

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 4

Weekly Information Bulletin

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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 Harvest.

Loving God, Today we remember the farmers who grow crops and who have worked hard this harvest.

Without them, we wouldn't be provided with our food.

Guide us to remember that Harvest doesn't happen overnight and that growth takes time and effort.

May our lives we like this too. Guide us to always have **kind hearts**.

As we end CAFOD Family Fast Day, may we always remember those individuals around the world who go without.

By Simranpreet Kaur 9RES

Afternoon Prayer

This week in Afternoon Prayer, we have prayed for St Vincent de Paul, Little Way Week and CAFOD Family Fast Day. We have learnt and reflected on ways in which we can support these as a school community. We can be like St Vincent de Paul by always being **loving and compassionate** to those in need. We can follow the example of St Therese during Little Way Week by showing **love** and **kindness** to those around us. We can pray and follow the work of CAFOD by eating simply and buying soup during our Family Fast Day. Taking a moment at the end of our busy day to reflect on ourselves is very nice and allows us to take a moment to be together as a community.

By Sara Antony 11JON

Dates to Note

- **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
- **Year 11 Mock 1 Examinations**
Monday 2 November 2026 to Wednesday 11 November 2026



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Message from the Headteacher

We had the pleasure of opening the doors of Saint John Wall to primary school pupils and their parents and carers for our **Open Morning and Open Evening**. It was wonderful to welcome so many families into our school and give them the opportunity to experience our community.

A huge thank you goes to our **prefects and house captains**, who acted as fantastic tour guides at both events, and to all of the pupils who helped to showcase our school. They represented Saint John Wall brilliantly and demonstrated our values of **Excellence, Achievement and Respect** throughout.

As a school, we continue to take a proactive approach to safeguarding and ensuring the safety of our pupils. As we did last academic year, one of the strategies that the school may utilise is **searched entry on arrival**. This may involve the whole school or selected year groups and may take place without prior notice.

The purpose of searched entry is to help ensure that prohibited or potentially harmful items are not brought onto the school site and to promote safety both within school and in the wider community.

We regularly remind pupils about items that are prohibited in school, and these are listed below. We would greatly appreciate the continued support of parents and carers by **routinely checking your child's school bag, coat and blazer** to ensure that they are not carrying any prohibited items.

Banned item list:

Items banned by the school rules if seen
- Mobile phones; headphones; ear buds; baseball hats; pouches; belt bags, hoodies, - More than one mobile phone
Prohibited items
- Bandanas, balaclavas, latex dipped gloves - Cigarettes; e-cigarettes; shisha pens; tobacco; vapes; filter papers etc. - Knives and other weapons - Metal hair combs, compasses, pencil sharpeners, metal ruler or scissors - Fireworks/Lasers/laser pens or similar - Alcohol. - Illegal drugs or substances suspected to be - Other substances not believed to be controlled drugs. - Stolen items. - An article that a member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be used to commit an offence or cause personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person in the school.

Thank you, as always, for working in partnership with us to keep our school community safe.

By Mr Holder

FriYAY

This month, we have reintroduced our Hot Chocolate Fridays (now named FriYAY!), we have welcomed three groups of pupils on a Friday morning to have Hot Chocolate with a member of SLT. The pupils chosen were those who had the highest number of positives each week.

Week 1 - Mr Holder

Abdulmatheen Quadiri (7RAH)

Favour Adigun (8THO)

Alberto Tofei (9BRK)

Mobina Alipour (10ILY)

Demi-Lee Hulme (11GUE)

Week 2 - Mr Price

Jessica Albu (7AHM)

Alayna Rasheed (8THO)

Marwa Safeer Awan Khan (9BRK)

Abel Keneni (10BRS)

Nathanael Byfield (11KIY)

Week 3 - Mr Dawkins

Chimamanda Isife (7RAH)

Alex Adesola (8BAI)

Deeya Powar (9HAS)

Patrick Westwood (10PAD)

Raena Teshome (11KIY)

Next week, we will be changing our focus - for FriYAY - we are looking for the pupils who achieve the highest positives in Excellence and Achievement. They will join Mr Rathbone and Miss Mckenzie for Hot Chocolate next Friday.

By Mr Price



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Punctuality

One of our main areas of focus as a school is punctuality to school and lessons.

