

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 17

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 17 January 2025



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 thought about our theme 'Pilgrims of Hope on the Path of Peace'. We listened to a reading that told us about the importance of travelling through life. As we travel through life, we can remember that God will always be there and will be our guide. We also thought about how we can be excellent individuals, how we can achieve our best and how we should always respect each other. I enjoy Weekly Worship because we can celebrate the achievements of those around us and think about how we can be **eloquent and truthful** as we start the week."*

By Renae-Taylor Joseph 7PHA

This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"We prayed for the New Year. We prayed that we can learn and grow together and that we always make the right choices as we go through this year. We also reflected on how we can make positive changes this year. One way we can make positive changes is by carrying out small acts of kindness. This could be as small as holding a door open for someone behind you. I like Afternoon Prayer because we are able to get together as a school and pray as a whole community."

By Daniel Aleksejevs 7PHA

Dates to Note

- **Year 8 and Year 10 Assessment Week**
Monday 20 January 2025 to Friday 24 January 2025
- **CBSO Shireland Academy – 5 Year 11 Pupils**
Wednesday 22 January 2025 – 12.50pm to 3.45pm
- **2025 Super League Basketball Trophy Final**
14 Year 9, 10 & 11 Pupils
Sunday 26 January 2025 – 11am to 6pm
- **Alton Castle Residential - 35 Year 7 Pupils**
Monday 10 February 2025 - Wednesday 12 February 2025
Leaving at 2pm - Returning at 4pm
- **Rep Theatre Trip – 30 Performing Arts Pupils**
Monday 10 February 2025 – 8.50am to 1pm



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Leavers 2024

It was a heartwarming sight as the Leavers of 2024 returned to school to collect their GCSE certificates. The maturity and personal growth they exhibited were truly remarkable. The pupil shone brightly, reflecting the unique journeys they have embarked upon since leaving Saint John Wall Catholic School. Their happiness and success stories were evident, and it was a proud moment for all to see how well they are getting on. The event was a testament to their hard work and the supportive environment that helped them shine.

By Mr Hussain



Year 11 Update

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break. As we step into 2025, we're excited to welcome you back and dive into the preparation phase for the upcoming mock exams.

We were excited to welcome The Fix Up team to come and talk to pupils about starting an action plan for their upcoming exams. Pupils engaged in all the activities and were given support of how they can push themselves to do the best they can to be ready for this year.

Mock 2 Exam Dates and Revision Schedules

We are pleased to announce the updated mock 2 exam dates. Pupils should take note of the following key points and make necessary arrangements for their studies.

Mock Exam Dates: 24th February – 7th March 2025

Updated Revision Timetables: Please remind pupils to update their revision timetables not only for the evenings but also for the weekends. This will ensure you are ready and prepared for your upcoming exams.

Recommended Revision Time: All previous stated pupils are advised to dedicate at least **16 hours** each week for revision. This will ensure thorough preparation and understanding of the subjects.

Can parents please ensure pupils are coming into school fully equipped ready for their learning – this includes a bag and full equipment to support them in their lessons.

By Mrs Chand





Year 10 Assessment Week

Monday 20 January to Wednesday 29 January

Period	Monday 20 January	Tuesday 21 January	Wednesday 22 January	Thursday 23 January	Friday 24 January	Monday 27 January	Tuesday 28 January	Wednesday 29 January
1 9:15 Start		English Literature 1 hour		RE 1 hour		Hosp & Catering 1h 15m	Music ALL Day	Drama ALL Day
Break								
2 and 3 10:50 Start *12.05 start	Maths 1h 15m Non-Calculator		History 1h 20m	Geography 1h 10m	Science Combined 1 hour	French Writing F= 1 hour H= 1h 15m Italian Writing F= 1 hour H= 1h 15m Spanish Writing F= 1 hour H= 1h 15m		
					Calculators			
Lunch								
4 13:50 Start	Business Enterprise 1h 15m	PE 1 Hour	Engineering 1h 15m	Health and SC 1h 15m	French Reading F= 45m H= 1h			
		Sport 1h 15m	IT 1h 15m		Italian Reading F= 45m H= 1h			
					Spanish Reading F= 45m H= 1h			



Year 8 Assessment Week

Monday 20 January to Friday 24 January

Period	Monday 20 January	Tuesday 21 January	Wednesday 22 January	Thursday 23 January	Friday 24 January
1 9:15 Start	Year 8 Science GYM		Year 8 RE GYM	8XW History Room 22 MCI	Year 8 English GYM
Break					
2 10:50 Start	8XJ Computing Room 3 ESM	Year 8 Maths GYM	8XW Computing Room 3 RAT	8YS Computing Room 3 RAT	8YS History Room 32 LAL
			8XS Computing Room 2 ESM	8XW MFL Room 23 NSE	8YW Geography Room 24 LEV
			8YJ Geography Room 21 BRS	8XS History Room 32 LAL	
			8XJ History Room 22		
Lunch					
3 12.35 Start	8YS MFL Room 23 MAI	8YJ MFL Room 24 MAI			8YJ History Room 22 MCI
	8YW Computing Room 3 ESM				
4 13:50 Start	8XJ MFL Room 23 NSE	8YJ Computing Room 3 ESM	8YW History Room 22 MCI	8YS Geography Room 24 LEV	8XS MFL Room 23 NSE
	8XS Geography Room 21 BRS	8XJ Geography Room 24 LEV		8XW Geography Room 21 BRS	
		8YW MFL Room 23 MAI			





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If you or someone else is in immediate danger, call 999.

