

# 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 35

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 21 June 2024

Catholic Life - This year we are focusing on 'Year of Live Simply'.  
Termly Theme: Care for Creation  
Termly SJW Values – Curious and Active

**This week in weekly worship...** "we celebrated Refugee Week and thought about how important refugees are. Refugee Week allows us to find out more about refugees and the contributions they make. We reflected on refugees including Malala Yousafzai and Albert Einstein. We also thought about how we can support Refugee Week through helping charities such as St Chad's Sanctuary. This charity helps to support refugees and asylum seekers. I can be **curious and active** by finding out more about refugees and through donating to charity. I like Weekly Worship as we all come together for good causes".

By Natasha Glenn 10BRK

**This week in Afternoon Prayer...** "we prayed for charities that support refugees. We prayed that these charities always make refugees feel safe and welcome. We especially thought about St Chad's Sanctuary. We also prayed for National Thank a Teacher Day and thought about all the staff that work in our school. We are thankful for all the staff in our school for their hard work and dedication. I like Afternoon Prayer because of all the different topics we pray for".

By Italia Holder 10WIO

### Dates to Note

- **Duke of Edinburgh Expedition - 12 Year 9 pupils & 14 Year 10 pupils**  
Monday 24 June 2024 to Tuesday 25 June 2024 – Leaving at 9.45am returning 3pm
- **Hippodrome Theatre Trip – 60 Year 9 & 10 pupils**  
Wednesday 3 July 2024 – 1pm to 6pm
- **Year 6 Induction Day**  
Wednesday 3 July 2024
- **Election Day – School closed to all pupils**  
Thursday 4 July 2024
- **Sports Day**  
Friday 5 July 2024
- **Year 7 and Year 10 Parents' Afternoon**  
Thursday 11 July 2024 – 1.30pm to 4pm
- **SJW Celebration Day (See poster at the end of the newsletter)**  
Wednesday 17 July

### Water Bottles

A reminder that pupils can purchase clear plastic water bottles from the reception for 50p which they can use to fill up before school, at break and lunch times.

Alternatively, if your child has a clear plastic bottle at home, they can bring this to school to use.

See poster at the end of this newsletter for information about our new water flavoured drinks available in the school canteen.



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## My Child At School Parent APP



As part of the Saint John Wall School Commitment to keep parents/carers informed about your child and events happening in and around school, we will be sending information to you through the My Child at School (MCAS) for Parents App.

To register for MCAS Parent App, you will need to download the app from your App Store and then follow the steps below;

- Click on the **Parent Login** screen.
- Click on the **Sign Up** link in the Parent Login screen.
- Enter the **school's Postcode** or **School ID**.
- Select the school from the list in the dropdown.
- Click **Continue**.
- Enter the email address you have registered with the school.
- Click **Sign Up**.

You will see the message *'To complete your registration, we have sent an email to the email address you provided. Please access your email and follow the steps to create your password'*.

If you do not receive an email, please contact the school as your contact details may need to be updated.

From 1 July 2024 all communication from the school will be sent using this App.

By Miss Timmins

## Update on Changes to Calendar

On Wednesday 3 July, it is Year 6 Induction Day. To support with the additional pupils on site, Year 9 pupils will be asked to stay at home. Work will be emailed to them via their school email. The Year 9 pupils attending the Hamilton trip on this date will receive information about what time they need to come into school.

On Thursday 4 July, the school site will be utilised for election day. Due to this, the school site will be closed to **all pupils**. Personal Development work will be emailed to pupils to complete on this day.

By Mr Lloyd-Price

## Uniform Change from 1 September 2024

Grey and Navy (old design) jumpers will no longer be part of the Saint John Wall uniform.

The new navy jumper, below, is now available to purchase from Gogna's and can be worn from now.

By Miss Timmins



## Visit to St Mary's Coffee Club

Pupils have had a wonderful visit this morning engaging in chit chat and helping out with tea and coffee. They also did a brilliant job reading some limericks and poems about nature which they had very little time to prepare for. They managed without the microphone as it was broken so they were able to practise using their biggest public speaking voices. Well done!