Being on time for school and lessons is really important. Every minute of learning counts, and arriving late can mean missing important information, activities, and valuable learning opportunities. Pupils who arrive late to school can miss registration, form time, notices, and a settled start to the day, which can make it harder for them to be ready to learn. We want all pupils to have the best possible start each morning and to every lesson so that they do not miss out on any part of their education.

For lateness to lesson, we will be adjusting our procedures at the end of break and lunch. A whistle will be blown 5 minutes before the end of break and lunch to inform pupils that their break/lunch is nearly over. This will be the time pupils will need to start getting themselves ready (e.g. changing shoes, putting blazer on) so they are ready to learn. We will trial this and monitor closely. If negatives do not decrease for punctuality to lesson, we will push forward with additional steps.

By Mr Price

Year 10 and Year 11 - Explore a Career in Healthcare

Have you ever thought about working in a hospital, helping patients, or becoming a healthcare professional? The Interactive Virtual NHS Healthcare Careers Work Experience Programme is a great way for Year 10 and Year 11 pupils to find out what a career in healthcare could be like.

From the comfort of your own home, you'll take part in interactive sessions led by healthcare professionals and follow real life patient journeys from admission through to treatment and discharge. You'll learn about a range of careers within the NHS and gain an insight into different healthcare settings.

You can choose to attend a single virtual work experience day or sign up for the full six-month programme. Every session is different, giving you the chance to explore a variety of healthcare roles and experiences. You'll also receive a certificate for every session you attend, which can be useful for college, sixth form, and future applications.

If you're interested in careers such as medicine, nursing, physiotherapy, radiography, paramedic science, psychology, or many other healthcare professions, this is an excellent opportunity to learn more.

Interested? Find out more and book a place here: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

By Mr Hussain

HAPS Ambassador



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Catholic Life

Chaplaincy Commissioning Mass

On Tuesday, I accompanied six of our Year 8 pupils to the Chaplaincy Commissioning Mass at St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham City Centre. This was a special Mass in which schools from the Archdiocese of Birmingham were invited to celebrate the great Chaplaincy work that goes on in our schools together. During the Mass, staff and pupils were commissioned, making a promise to support the work of Chaplaincy in their communities this year.

Thank you to Evelyn Adeyeye, Favour Adigun, Javier-Kelvin Garcia George, Joshua Horvath, Adam Sharafpiani and Zubey Umeadi for representing the school so well during the Mass. At the end of the Mass, we were able to meet and have a photograph with Bishop Timothy Menezes who celebrated Mass for us. Thank you to Mr Price, Mr Rathbone and Mr Holden for their support in organising this trip.

By Mr Lysaght



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Open Evening

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome parents of Year 6 pupils to our annual Open Evening, offering families the opportunity to explore our school and experience the vibrant learning community we are so proud of.

Each department proudly showcased an inspiring collection of pupils' work, alongside a range of engaging activities for families to enjoy together. The evening was a wonderful reflection of the creativity, enthusiasm and dedication that characterise our school.

A heartfelt thank you to all our staff and Year 11 prefects who generously gave their time and energy, staying with us until 6pm to warmly welcome our visitors, share their experiences and bring the spirit of our school to life.



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Year 7 Natural High

On Thursday, our Year 7 pupils enjoyed a lively and engaging special assembly focused on drug awareness and making positive choices. The presentation, led by David Graham, encouraged pupils to think about the many ways they can experience a natural 'high' through positive activities, friendships, music, sport and having fun. Pupils also learned about the importance of knowing where to go for advice and support if they ever have questions or concerns. Trusted organisations such as **FRANK** and **Childline** were introduced as valuable sources of help and information.

The assembly was far from simply sitting and listening! Pupils enthusiastically joined in with singing and dancing, while a few talented footballers impressed everyone with their skills and some fantastic kick-ups.

It was a fun, informative and memorable afternoon, combining important messages with plenty of energy and enthusiasm. Well done to all our Year 7 pupils for getting involved and making the assembly such a success!



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Reading for Pleasure – What Are Our Students Reading?

Reading continues to play an important part in our Form Time programme. Each year group is currently enjoying a carefully selected novel designed to encourage a love of reading, broaden students' vocabulary and introduce them to engaging characters, themes and ideas.

Year 7 – *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio

Year 7 are reading the moving and uplifting story of Auggie Pullman, a young boy born with a facial difference who attends mainstream school for the first time. *Wonder* explores themes of kindness, friendship, acceptance and the importance of looking beyond appearances. Students have responded particularly well to Auggie's story and the different perspectives presented throughout the novel.