For non-emergencies you can contact the police on 101 or via [Live Chat](#)

For non-emergency incidents on public transport you can call 0800 40 50 40 or text 61016.

If you need the police but are unable to talk due to your situation you can dial 55

Raise an anonymous concern with [Crimestoppers](#): 0800 555 111

<https://www.westmidlands.police.uk/>



Together, we can keep our communities safe!
Stay Safe!

Tips to keep yourself safe

- Keep your distance when walking or running by stangers.
- Do not stare, this can appear threatening
- Cross the road if you feel uneasy/unsafe
- Do not provoke someone else
- Keep comments to yourself
- Keep your friends in check
- Be an active bystander
- Report any incidents/concerns
- Respect rules & boundaries
- Stay calm

It's important to never lose sight of the fact that your personal safety is the most important thing.

Your belongings can be replaced but you can't

Tips for dealing with a violent situation

1. • trust your instincts and if you think a situation is getting worse, try not to get involved
2. • look for a way to leave
3. • if you're in a building with security personnel, tell them immediately about what is happening
4. • put distance between yourself and the other person
5. • if you are able to, call 999
6. • if you're unable to call the police during the incident, then call as soon as you can
7. • If it comes to the worst, you are entitled to defend yourself using reasonable force, but you may be asked to account for and justify any action you take.

Awareness Days

- 01 to 31 January- [Dry January](#)
- 01 to 31 January- [Veganuary](#)
- 02 January- [World Introvert Day](#)
- 04 January- [World Braille Day](#)
- 11 January- [Human Trafficking](#)
- 19 January- [World Religion Day](#)
- 20 January- [Martin Luther King Day](#)
- 20-26 January- [Cervical Cancer Prevention Week](#)
- 24 January- [International Day of Education](#)
- 25 January- [Burns Night](#)
- 30 January- [World Leprosy Day](#)
- 27 January- [Holocaust Memorial Day](#)
- 29 January- [Lunar New Year or Chinese New Year](#)

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Volume 2

Knife crime

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Knife Crime

The Law



1. • It is against the law to carry a knife in a public place, unless the blade is less than 3 inches long and is a manual folding blade. Doing so can carry a prison sentence of up to 4 years even if it is not used.
 2. • It is against the law to carry a knife on behalf of someone else
 3. • Using any knife in a threatening way, even those that can be legally carried, is a criminal offence.
 4. • A person must be 18 or over to purchase a knife. This includes cutlery and kitchen knives.
 5. • A person over the age of 16 can purchase a knife only if the blade is less than 3 inches in length and is a manual folding blade.
 6. • In the UK, it is illegal to bring into the country, sell, possess, hire or give someone a banned knife. Banned knives include: butterfly knives, disguised knives, flick knives, and zombie knives.
- A full list of banned knives in the UK can be found on the [GOV website](#).

The Precious Lives project sees a team of trainers, who have real life experience of knife crime either as a victim, offender or professional, speak to young people in order to help them understand the consequences of carrying or using a knife.

FACTS

1. Any stab wound can be fatal
2. Any item carried with the intent to use it in a threatening way can be classed as an **offensive weapon**.
3. 99% of young people do not carry knives
4. It has been proven that if you carry a knife you are more likely to be threatened by someone or hurt.
5. Self-protection is not a reasonable excuse for carrying a weapon.
6. If you stab someone and they die, you may face a life sentence.
7. Even if it's not you who does it, if someone is injured or killed in your presence you could be sent to prison for murder or attempted murder in what is referred to as 'Joint Enterprise'

Knife Surrender Bin

A weapon surrender bin is a secure container where you can safely dispose of a knife, blade or other weapon. Once deposited in the bin the weapon will be removed by professionals and destroyed

Report concerns or knife crime/possession to [FEARLESS](#) which is 100% Anonymous.

#LifeOrKnife



Stop & Search

Police have the power to stop and search any person if they have 'reasonable grounds' to suspect that person may be carrying something that is against the law or could cause harm to others. This could include: illegal drugs, a knife or weapon, stolen items or an item that could be used to commit a crime

Joint Enterprise is a section of the law which allows two or more people to be convicted of the same crime, potentially receiving the same sentence, even if they had differing levels of involvement.

Bleed Control Kits

227 bleed-control kits situated in bars, pubs, shopping centres and schools across the West Midlands. Heart Safe website and app locates your closest life saving bleed kit.

Operation Sceptre is a national police-led operation of intensified action to end knife crime. Knife enabled crimes in the West Midlands are down 17 per cent in people aged under 25

Violence Reduction Partnership

The Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) is one of twenty VRPs across the country. Established in 2019 and funded by the Home Office, it was created to prevent and reduce violence affecting children and young people. VRP provide various initiatives and early help strategies and offer positive alternatives such as sports, education and mentoring.



"When someone reports something to keep others safe, whether to a trusted adult, the police or Fearless.org, they are being an active bystander"



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