

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 Holocaust Memorial Week. This week remembers a time in history when 11 million people were murdered because of their identity. We listened to a piece of scripture that reminded us of the importance of **compassion, love** and equality. The theme for this year's Holocaust Memorial Week is 'for a better future'. This reminds us how we should always treat each other with respect. I like weekly worship because it is a time where the whole school comes together to reflect."

By Rayyan Hussain 7HAS

This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"We prayed for all of those who died in the Holocaust. We reflected on how we can ensure this doesn't happen again. We also prayed for Chinese New Year and the Year of the Snake. We thought about how we can be strong, **wise and curious**. We can be **eloquent and truthful** by being kind to everyone around us. I think Afternoon Prayer is important because it's a very calming and soothing way to end the school day."

By Rose Kielczewska 7HAS

Class Mass

"This week, 7Y1 went to Mass as a class. During Mass, Fr Subba read parts of the Bible to us and talked to us about the life of Jesus. He also spoke about the importance of school and being respectful. During Mass, I felt calm and relaxed."

By Meghan Dhamija 7RES

Dates to Note

- **Rep Theatre Trip – 30 Performing Arts Pupils**
Monday 10 February 2025 – 8.50am to 1pm
- **Year 10 Parents' Evening**
Thursday 13 February 2025 – 4pm to 6pm
- **Half Term**
Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025
- **Alton Castle Residential - 35 Year 7 Pupils**
Monday 24 February 2025 - Wednesday 26 February 2025
Leaving at 2pm - Returning at 4pm
- **Year 11 Mock 2 Examinations**
Monday 24 February 2025 to Friday 7 March 2025

Goodbye and Goodluck

Thankyou and Good luck for the future to Mr Nsengiyumva (MFL teacher), Miss Thomas-Green (Inclusion Apprentice), Ms Hancox (Exam Invigilator) and Miss Quirke (Pupil Coach) who are leaving the school. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and commitment to our pupils, and wish them all the best for the future.

On Monday we welcome Mr Ehigie our new MFL teacher.

By Miss Marston



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Catholic Life

Visit to St Mary's Coffee Club

Pupils have been busy this morning serving tea and coffee to guests along with chatting about their interests and hobbies. Denis managed to find time to create his own chess set so that he can leave it safely at the club to continue his teaching next week. Guests were very impressed with his game skills and explanations. Next week is a first aid quiz so pupils have gone away to revise to give them the best chance of coming first.

By Mrs Clayton



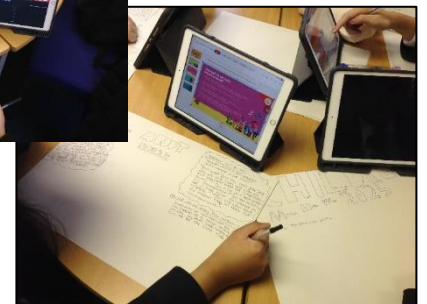
Class Mass

Since returning in January, we have continued to celebrate Class Mass each Thursday morning at St Augustine's. At the start of the term, a class from each year group from Year 7 to Year 10 attended a special Epiphany Mass at the Church. Thank you to all the pupils for behaving so reverently this term. A special thanks to those that have read so **eloquently** during these Masses. Thank you also to subject teachers for their support and to Fr Subba for celebrating Mass with us.



Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Pupils in our Chaplaincy Teams have begun preparing for Children's Mental Health Awareness Week which is celebrated in the first week of February. The theme this year is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. Pupils have been helping to plan our whole school Weekly Worship by researching this theme and finding out more about what we can do to look after our mental health. Well done to all the pupils for being so **loving and compassionate** in the way they researched Children's Mental Health Week and for helping to put our Weekly Worship together.





The Epiphany

At the start of this month, pupils in the Chaplaincy Teams focused on the Epiphany. This is a day that celebrates the visit of the three Wise Men to the baby Jesus. Pupils learnt more information about the Epiphany, finding out the meaning and importance of the gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. Pupils were **curious** in spending some time finding out about how the Epiphany is celebrated in different countries around the world.



Holocaust Memorial Week

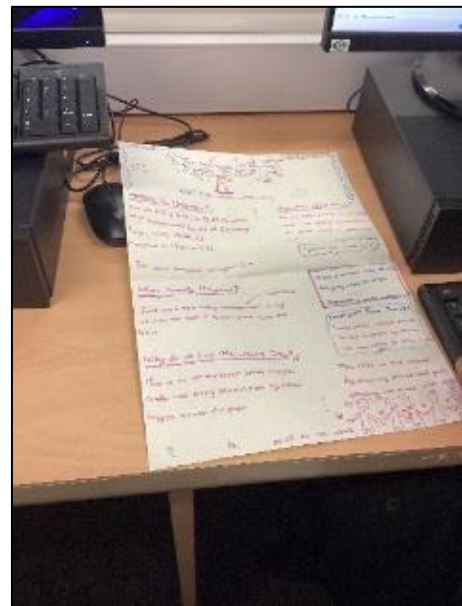
This week, pupils in the Chaplaincy Teams focused on Holocaust Memorial Week. Pupils began by discussing what the Holocaust is and reflected on ways they can help to ensure this doesn't happen again. They thought about the importance of **peace** and equality and wrote some prayers on these topics. Well done to all pupils who were very respectful during these sessions and thank you for your hard work and discussions.



Jubilee Live Stream

On Friday 24 January, our Year 7 Chaplaincy Team and some of our RE classes, joined with other schools from the Archdiocese of Birmingham to watch the Year of Jubilee launch live stream. This was an opportunity for all those in our Archdiocese to join together in faith, prayer and song and to think about how we can journey together this year as Pilgrims of **Hope**.