Year 8 – *The Goldfish Boy* by Lisa Thompson

Year 8 are immersed in this intriguing mystery centred around Matthew, a boy who spends much of his time watching the world from his bedroom window. When a young child from the neighbourhood goes missing, Matthew may be the key to discovering what happened. The combination of mystery, suspense and relatable characters has prompted some excellent engagement and discussion from our Year 8 readers.

Year 9 – *Noughts & Crosses* by Malorie Blackman

Year 9 are tackling Malorie Blackman's powerful novel about Sephy and Callum, two young people growing up on opposite sides of a deeply divided society. Through their friendship, the novel explores prejudice, discrimination, inequality, love and social justice. Students have engaged thoughtfully with the challenging themes and moral questions raised by the story.

Year 10 – *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

Year 10 are entering the dystopian world of Panem, where Katniss Everdeen volunteers to take her younger sister's place in the brutal Hunger Games. Packed with tension and action, the novel also encourages students to think about power, inequality, propaganda, sacrifice and resistance. It has been fantastic to see students engaging enthusiastically with Katniss's story and discussing the wider ideas behind the novel.

Keep Reading at Home!

We have been delighted with the engagement students are showing during Form Time reading. Regular reading for pleasure supports students across the curriculum by developing vocabulary, comprehension, fluency, concentration and confidence with increasingly challenging texts.

We would encourage parents and carers to support this work at home by ensuring that students have regular opportunities to read for pleasure. Even a small amount of dedicated reading time each day can help establish positive habits and contribute to students' wider academic development.

Our message to students is simple: keep reading, keep exploring and find the books that make you want to turn the next page!

By Mr Dawkins



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Head of Year News

Year 7

It has been a fantastic first month for our new Year 7 pupils. They have made an amazing start to life at Saint John Wall Catholic School, and it has been lovely getting to know them and watching them begin to settle into secondary school life.

We are particularly proud that Year 7 have achieved an excellent **97% positive behaviour ratio** during their first month. This is a brilliant reflection of the positive attitude, effort and behaviour that so many of our pupils have demonstrated.

September Highlights

During the month, pupils have had the opportunity to take part in some exciting activities. We welcomed **Natural High** into school to work with our pupils, encouraging them to think about making positive choices and developing healthy habits.

Year 7 also took part in **team-building activities with Sports4Life**, giving pupils the opportunity to work together, communicate, build confidence and strengthen new friendships.

It has also been wonderful to see so many Year 7 pupils getting involved in wider school life already. We have been particularly impressed by the number of pupils who have put themselves forward to **audition for our school production of Matilda**. It takes confidence and courage to audition, and it is fantastic to see so many of our new pupils embracing the opportunities available to them.

Most importantly, it has been a pleasure getting to know the year group. We have loved seeing their personalities come through as they have made new friends, developed new routines and become more confident around school.

Our Key Focus – Punctuality

As we move into October, one of our key focuses will be **punctuality**.

It is really important that pupils arrive **at school and to every lesson on time**. Being punctual means pupils are ready to learn from the very beginning of each lesson and helps us to maximise valuable learning time.

We would really appreciate the continued support of parents and carers in helping pupils to develop good routines and arrive at school on time each day.

Homework – Sparx Maths & Bedrock English

Another important focus is ensuring that pupils establish positive homework routines from the beginning of Year 7.

Pupils are expected to regularly complete their:

Sparx Maths Homework Bedrock English Homework

Completing these tasks is an important part of supporting pupils' learning and helping them to make progress.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Sparx Maths or Bedrock English, please contact your child's **class teacher**, who will be happy to support.

Does your child need access to a laptop?

We understand that not every pupil has access to a suitable device at home.

If your child **does not have access to a device at home** and requires a laptop to support them with completing their homework, please ask them to **speak to their Form Tutor** so that we can look at the support available.

Coming Up in October – Year 7 Welcome Mass

We are looking forward to celebrating our **Year 7 Welcome Mass** in October.

This will be a special opportunity for us to come together as a school community and formally welcome our new Year 7 pupils to St John Wall Catholic School.

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us.

If you would like to attend, please **click the link below** to let us know you will be joining us.

