

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 3

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 25 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 International Day of Peace.

Loving God, as we celebrate International Day of Peace, help us to make our school a place where everyone feels safe and loved. Help us to look out for each other, treating everyone we meet with kindness. We pray for peace in our school, our families and around the world. We especially pray for peace in areas of the world where people feel afraid or in danger. We pray for our pupils and staff - may they always feel safe, supported and at peace. Amen.

By Alayna 8THO

Afternoon Prayer

This week in Afternoon Prayer, we prayed for World Gratitude Day. As part of this, we thanked and prayed for our loved ones. We also prayed for International Day of Peace and thought about all the morally good choices we can make to promote peace. We prayed for International Day of Languages, reflecting on all the different languages and cultures in our school community. We took part in a quiz reflecting on all the languages in the world.

By Amrit 9RES

Class Mass

This week on Tuesday, our History class went to Mass. I found it to be peaceful and relaxing. I understood most things Fr George preached about. It is important to go to Mass as a class as a reminder that God is always there for you.

By Amrit 9RES

Dates to Note

- **Open Evening**
Tuesday 29 September 2026 – 4.30pm to 6.00pm
(Register by visiting our website)
Pupils will be dismissed from school between 1.30pm & 1.40pm
- **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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Open Evening

On Tuesday, we have our annual Open Evening. The school will close early to allow staff to prepare to welcome potential new SJW pupils and their families. The timings of the day are as follows... [By Mr Price](#)

Period	Time	Activity	Staff
Registration	8.45am – 9.15am	Form time	Form tutors
Period 1	9.15am – 10.15am	Normal lesson	
Period 2	10.15am – 11.15am	Normal lesson	
Break	11.15am – 11.30am	Normal duty staff	
Period 3	11.30am – 12.30pm	Normal lesson	
Period 4	12.30pm – 1.30pm	Normal lesson	
Grab and go lunch	1.30pm – 1.40pm	Pupils leave site	
Open Evening preparation	1.40pm – 4.30pm	All staff	
Open Evening		4.30pm – 6pm	



Celebrating our pupils

This week, we had the pleasure of recognising and celebrating pupils who consistently demonstrated our school values throughout the last academic year.

An incredible **11 pupils** achieved an entire year with **positive ClassCharts points and no negative points**. These pupils were presented with our **Green Star badge** in recognition of this fantastic achievement.

We also celebrated **18 pupils who achieved 100% attendance for the whole academic year**. Attending school every single day is a tremendous accomplishment and was made even more impressive by the exceptionally hot weather we experienced towards the end of the summer term! These pupils proudly received our new **100% Attendance badge**.

Remarkably, **three pupils achieved both awards** – an outstanding accomplishment and something of which they should be incredibly proud.

These are just the beginning of a range of badges we will introduce to recognise our pupils' achievements. We want these badges to provide a visible reminder of what pupils have accomplished and the positive legacy they are building during their time at Saint John Wall.

[By Mr Holder](#)

Lifelong Learning at SJW

At Saint John Wall, we want our pupils to understand that **learning is a lifelong journey**. As staff, we also have a responsibility to model this by continuing to learn, develop and challenge ourselves.

I am therefore delighted to celebrate some fantastic achievements from members of our staff:

- **Miss McKenzie** – successfully completing her **National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH)**
- **Mr Rathbone and Mr Hussain** – successfully completing their **National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL)**
- **Miss Guest and Mrs Bigongiari** – successfully completing their **National Professional Qualification for Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators (NPQSENCO)**
- **Miss Kaval** – successfully completing her **NCFE EPA** – the final assessment of her apprenticeship

Congratulations to them all. Their commitment to their own professional development is a wonderful example to our pupils that **learning does not end when we leave the classroom or finish school**. [By Mr Holder](#)



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A reminder about social media

Finally, I would like to ask parents and carers for their continued support around pupils' use of social media. Most major social-media platforms require users to be **at least 13 years old**, but reaching the minimum age does not necessarily mean that a young person is ready for everything they may encounter online.

Social media requires a level of **maturity, judgement and resilience** to navigate safely. Group chats, comments, images and videos can quickly lead to disagreements, upset or inappropriate content, and what is posted online can be difficult to take back.

Please continue to talk regularly with your child about the platforms they use, who they communicate with and what they share. We encourage our pupils to demonstrate the same **kindness, respect and good judgement online that we expect from them in school**. Working together, we can help our young people enjoy the benefits of technology while developing the knowledge and maturity needed to use it safely and responsibly. **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

Visit to St Mary's Coffee Club

Pupils have helped out at the fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Care this morning. There were lots of lovely conversations between guests and pupils and there was also opportunities to help out at the cake stand.

By Mrs Clayton



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Celebrating the European Day of Languages 26th September 2026

This week, our school proudly celebrated the **European Day of Languages**, an annual event that highlights the richness and diversity of languages across Europe and beyond. The day began with a fun and engaging **language quiz**, which challenged students to test their knowledge of different languages, cultures and countries.

As a truly multicultural school, we are incredibly proud that **64 different languages** are spoken by our students and families. This remarkable linguistic diversity is one of our greatest strengths. Every language represents a unique culture, history and way of seeing the world, helping to make our school a vibrant and inclusive place where everyone can feel valued and respected.

Learning languages is about much more than memorising vocabulary or grammar rules. Languages help us communicate with others, build relationships, understand different perspectives and develop empathy. They encourage curiosity, confidence and open-mindedness, all essential skills in today's interconnected world.

The importance of languages extends far beyond the classroom. In our local community, the ability to speak and understand different languages helps people connect with neighbours, support one another and celebrate cultural diversity. On a wider scale, language skills open doors to future study, travel and employment opportunities, preparing young people for success in an increasingly global society.

The European Day of Languages reminded us that every language spoken in our school matters. Whether it is English, French, Spanish, Polish, Punjabi, Italian, Arabic, Portuguese, Romanian, Urdu or any of the many other languages represented in our community, each one contributes to the rich tapestry of our school life.

A huge thank you to all students and staff who took part in the celebrations. Together, we have shown that languages are not only subjects to be studied but also bridges that bring people, cultures and communities closer together.

"Different languages, one community." We look forward to continuing to celebrate and promote multilingualism throughout the year.

By Mrs Bigongiari



Pope Leo in Lourdes

This weekend, Pope Leo XIV will visit Lourdes in France as part of his apostolic journey. Lourdes is a place of pilgrimage, where people from around the world come to pray, seek healing, find hope and support one another. The Pope's visit provides an opportunity to reflect on the importance of compassion, dignity and care for every person.

During his visit, Pope Leo will not simply be present as the leader of the Catholic Church, but also as a pilgrim amongst pilgrims. He will be alongside people who carry their own hopes, worries, struggles and prayers.

His visit reminds us that every person deserves to be treated with kindness, respect and compassion. We can all take inspiration from the values highlighted by this visit: caring for others, standing alongside those who are vulnerable, and bringing hope and peace to our communities.

Families are invited to follow the celebrations from Lourdes through the livestream of the Grotto Mass, providing an opportunity to learn more about this important moment in the life of the Catholic Church and to reflect on the importance of pilgrimage and prayer.

Saturday 26 September at 6:40pm – Prayers at the Grotto.

Sunday 27 September at 10:00am – Holy Mass.

For more information, please visit the Lourdes Sanctuary Website and Grotto Website: <https://www.lourdes-france.com/en/pope-at-lourdes/>

https://directfromlourdes.com/lourdes_live_tv

By Mr Lysaght



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Tuesday 20th October 2026
9.30- 10.30am

Main School Hall

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OPEN EVENTS

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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



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