th January 2027	2
17	11 th January 2027	1
18	18 th January 2027	2
19	25 th January 2027	1
20	1 st February 2027	2
21	8 th February 2027	1
Half term		February Half Term
22	22 nd February 2027	
23	1 st March 2027	Mocks 2
24	8 th March 2027	2
25	15 th March 2027	1
26	22 nd March 2027	2
Easter		Easter Break
27	12 th April 2027	1
28	19 th April 2027	2
29	26 th April 2027	1
30	3 rd May 2027	2
31	10 th May 2027	Revision Timetable Begins



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GCSE Results 2026

We are very proud of our Leavers of 2026 and their GCSE results. Our pupils worked hard and shown great determination, commitment and resilience throughout their time at Saint John Wall.

Overall attainment

Our overall Attainment 8 score was **50.05**. Attainment 8 gives us an overall picture of pupils' results across their GCSE and equivalent qualifications. This means on average pupils received a **Grade 5** across all of the qualifications included in the measure.

English and Maths

- 64% of pupils achieved Grade 4 or above in both English and Maths.
- 67% achieved Grade 4 or above in English Language
- 71% achieved Grade 4 or above in Maths
- 25% achieved Grades 7–9 in Maths

Excellent subject results

We are proud of the strong results achieved across many subjects. Some examples include:

- **Biology and Chemistry:** 100% achieved Grade 5 or above.
- **Religious Education:** 81% achieved Grade 4 or above.
- **Computer Science:** 93% achieved Grade 5 or above.
- **Art:** 100% achieved Grade 4 or above.
- **History:** 79% achieved Grade 4 or above.

There were also excellent results in our vocational subjects such as **Drama**, where **100% of pupils achieved a Level 2 Pass** or above, with **88% achieving Distinction** or above.

Pupil success

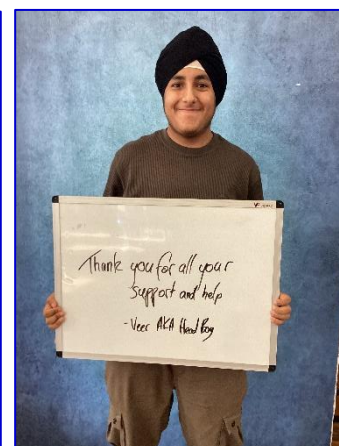
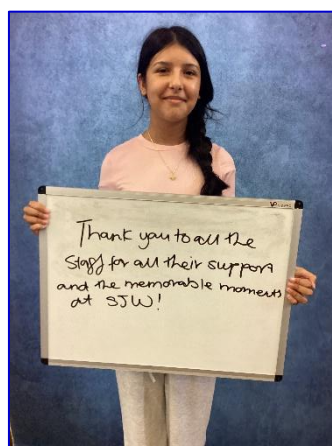
28 pupils achieved or exceeded all of their target grades.
21 pupils achieved an average Grade 7 or above across all of their subjects.

We are especially proud of all our pupils and would like to share some of their success stories:

- **Mateusz:** seven Grade 9s and one Grade 8
- **Kritika:** five Grade 9s and five Grade 8s
- **Riccardo-Mario:** five Grade 9s, two Grade 8s and two Grade 7s
- **Robert:** five Grade 9s, three Grade 8s and two Grade 7s

Many other pupils also achieved an excellent set of results. We would like to congratulate **all of our Leavers of 2026**. These results reflect the hard work of our pupils and the support of their **teachers, support staff and families**. We are incredibly proud of what our pupils have achieved and wish them **every success for the future**.