LINK TO ATTENDANCE FORM:

[Year 7 Welcome Mass RSVP – Fill in form](#)

A Brilliant Start

Starting secondary school is a big step, and we are incredibly pleased with how well Year 7 are settling into school life. Thank you to our parents and carers for your continued support during this important transition. We look forward to another positive month and seeing our pupils continue to grow in confidence, take advantage of new opportunities and make the most of their time at St John Wall.

Well done, Year 7 – what a brilliant first month!
By Miss Reynolds



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Head of Year News

Year 8

We have had an excellent start to the year with pupils showing maturity and respect since returning from their summer break.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Antonucci for all her hard work and support last year with 7ANT.

We are happy to welcome Mr Abdullah as a new Year 8 Form Tutor this academic year!

My name is Mr Abdullah and I am an English teacher here at the school. This year, I am very pleased to be taking on a new role as Form Tutor to our Year 8 pupils (8ABD), and I am really looking forward to getting to know them and supporting them throughout the year.

Outside of school, I enjoy reading and am a big boxing fan. Both are great ways for me to unwind, and I hope to bring the same sense of curiosity, resilience and determination into my role as a Form Tutor.

I am excited to see what the year ahead brings and look forward to working with the pupils, helping them grow in confidence and make the most of their time in Year 8. I am also looking forward to building positive relationships with you as parents and carers along the way.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been our Stars of the Week for September. Each pupil has been selected by their form tutor to receive the award for being true role models to those around them.

Zuby Umadi, Dilpreet Singh & Synai Smith - 8ABD

Patryk Kardel, Ioana-Alessia Chiriac & Mariam Kimba Musah - 8ARD

Alex Adesola, Petra Boldiova & Evelyn Adeyeye - 8BAI

Mario Covaci, Gurkeerat Chana & TJ Takawira - 8THO

Briana Drapac, Adam Sharafpiani & Reet Powar - 8WIO

By Mrs Ellis

Year 9

Year 9 have made a good start to the academic year and continue to demonstrate the positive attitude, commitment and resilience that make our school community strong. Across the year group, pupils have shown a real determination to succeed, both inside and outside the classroom, and have embraced the many opportunities available to them.

In lessons, staff have been delighted by the quality of work being produced across a wide range of subjects. Pupils are engaging positively with learning, participating confidently in class discussions and taking pride in their work.

Behaviour across the year group has been very good. Since the start of the year, Year 9 pupils have earned an impressive 13,531 positive Class Charts points, resulting in an outstanding 96% positive behaviour profile. It is particularly pleasing to see you being recognised for your effort, contribution to lessons, kindness towards others and commitment to the wider life of the school.

Attendance for Year 9 currently stands at 93.4% year-to-date. Whilst this represents a positive start to the year, we know that high attendance is one of the biggest factors in ensuring academic success. Reducing persistent absence remains a key focus, and we will continue to work closely with pupils and families to support excellent attendance and punctuality. Every lesson matters, and regular attendance ensures that pupils can fully benefit from the learning opportunities available to them.

As Head of Year, I would like to thank all Year 9 pupils, families and staff for their continued support and dedication. The year group has much to be proud of already, and I am excited to see what they achieve over the coming months.

If the year group continue to demonstrate the same enthusiasm, determination and positive attitudes shown so far, there will continue to go from strength to strength throughout the year.

By Mr Hussain





Head of Year News

Year 10

It has been a positive start to the year for our Year 10 pupils, who have returned well after the summer break and settled quickly into their studies. During the first week back, all pupils were issued with examination homework booklets to support their preparation for the upcoming assessments, which will take place on **Monday 5 October**. Pupils have also been emailed the assessment timetable, along with clear expectations for the assessment period.

As Year 10 is a crucial year in preparation for GCSE courses, it is important that pupils arrive at school each day fully equipped and ready to learn. In addition to their usual equipment, all pupils are expected to have their **own scientific calculator** for lessons and assessments.

Completing homework is an essential part of learning and plays a vital role in helping pupils consolidate knowledge, develop independent study skills and prepare effectively for assessments. Unfortunately, several pupils are still failing to complete homework tasks and, as a result, are receiving negative behaviour points. We encourage all pupils to take responsibility for their learning by completing homework on time and to the best of their ability.

We would also like to remind pupils of the importance of maintaining high standards of **safety around the school site and on the playground**. Pupils should move around the school sensibly, show respect for others and always make responsible choices. **Play fighting is strictly prohibited**, as what may begin as harmless fun can quickly lead to accidents, injuries, or misunderstandings. Our priority is ensuring that all pupils feel safe and can enjoy their time in school without the risk of harm.