By Mrs Clayton

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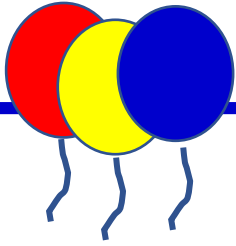
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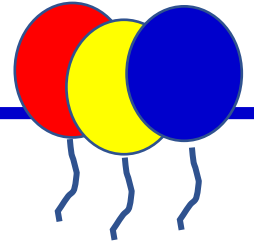
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# Year 11 Leavers' Mass & Celebration



Today we welcomed back our Year 11 pupils to celebrate Mass led by Father Subba. After the Mass Year 11s enjoyed food and drink and had the opportunity to sign shirts and say goodbye to their fellow pupils and staff. We would like to wish all of Year 11 the very best for the future and look forward to seeing them on results day in August.



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## National Sports Week

On Monday we had Sports for Life coaches in school which coincides with National Sports Week.

Pupils were given the opportunities to play tag NFL Football, football and basketball. The pupils that participated were enthusiastic, motivated and great team players.

By Mrs Crooks

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*"I really enjoyed the PE activities it was fun and inspiring. Playing touch rugby was great as I enjoy the speed of the game".*

By Hero Dania 8ESM

*"I enjoy playing football and it was fun playing as a team".*

By Mariah Malliya 7HAL

*"Playing basketball with added noughts and crosses was great and really fun".*

By Mercedes Johnson 10HAS

*"I really like playing football because it helps me calm down and it is fun to play in a team".*

By Adonay Meresie 8JAS





# Saint John Wall Celebration Day

17 July 2024

You are invited to spend a morning  
with your child at Saint John Wall  
Catholic School

- Experience life at the school
- Learn about our history
- Enjoy break time refreshments

**8:30 am to 11:00 am**



**Please attend school with your child  
at their normal arrival time.**

*All parents and pupils will leave by 11:00 am*

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## Huge Plastic Waste Reduction at Saint John Wall Catholic School

We have launched some exciting new drinks for you with our catering team. This will greatly reduce our plastic use and encourage reusable bottles at school.

Over **120,000** plastic bottles are currently thrown away at our school each year! In terms of harmful CO<sub>2</sub> generated, that's the volume of one Olympic sized swimming pool each school day. Many bottles still do not get recycled, and even those that **do** get recycled are creating more harmful CO<sub>2</sub> into our environment at each recycling process.



The generationJuice Drinks Hubs are being introduced, which enable pupils and staff to purchase a large variety of drinks. These chilled drinks are mixed to order and then dispensed into your own reusable bottle. They are school compliant, vegan, gluten free, without sugar and use natural ingredients.



Pupils and staff will help themselves, using the modern touch screen, to any of the 6 different drinks. These include water flavour-fusions such as Raspberry Peach, Watermelon & Lemon Lime together with the popular Cherry Boom Tropical, and Powerberry juice drinks. All drinks are fast-pour and deliciously chilled. Our plastic bottle waste is then removed.

Even better news is that the drinks cost only £1.15 = 500ml drink, which is a welcome change with the many price increases we are all facing. Our caterer will also be including the drinks as part of their meal deals, to offer even more value every day.

Price per token is £1.15 per 500ml drink. Bottles will be on sale at reception for 50p. If pupils wish to bring their own reusable bottle, they must be clear plastic.

Pupils feedback regarding drink variety, fast delivery, taste and value has been really positive and they fully support the way we can all reduce our carbon footprint and help the environment, one drink at a time.



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### LANGUAGE SUPPORT FORUM

Seek support from our football language experts & other users all around the world.

### BI-LINGUAL MATCH-DAY PLANS

Delegate roles & responsibilities to your players on match-day in two languages.

### RESOURCES

Access podcasts, infographics & other football resources from around the world in various languages.



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## Community Hub & Food Bank

**Starting From  
MON 19TH FEB 2024**

Come and join us at our new community hub and food bank. A welcoming, warm and friendly space, where you can connect with your community and make new friends.

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CONTACT: 07387172360

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