By Miss Lally



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Year 10 Assessment Week Timetable

Period	Monday 5 October	Tuesday 6 October	Wednesday 7 October	Thursday 8 October	Friday 9 October	Monday 12 October
1 9:15 Start	English Lit 50 minutes	IT 1 hour	Geography 1h 10m	Health and SC 1 hour	Music/Drama P1 & P2	Art All Day
		Computer Science 1 hour	Hosp & Catering 1h 10m	GCSE PE 1 hour		
				Sport 1 hour		
Break	Break					
2 and 3 10:50 Start	Science Combined 1h 10m Calculators	History 1h 20m	GCSE Business 1h 15m	Maths 1h 15m Non Calculator		
Lunch	Lunch					
4 13:50 Start	Spanish Writing F=1h 10m H=1h 15m	Italian Writing H=1h 15m	RE 1 hour			
		Engineering Design 1 hour				



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Free GCSE Revision Support

We're pleased to share that our school is working with Atom Learning, the UK's leading online GCSE learning platform, to provide **free access to Atom GCSE Pro for pupils in Years 9–11 who are eligible for Pupil Premium.**

Atom GCSE Pro gives students clear, structured revision tailored to their subjects and exam boards. It includes:

- **Exam-board-specific practice:** GCSE-style questions, past papers and predictive papers tailored to their exam board.
- **Instant, examiner-style feedback:** AI marking based on real GCSE mark schemes.
- **Progress tracking:** Predicted grades and topic-by-topic insights showing what's going well and what to revise next.
- **Structured revision:** Courses broken into simple steps to make studying more manageable.

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, please complete the form below to activate their free account:

<https://www.atomlearning.com/pupil-premium-secondary-schools>

A limited free version is also available for all other families: <https://www.atomlearning.com/gcse>

Any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me by email on Tilyaas@sjw.bham.sch.uk

Visit to St Mary's Coffee Club

Pupils have had a busy morning taking part in gentle exercise at St Mary's this morning. They have helped out with tea and coffee and putting chairs away and still had time to chat to some of the guests! Next week is fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Care.

By Mrs Clayton



Community Language Classes: An Opportunity for Success

At Saint John Wall Catholic School, we are proud to offer after-school Community Language Classes, providing pupils with the opportunity to develop their language skills and gain an additional GCSE qualification.

Our classes this year are from 3:15 pm until 4:15 pm:

- **Punjabi** – Mondays in **R23**
- **Polish** – Thursdays in **R9**
- **Urdu** – Thursdays in **R16**

These classes are open to pupils who wish to strengthen their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills in their home or community language. Last year, pupils who attended these sessions achieved **excellent GCSE results**, gaining an extra qualification alongside their other subjects.

Achieving a GCSE in a community language can enhance future education and employment opportunities. In today's increasingly diverse and global job market, being able to demonstrate proficiency in more than one language is a valuable skill that employers highly value.

We strongly encourage pupils who speak Punjabi, Polish or Urdu at home to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity. With commitment and regular attendance, students can gain an additional GCSE, build confidence in their language skills and improve their future career prospects.

For further information, please speak to the Modern Foreign Languages Department. We look forward to welcoming pupils to our Community Language Classes this year.

By Mrs Bigongiari



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— OPEN EVENTS DATES —



TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2026
4.30pm - 6.00pm



WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2026
9.30am - 12.00pm



THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 2026
9.30am - 12.00pm



Come and see our
school in action



Opportunity to talk
to pupils and staff



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community where
all flourish



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Meeting SJW Uniform Standards

Trousers



[F&F School Boys 2-Pack Regular Fit Trousers in Black - Tesco Groceries](#)



[Black Half Elastic Boys School Trouser 2 Pack | School | George at ASDA](#)



[Black Regular Leg Boys School Trousers 2 Pack | School | George at ASDA](#)

Alternately you can use school uniform supplier Gogna
<https://gogna.me/collections/st-john-wall-catholic-school>



[Senior Girls Black Skinny Leg Longer Length School Trousers | School | George at ASDA](#)



[Black Girls Woven Straight Leg School Trousers 2 Pack | School | George at ASDA](#)



[F&F School Girls 2-Pack Regular Fit Trousers in Black - Tesco Groceries](#)



Not excepted

- Leggings
- Flairs
- Grey
- Joggers (unless for P.E- see P.E kit page)



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Shirts



[Easy On Boys White Short Sleeve School Shirt 2 Pack | School | George at ASDA](#)

[Girls White Short Sleeve Non Iron School Shirt 2 Pack | School | George at ASDA](#)

[F&F School Boys 3-Pack Regular Fit Short Sleeved Shirts in White - Tesco Groceries](#)