We would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support in ensuring that pupils are prepared, complete their homework, behave safely and responsibly, and are ready to achieve their very best this year.

By Mrs Chand



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Head of Year News

Year 11

#Fortitude

Well Done for coming back to Year 11 with a positive and settled attitude, it has been great walking around and watching you thrive in your learning. However, we need to work on getting to lessons on time, ready and equipped to learn. Every lesson counts, and this is valuable learning time.

After-school revision has now started and runs from **3:15pm to 4:15pm each day**. Attendance is compulsory. If you are unable to attend, please make sure Miss Cummings is informed in advance through a letter or phone call from a parent or carer—not on the day. If we have not received prior notice, you will be expected to stay for revision. Year 11 should also be revising at home alongside completing their examination homework booklets. This is an important year, and getting into good habits now will help them feel more prepared for their mocks and GCSEs. We appreciate parents and carers supporting us with this.

Finally, we would also like to say how proud we are of everyone who applied to become our Head Boy and Head Girl. We received nine applications, with six pupils went forward to the next stage. This year, we added another challenge: delivering a one-minute speech to the whole staff, who then voted for our Heads and Deputies. This is a daunting task, and the pupils deserve huge credit for putting themselves forward and having the courage to stand up and speak. They approached a difficult process with maturity and determination and represented themselves and their year group brilliantly.

Congratulations to:

Head Boy: Nathanael Byfield

Head Girl: Oyinkansola Olayiwola

Deputy Head Boy: Hamza Mehmood

Deputy Head Girl: Makda Abraha

By Miss Cummings

"Listening to: I'm still Standing by Elton John"



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	



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Stars of the Month

English

Goldlyn Omali-Okonkwo 10ILY - Outstanding work and contribution in English.
Muhamad Mahmood 10PAD - Fantastic effort and verbal contribution.
Christina Morisho 10JAS - Outstanding work for English revision.
Amunra Tamareye 11HAN - Fantastic contribution in English intervention.
Janna Bargil 11KIY - Maintaining a positive attitude in English.
Maria Horvathova 7HEW - Being a Year 7 role-model in completing her Bedrock homework and going above and beyond.
Daoud Kone 7HEW - Being a Bedrock Super Star and going far beyond the 20 weekly points-keep it up!

By Miss Jones

Daoud Kone 7HEW - For always coming into lessons prepared and always participating in lessons.
Synai Smith -8ABD - For being very helpful in lessons and showing maturity.
Zion Matondo 9RES - For having a very positive attitude towards his learning all the time.
Eesa Hussain 10HAB - For having excellent high-level input in every lesson.

By Mr Abdullah

Michal Chmielecki 11MUH - For improved effort in English lessons.
Peter Masih 11JON - For being consistently hardworking.
Umar Islam 10PAD - For excellent effort in lessons.
Akram Morisho 9HAS - For going above and beyond with Bedrock homework.

By Miss Hashmi

Adam Sharafpiani 8YJ - Excellent attitude to learning, great contribution in English lessons.
Mikal Abraha 8YJ - for being the top Bedrock user.
Denis Vasilescu 9XJ - For being always ready for learning and being role model.
Raydon Nguyen 10XJ - For his outstanding work and contribution in English lessons.
Oskar Krzeminski 11XJ - For excellent attitude to learning and being a role model.

By Mrs Wieremiewicz

Kavishnan Sanker 11JON, Jessica-Rut Dinu 11JON and Prabhjot Singh 11GUE - For consistently producing English examination homework to an exemplary standard.
Natnael Desta 11JON and Javon Dillon 11HAN - For their enthusiastic engagement and valuable contributions to class discussions during their study of *An Inspector Calls*.
Sachin Chauhan 10BRS, Daniels Jonuss-Steponavics 10ILY and Aaiza Mukhtar 10ILY - For excellent effort with their English examination homework.
Andrzej Kozakiewicz 10BRS and Rupinder Ram Rani 10HAB - For producing impressive work in their first formative assessment.

By Miss Flinn



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Stars of the Month

Science

Makda Abraha 11GUE, Amritpal Khela 11GUE, Shayaan Miah 11JON & Maria Traila 11HAN – For being outstanding in answering verbal questions during lessons and work effort.

