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 8 **Weekly Information Bulletin** **Date: Friday 6 November 2026**

Catholic Life Termly Theme:	**Kind Hearts**
Termly Catholic Social Teaching:	**Peace**
Termly SJW Values:	**Loving and Compassionate**

Celebration of the Word

This week in Celebration of the Word, we focused on All Saints and All Souls.

Loving God, We give thanks for all the saints that have shown us how to live with **kindness**, courage, faith and **love**. We think about all saints, both known and unknown and how their small actions have made changes in the world. We also remember all those that have died including friends and family. May their lives and memories continue to inspire and uplift us each and every day. Help us to follow their example and help us to make a positive difference in the world. Amen.

By Favour Adigun 8THO

Afternoon Prayer

This week in Afternoon Prayer we prayed for All Saints and All Souls Day. Both of these days remind us that we don't need to be famous or do something special to help or inspire others. We have time every day to smile at someone which can change a person's day. Our school prayer reminds us that we are all unique and that God guides us through life each day. Remembrance Sunday is a day where we remember all those who have lost their lives in war.

By Meera Badhan 9RES

Class Mass

This week we went to Mass as a class. This was a calming and **peace**ful experience and allowed us to reflect on our lives. At the end of Mass, Fr George allowed us to ask questions and explained the importance of the four pillars surrounding the Altar and the Tabernacle. **By Meera Badhan 9RES**

Dates to Note

- **Year 11 Mock 1 Examinations**
  Monday 2 November 2026 to Wednesday 11 November 2026
- **Year 8 Bletchley Park Museum Trip**
  Thursday 12 November 2026 – 8am to 5pm
- **Year 9 Parliament at Westminster London Trip**
  Friday 13 November 2026 – 7.45am to 6pm
- **Year 7 and Year 9 Assessment Week**
  Monday 30 November 2026 to Friday 4 December 2026

We Need a Parent Voice!

The work of St John Wall school is overseen and supported by a Board of Governors who work with the Headteacher and his team to get the best for the staff and students. It would be great to have a Governor who is a parent or carer of a student so we can get their experience of the school and the challenges young people are facing. You will be supported in the role by existing Governors and there is on-line training provided. The time commitment is for a couple of meetings a term in the late afternoon which you can join online. If you would like to know more, please email me: Pfahy@sjw.bham.sch.uk and we can arrange for an informal chat to what is involved. We are proud of our school, the staff and the students but we can always do better.

By Peter Fahy - Chair of Governors

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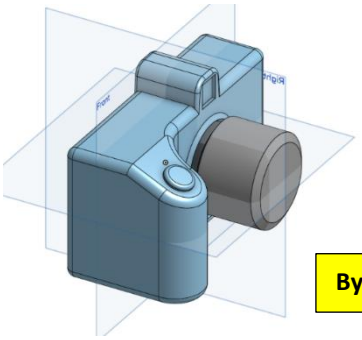
National Engineering Day – 4 November 2026

National Engineering Day celebrates the creativity, problem-solving and innovation at the heart of engineering. Engineering combines science, maths, technology and design to create solutions to real-world challenges.

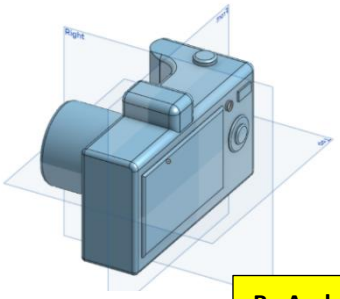
Our Year 10 Engineering pupils have been busy developing their CAD skills using Onshape. They have been designing and creating 3D camera models, building their confidence in digital design and gaining experience of the tools and techniques used by engineers in industry.

It is great to see our young engineers developing their technical skills and turning their ideas into detailed 3D designs.

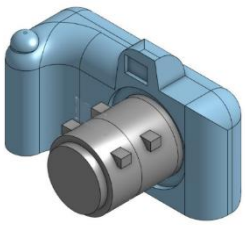
By Mr Rathbone



By Ananiya Ayele 10PAD



By Andrzej Kozakiewicz 10BRES



By Hussein Muhumed 10JAS

Become a NHS Volunteer

What it is like to be an NHS volunteer

There are many reasons why you may decide to volunteer within the NHS.

As an NHS volunteer, you can:

- make a positive contribution to the experience of patients and their families
- do something for the benefit of your local community
- get a sense of accomplishment and a positive outlook on life
- do something worthwhile and meaningful to you.

Whether you're retired, studying or considering a change in career, volunteering is a great way to learn new skills and discover new possibilities. Through remote volunteering, you can also take part in some opportunities from home.

You will get support from dedicated teams who welcome volunteers from all walks of life and backgrounds.

For more information visit: NHS Volunteering - Homepage

CBT Therapy Dog Visit Tuesday 10 November

I'm delighted to announce that we have two very special visitors coming in on the morning of Tuesday 10 November.

Claire Gibb is a CBT therapist and she works 1:1 with pupils supporting them through a range of different challenges and barriers. Alongside Claire will be her dog Albie. He is a trained therapy dog and is there during sessions with Claire and the pupils to ensure they feel calm and safe. Albie also provides fabulous cuddles and does like to have lots of treats!

Claire has not been to Saint John Wall before and is very excited to have a tour of the school. We are hoping that this may lead to her supporting some of our pupils in the near future.

By Miss McKenzie



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Careers Fest – Careers Fair

Year 11 Parents and Carers Welcome

Thursday 12 November 2026

Careers Fest – Careers Fair

As part of our Careers Fest, we are delighted to be hosting a **Careers Fair** for our pupils, bringing together a range of colleges, sixth forms, universities, training providers and employers on Thursday 12 November 2026.

Year 11 parents and carers are warmly invited to join us after school to explore the fair with their child, speak directly with exhibitors and find out more about the different options available after Year 11.

Parents and carers can **arrive from 3:00pm** and should report to **Reception** to be signed in. The fair will open to parents and carers at **3:15pm** and will remain open until **3:45pm**.

Year 11 pupils are very welcome to stay after school and attend with their parent or carer, giving families the opportunity to ask questions, compare options and explore future study, training and career pathways together.

Confirmed Stalls include:

Solihull Sixth Form College, King Edward VI College Stourbridge, Dudley College, Deacon Owen, South & City College Birmingham, Aston Villa Foundation, Cadbury Sixth Form College, Access Creative College, Sandwell Academy, Halesowen College, Mitie, Birmingham Newman University, BOA, Harper Adams University, Sandwell College, Central Saint Michael's Sixth Form and Cadbury Sixth Form College.

We ask that any Year 11 parents and carers who would like to attend complete the short form below to confirm their attendance.

Saint John Wall Careers Fair – Year 11 Parent/Carer Attendance Form – Fill in form



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SIXTH FORM

OPEN EVENING



Thursday 12th November
5.30pm - 7.30pm

Considering your next step after GCSEs?

Join us to discover why King Edward VI Aston Sixth Form has such a strong reputation in the region.

- Meet Heads of Department, subject staff and members of the Sixth Form team
- Hear from the Headteacher and the Head of Sixth Form
- Speak with current Sixth Form students
- Explore our school and learn about our broad curriculum and enrichment opportunities



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Wednesday 11 November 2026 4pm - 7pm
Wednesday 24 February 2027 4pm - 7pm
Saturday 12 June 2027 10am - 1pm
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