[F&F School Girls 3-Pack Regular Fit Short Sleeved Shirts in White - Tesco Groceries](#)

[White Boys Slim Fit Long Sleeve School Shirt 2 Pack | School | George at ASDA](#)

[Girls White Slim Fit Long Sleeve School Shirt 2 Pack | School | George at ASDA](#)

[F&F School Boys 3-Pack Regular Fit Long Sleeved Shirts in White - Tesco Groceries](#)

[F&F School Girls 3-Pack Regular Fit Long Sleeved Shirts in White - Tesco Groceries](#)



Skirts



Knee length skirts only that are
not rolled up

[F&F School Girls 2-Pack Pleated Kilt Skirts in Black - Tesco Groceries](#)

[F&F School Girls 2-Pack Pleated Kilt Skirts in Black - Tesco Groceries](#)

[Black Senior Girls Pleated School Skirts 2 Pack | School | George at ASDA](#)

[Black Jersey Senior Girls School Skater Skirt | School | George at ASDA](#)

Alternately you can use school
uniform supplier Gogna
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No tight or pencil like skirts.



**With skirts pupil must wear black tights
or black/ white ankle socks
No knee-high socks**



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Shoes



[Red Fish Unisex Wallabee Black Coated Leather Shoe-51002 | shoezone -](#)



[Little Dudes Ozzy Boys Slip On School Shoe-20332 | shoezone](#)



[Beckett Mens Black Formal Lace Up Shoe-52205 | shoezone](#)



[Lilley Girls Black Patent Bow Loafer Shoe-20442 | shoezone](#)



[Lilley Girls Brogue School Shoe-202073 | shoezone](#)



[Little Diva Zena Girls Black Patent Chunky Loafer-20469 | shoezone](#)



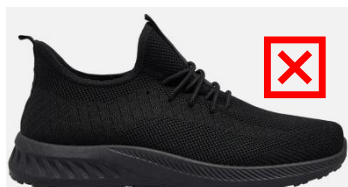
[Kickers | Fragma Lace Up Kids Shoes | Sports Direct](#)



[Buy Kickers Junior Boys Disley Boots Black](#)



[Kick Lo Vegan Synt Au Blk Black | Kickers](#)



No trainers or trainer like shoes allowed.

Some examples of these to the left.



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Blazers, jumpers and tie



Blazers with school logo on can be bought from Gogna (link below, image to the left)

[St John Wall Catholic School Boys Blazer – Gogna Schoolwear](#)

[St John Wall Catholic School Girls Blazer – Gogna Schoolwear](#)

Alternatively you can but plain blazer and purchase a sew/ iron on badge from the school office.

[Black Stretch Boys School Blazer | School | George at ASDA](#)

[Black Stretch Girls Schoo | Blazer | School | George at ASDA](#)

[F&F School Unisex Blazer in Black - Tesco Groceries](#)



Red- Luther King
Green- Pankhurst
Blue- Gandhi
Yellow- Mandela
Silver- John Paul

School jumpers should be bought from Gogna school wear

[St John Wall Sweatshirt – Gogna Schoolwear](#)

School ties can be purchased from Gogna and the school office. Before buying the tie confirm the house the pupil is in as this will indicate which tie needed



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P E Kit



There are compulsory items for P.E (On the left)

SJW sports top with logo (compulsory).

[St John Wall Catholic School PE T-Shirt – Gogna Schoolwear](#)

Navy Blue jogging bottoms.

<https://gogna.me/products/navy-school-track-pants>

[Navy Cuffed Joggers | Kids | George at ASDA](#)

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Plain-Sports-Polyester-Trouser-Bottoms/dp/B079BR8RGG?th=1&psc=1>

Trainers - Suitable for both indoor and outdoor use.

There are optional additions items (on the right)

Navy blue SJW pull over

[St John Wall PE Midlayer – Gogna Schoolwear](#)

Navy blue shorts/skorts

[Navy PE Shorts – Gogna Schoolwear](#)

<https://gogna.me/products/navy-pe-skort>

Navy blue football socks

[Sondico | Football Socks Junior | Sports Direct](#)

In addition pupils may wear a plain navy blue base layer under their PE tops



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