Solihome Atobrhan 9BRK & Sara Musat 9HAS - For being outstanding in answering verbal questions during lessons and work effort.

Helena Ehioghiren 7AHM & Ameera Hussain 7HEW - For being outstanding in answering verbal questions during lessons and work effort.

By Mr Rahman

Lavanya Verma 7RAH - for an amazing start to her science lessons.

Melissa Milkova 7HEW - for always being inquisitive and kind.

Safa Hussain 8BAI - for excellent attitude to learning in science.

Viliam Gazi 8BAI - for excellent attitude to learning in science.

Tyler Jackson-Smith 9RES - For always asking meaningful questions in science lessons.

Simranpreet Kaur 9RES - For excellent contribution in lessons.

Liyah Nadeem Rani 9RES - For excellent effort in all lessons.

Adunoluwa Adesola 10PAD - For great effort and contribution in lessons.

Kyle Khan 10BRS - For excellent focus and effort in lessons.

Safah Akhtar 10HAB - For consistent effort in homework.

Mikail Ahmid 10ILY - For consistent effort in homework.

Aaliyah Bains 11HAN - For always showing excellence and respect in lessons.

Makda Abraha 11GUE - For always showing excellence and respect in lessons.

By Mrs Ilyas

RE

Goldlyn Omali-Okonkwo 10ILY - A positive attitude to learning including completion of examination homework to a high standard.

By Ms Hanson

Demi-Lee Hulme 11GUE - A consistently good attitude to learning.

Patrick Westwood 10PAD - Always offering great responses to questions.

Tanzeela Miah 9PHAB - For a focused start as well as significantly detailed, well present work.

Toby Jackson-Smith 7AHM - For being dedicated and attentive.

By Mrs Begum



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Stars of the Month

Khaleel Cunningham 11GUE - For completing his examination homework to a very high standard.

Malachi Scarlett 10HAB - For having a consistently positive attitude to his learning.

Chloe Magala 9BRK - For completing all tasks with maximum effort.

By Mrs Jewell

Aaliyah Bains 11HAN - Made a real effort since start of Year 11 to engage in class discussion, quantity of work is substantial also.

By Mr Brooks

Ethan Onuyoh 7YJ - For having high standards towards his behaviour and learning.

Ayaan Ahmed 8XW - For being curious and active in lessons, great participation!

Brian Borawski 9X2 - For excellent verbal contribution and mature behaviour in lessons.

Kirandeep Taal 9Y2 - For excellent verbal contribution and interesting questions.

Amira Akhtar 10X1 - Having a great attitude towards your learning and being very eloquent.

By Mrs Ellis

Billy Harrison 11Y3 - For positive verbal contributions during our discussions in RE.

Natnael Desta 11Y3 - For positive verbal contributions during our discussions in RE.

By Mr Price

Humanities & MFL

Abdirazzaq Yusuf 9CAL - Excellent engagement in his first GCSE History lesson.

Rhia Jones 9CAL - Excellent start to GCSE History, engaged and showing a real interest in the subject.

Tanaka Johwa 10JAS - Always demonstrating a positive attitude to her GCSE History studies.

Fadilat Olayinka 9PHA - Excellent start to GCSE History, engaged and showing a real interest in the subject.

By Miss Lally

Akram Morisho 9HAS - Excellent engagement and verbal contributions in the first GCSE History lessons this week.

Liyah Nadeem Rani 9RES - Great verbal contributions during oracy task.

Kaiden Mowatt 9HAS - Learned and Wise.

Gursirath Kaur 10JAS - Learned and wise in preparation for assessment week 1.

By Miss Guest

Jayden Gordon 9PHA - Excellent start to GCSE History - engaged and showing a real interest in the subject.

Dean Seabright 10ILY - Excellent start to Year 10 History.

Angelica Liedeskrastina 9RES - Making an excellent start to GCSE History - always engaged and focused in lessons.

By Ms Thomas



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Stars of the Month

Millieann Hughes 7AHM - Focused, interested and fully engaged in her first History lesson.

Divine Rowland 7AHM - Lots of great ideas shared with confidence.

Eliud Ohene-Williams 7AHM - Great effort consistently shown in our History lessons.

Aleena Hussain 7HEA - Making connections between topics and skill covered in our History lessons.

Ethan Onuyoh 7RAH - Focused, interested and fully engaged in his first Geography lesson.

Melisa Izaka 7ESM - Well-presented work and full of enthusiasm.

