

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'



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Weekly Information Bulletin

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Catholic Life Annual Theme: Pilgrims of Hope on the Path of Peace

Termly Theme: 'In our care'

Termly Catholic Social Teaching: The Option for the Poor

Termly SJW Values: Eloquent and Truthful

This week in Weekly Worship...

"We focused on **Pilgrims of Hope** and the Jubilee Year. We listened to a reading that spoke about how the Lord brings Jubilee and **hope** to everyone. We thought about how we can all respond with **hope** to any problems that we see around the world. We can be **eloquent and truthful** this Jubilee Year by showing **love** and kindness to everyone around us".

By Kaylan Phu 7PHA

This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"We prayed for our local community. We prayed that we always act sensible and that we represent the school correctly when we wear our school uniform. We can be **eloquent** in our local community by speaking respectfully. We also prayed for Martin Luther King Day which was celebrated this week. We prayed that we are always a community of equality and **love**".

By Manthan Marok 7MAV

Class Mass

"It was a very peaceful time, and it was interesting to learn about different parts of the Mass. Fr Subba spoke to us about how we should always try to do our best in school and how we should always be confident. He also spoke about trusting God in our prayers".

By Happiness Matondo 7BRK

Dates to Note

- **2025 Super League Basketball Trophy Final**
14 Year 9, 10 & 11 Pupils
Sunday 26 January 2025 – 11am to 6pm
- **Rep Theatre Trip – 30 Performing Arts Pupils**
Monday 10 February 2025 – 8.50am to 1pm
- **Half Term**
Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025

Equipment

A reminder that all pupils should be bringing to school the following equipment every day:

- 2x black pens
- 1 pencil
- 1 rubber
- 1 purple pen
- 1 ruler
- 1 highlighter
- Clear pencil case
- School bag

Well done to all pupils who received a positive each day for bringing their full set of equipment. Special mention to Year 7 and 10 who received over 1000 positives for equipment in the last two weeks.

Remember equipment is available from the equipment shop between 8.30am – 8.50am each day at the Head of Year offices (thank you to Mercedes in Year 11 for running the shop!).

By Mr Price



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Year 11 IFS SaKo 2025 Event

Last week, Year 11 pupils had the opportunity to attend a "Sales Kick Off" event for the international software firm IFS. The event showcased how a multi-national company like IFS shares its success with its employees and how to set ambitious sales goals for the next 4 years. The event also showcased some of the exciting developments happening within the company and was a real chance to see cutting edge enterprise software advancements.

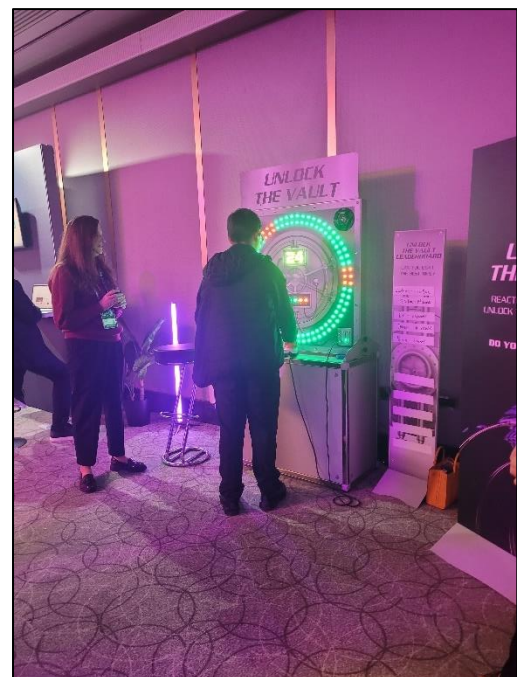
By Mr Rathbone

"I had the amazing opportunity to attend the IFS SaKo 2025 Event and it was an unforgettable experience. The event brought together inspiring leaders, creative thinkers, and passionate teams, all working towards achieving bold objectives for the coming year. Witnessing the energy, creativity, and collaboration first hand gave me valuable insight into how top organisations drive success and stay ahead in their fields. I am deeply grateful to IFS for making this possible. The knowledge I gained, from leadership strategies to the importance of teamwork, has left a lasting impression on me. This experience has fuelled my motivation to continue striving for excellence and to embrace challenges as opportunities for growth".

By Krish Harjiv 11MCI

"I would like to extend my profoundest gratitude to IFS for such an opportunity. I was also privileged to understand much about leadership styles, strategic planning, and, above all, a team behind reaching goals. Lessons that really encouraged me toward higher standards of setting goals and challenging with full confidence at the same time considering every obstacle as an opportunity to learn more and rise high. This experience has not only widened my perspective but also strengthened my determination to excel in all that I do. Attending the IFS SaKo 2025 Event was an extraordinary experience that left a lasting impact on me. The event brought together visionary leaders, innovative problem-solvers, and dedicated teams, all focused on setting ambitious goals and strategies for the year ahead. The atmosphere was electric, full of creativity and shared commitment to excellence. To see such dynamic people collaborate to push boundaries is a great lesson in itself about what makes organisations thrive and stay at the top of their industries".

By Kai Nguyen 11JEL





Visit to St Mary's Coffee Club

Today was very busy. We arrived in time to help out with Tai Chi which was really useful for those guests who have limited mobility and we also had time for Denis to give a chess lesson which he was delighted about. Next week is chit chat which gives pupils the opportunity to offer tea and coffee to everyone.

By Mrs Clayton



School Games – Indoor Athletics

Last week Mrs Ratcliffe and Miss Young took Year 8 pupils to the School Games Level 2 Indoor Athletics Competition at Billesley Tennis Centre.

Pupils gave every event 100% effort and made SJW proud!

A big shout out to Tanaka for gaining first place overall out of 8 schools in the 2-lap race

Overall SJW Year 8 girls came 4th and SJW Boys came 4th

By Mrs Ratcliffe



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