Emilia Richards 7RAH - Pleasant and focused attitude to learning.

Patrick Lisu 7ESM - Continued enthusiasm when discussing different fantastic places.

By Mrs Begum

Ananiya Ayele 10PAD - A brilliant start to the year in Geography with fantastic contributions and a huge improvement in written work - well done!

Roxana Karzan-Naser 10PAD - Fantastic work in class and for exam homework - well done and thank you!

Patryk Kardel 8ARD - For a fantastic attitude to work in Geography - well done!

By Mr Brayshaw

Evelyn Adeyeye 8BAI - Excellent effort in lesson.

Sunay Smith 8ABD - Excellent effort in lesson.

Ayaana Khan 8BAI - Excellent effort in lesson.

Daniel Aleksejevs 9PHA - Mastering the comparatives and superlatives.

By Mrs Bigongiari

Mickal Teklesenbet 8THO - Excellent effort in Spanish lesson.

Aangelinah Pereira 11GUE - Excellent effort in Spanish lessons.

Liam Ostrowski 7HEW - Excellent first Spanish lesson, showing great focus and engagement.

Favour Adigun 8THO - Excellent effort in Spanish lessons.

By Miss Kaur

Vivien Boldova 9RES - Being respectful. Focused and working hard in Spanish lesson.

Azaan Arshad 9BRK - Excellent effort and contribution in Spanish lessons.

By Mrs Hewett

Mohammed Zain 8WIO - Focused and engaged in all lessons. Excellent effort.

Malvin Christ Yomi Ewi 8ABD - For the improvement of presentation in his work and being engaged in all of his lessons.

Jan Ondo 8WIO - For his enthusiasm to complete all of his work, every day.

Mohammed Al-Shammari 8ARD - Consistently demonstrating excellent effort in all of his lessons.

By STAC





Stars of the Month

PE

Ismiel Raja 8ABD - Good effort in badminton. Has shown good levels of ability and knowledge of the rules. Building on well from Year 7 Knowledge.

Akram Morisho 9HAS - Good effort in badminton. Has shown good levels of ability and knowledge of the rules. Building on well from KS3 knowledge.

Zion Matondo 9RES - Good start to CNAT Sport Studies. Has given good answers and effort in lesson.

By Mr Arshad

Eyaad Iqbal 7AHM - Great football knowledge and helpful setting up drills.

Hanzalah Akram 10JAS - Catching up with R185 working really hard and almost at a P2. Despite missing a full term due to late start.

Ebrima Drammeh 11JON - Worked extremely hard over this half term catching up on coursework despite being a late starter.

By Mr Ahmed

Tankirat Syan 8ABD - Fantastic start to Y8 PE. Showing high levels of engagement in handball. Giving 100% effort in all lessons.

By Mrs Ratcliffe

Kushi Patel 10HAB - A wonderful start to Year 10 with great skill, effort and teamwork and sharing her GCSE knowledge.

Tanaka Johwa 10JAS - Great start to the Year. Focused in lessons and a positive influence on other members of the class.

Billy Harrison 11JON - A positive start to Year 11 with some great sporting examples of gamesmanship given.

By Mrs Padmore

Jenifer Demeterova 9RES - Fantastic start to her health and social lessons- wonderful subject knowledge.

Christina Morisho 10JAS - Amazing commitment to her coursework preparation.

Amunra Tamareye 11HAN - Showing off subject knowledge in class discussions and being articulate.

By Miss Reynolds

Computer Science

Trae Nguyen 11KIY - Hopeful and curious within python lessons.

Computing

Adam Sharafpiani 8WIO - Excellent start to Year 8 computing.

IT

Nagina Amdad 11HAN - Always working hard in her IT lessons.

Gagandeep Singh 10PAD - For showing a real aptitude to a new subject.

Business

Bwar Twana 9PHA - For perseverance and a keen interest in Business Studies.

Alysha Gabor 10PAD - For most improved pupil.

Lamario Ashley-Wright 11GUE - For producing quality responses in Examination Homework Booklet.

By Mr Esmaili





Stars of the Month

DT

8YS Mario Covaci, 8XW Niyah Headley-Clarke & 8XJ Vincent Nguyen - Their verbal contribution in class have been outstanding.

By Mr Rahman

Engineering

Alberto Tofei 9BRK - Showing excellent CAD skills.

Talha Javed 10PAD - Asking inquisitive questions.

Allenjot Dhaliwal 11GUE - Showing a determined attitude to CAD activities.

By Mr Rathbone

Maths

Patryk Kardel 8ARD - Excellent attitude and focus.

Marwa Safeer Awan Khan 9BRK - Focus and determination in lessons.

Imaan Akhtar 10PAD - 100% cooperation and great work.

By Mr Hussain



Year 9 Football Team

The Year 9 boys travelled to Holte School for their first game of the season following the disappointing late cancellation last week.

After an even start SJW took the lead through Mikel, who showed great composure in the penalty area to capitalise on the chance when the keeper had parried the ball out. The game went back and forth with both teams creating problems. The SJW midfield began to take control of the game through Teon, Rakeem and Kaylan with some lovely passing on a difficult pitch to play on. Runs in behind by the attacking players and balls slid in behind the Holte defence continued to cause problems until a shot on a breakaway by Holte was saved by Jaskaran, only for the loose ball to fall kindly to a Holte player who tapped home.

Holte started the second half strongly, posing some problems for SJW's defence who remained resolute in their defending through determination to defend their goal with Roberto being a stand out with some of his clearances and Zion coping admirably and staying focussed with some vocal home support from behind the fencing. They also posed some different challenges for the SJW players, including a man marking job on Rakeem. Holte were awarded a penalty when Michael threw himself in front of a shot which unfortunately hit his hand. The Holte striker tucked home the penalty although Jaskaran did get his hand to the ball.

Despite this set back SJW remained positive and played on the front foot and continued to play their passing and moving style of football in search of an equaliser. With less than two minutes to go Mikel broke down the left, crossing in for Kaylan who remained calm, side stepped two Holte defenders before tucking the ball past the keeper.

Final result, 2-2. Mr Holden's Man of the Match: Teon. Playing in a new role within the team Teon's positioning was outstanding, breaking up the play and moving the ball forward quickly and accurately allowing the dangerous SJW creative attacking players to cause lots of problems for the Holte defence.

A solid start to the season for the Year 9 boys, who keep their unbeaten record intact since their very first game of Year 7 almost 2 years ago. A special mention for Kaylan who maintains his record of scoring in every match the team has played. We will now look to kick on in both league and cup with a game against Fortis rescheduled for Wednesday 14 October. Well done to all 14 players who took part, played with determination and composure, even when trailing late on.

There was plenty of support and encouragement from every player towards every player. They boys represented SJW and themselves with dignity and showed how to enjoy and develop during a football match. We are proud of you all.

By Mr Holden

Football Fixture



Date: Monday 28 September 2026

Fixture: U13 Aston League

Opponent: Aston Manor Academy

Result: SJW 2 -4 AMA

Thank you to Gogna for the new football tops which they have kindly provided to us.

Our Year 8 team took part in their first football fixture of the season. It was a tough game and we unfortunately started with a loss to early league leaders AMA. The game was not all negatives. Malvin was an outstanding defensive player which made a major impact in keeping the defence solid. Ismiel was a great attacking player scoring an excellent free kick to keep us in the game early on. Adam lead the team well with his presence at the back.

The pupils are looking forward to their upcoming league and cup game against Prince Albert High School on the 12th of October.

By Mr Arshad





Celebrating International Success at Saint John Wall!

We are delighted to announce that **Saint John Wall Catholic School** has been awarded the **British Council International School Award (Intermediate Level – Developing Internationalism)**. This recognition celebrates our commitment to developing global citizenship and international partnerships across our school community.

This achievement is the result of the fantastic international work that took place throughout the last academic year. Our pupils enjoyed building meaningful links with our partner schools in **France** and **Italy**, taking part in letter-writing projects and exchanging Christmas cards. These activities provided students with a valuable opportunity to communicate with young people from different countries, learn about other cultures, and appreciate the importance of languages in bringing people together.

The project encouraged pupils to develop their language skills in authentic and engaging contexts while fostering curiosity, understanding and respect for different cultures. The enthusiasm shown by our students demonstrated the international spirit that is such an important part of life at St John Wall.

We are incredibly proud of this achievement and would like to thank all the pupils and staff who contributed to the success of our international projects. We look forward to building on these partnerships and creating even more opportunities for our students to connect with schools around the world in the future.

Congratulations to everyone involved on this wonderful achievement!

By Mrs Bigongiari



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