Well done to all pupils for being attentive during this live stream and for taking the time to think about what they can do as we journey through this Jubilee Year.



By Mr Lysaght



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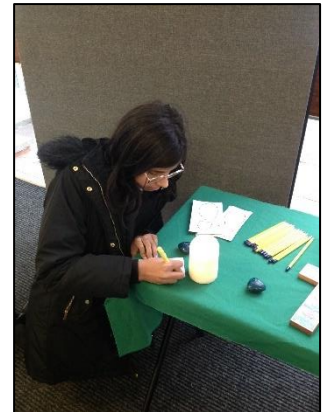


Jubilee Launch Day

Board of Hope

Pupils in the Chaplaincy Teams also helped to prepare for our Jubilee Launch Day. In the Catholic Church, a Jubilee Year takes place every 25 years and is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation. This year, the theme of the Jubilee is 'Pilgrims of Hope', with Pope Francis inviting us to think about how we can renew and discover our own hopes.

As part of our Jubilee Launch Day, pupils in the Chaplaincy Teams helped to create St John Wall's 'Board of Hopes'. This board was then put outside our canteen and pupils were given the opportunity to write down their own hopes. Thank you to all those who helped to prepare and to all pupils and staff that added to our **hope** board!



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Head of Year News

Head of Year 11

As we wrap up January, it's time to focus on the upcoming mock exams. These exams are a crucial step in your academic journey, offering a valuable opportunity to assess your understanding and readiness for the real thing.

To ensure a smooth and productive school day, pupils can start by preparing their school bags the night before, making sure they have all necessary books, notebooks, and stationery. They should also check their timetables to pack any specific items needed for classes or activities the next day. Ensure pupils are attending school every day as well as having on their full school uniform including a bag. Leave the house with enough time to arrive at school punctually. Preparation is key to starting the day on the right foot!

Here are a few tips to help you prior to Mock 2 exams:

Create a Study Schedule: Organise your time effectively by creating a realistic study plan. Prioritise subjects and topics based on your strengths and weaknesses.

Practice Past Papers: Familiarise yourself with the exam format and types of questions by practicing past papers. This will help you manage your time and reduce exam-day anxiety.

Seek Help When Needed: Don't hesitate to reach out to your teachers or classmates if you need clarification on any topic. Collaboration and discussion can enhance your understanding.

Take Care of Yourself: Ensure you're getting enough sleep, eating well, and taking regular breaks during your study sessions. A healthy body and mind are essential for peak performance.

Stay Positive: Believe in yourself and stay motivated. Remember, this is a chance to learn and improve before the GCSE exams.

It is vital pupils are completing all set homework to support their learning as well as being prepared for their Mock 2 exams. Homework helps develop important study habits and self-discipline, preparing pupils for the demands of higher education and future careers.

Good luck, Year 11! You've got this. Let's make these mock exams a stepping stone to success. #LIMITLESS

By Mrs Chand

Year 11 Yearbook

Memories of your time at SJW

Only £15

Includes Comments and Photographs

Payments are now being accepted!
The overall cost of the yearbook is £15
Payment to be made at the school office.

You can pay a deposit of £5 to reserve your copy.

Alphie Baloghova Sara Baranowska Warren Bauwisse Dylan Bhandari Jakob Borowski Prince Isiah Brou
Ceesay Joseph Daniel Chianda Kameron Chem Thang Chim Akeyo Cunningham Stefan Dahorea Teya
Alexandru Dvleag Muhammad Esa Azhan Faisal Natalia Frackowiak Kyi Givans Eldana Guesh Bartosz
Pham Holodeair Hasnain Hussain Fidele Randy Kelian Huyge Emmanuel Ifeosame Nathan Jiang Chelle John
Hannah Khan Zaida Khanom Shera Khinda Fabrice King Daniel Wainer Kodua Eryk Krawczyk Pavan
Jade Middleton Kyra Mills Ali Mirshekanizerouni Samra Mohamed Keiron Mokanda Elizabeth Mpesi
Robertina Nae Haider Nawaz Rayaan Nawaz Yanis Miguel Nchang Fatou Ndow Malcolm Ngandu Kyle
Anes Omar Julian Omenma Ezekiel Osazemwinde Anay Parekh Sebastian Paul Natasha Phagania Peter
Meher Saeed Rahma Samia Miah Rohan Sehjaal Tayjuan Seiwright Laiba Shahzadi Yuvraj Sidhu Amrit
Jing Ailyn Utomwen Ti Andre Wade Rhodasia Welch Julitta Wrukowska Amelia Wrukowska Rayyaan Afzal
Sara Baranowska Warren Bauwisse Dylan Bhandari Khadijah Ceesay
Bethany Butlin Shahab Butt Dson-Harris Nikola Dawicka Patrycja Dembicka Rohit
Frackowiak Kyi Givans Eldana Guesh Bartosz Jan Fidele Randy Kelian
Holodeair Hasnain Hussain Kaur Sanamdeep Kaur Jaswicz Pavan Kumar Aman
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Christiana Musu Ngobeh Robertina Nae Haider Nawaz Rayaan Nawaz Yanis Miguel Nchang Fatou Ndow
Aston Nousti Joyce Ntelo Pham Wiktorja Przerwa Tayjuan Seiwright Laiba
Paul Natasha Phagania Peter Samia Miah Rohan Sehjaal Tofei David Tran Tiffany
Ahmedzai Janelle Ajayi Laaiba Akhtar Davarntay Budna Benjamin Bujor
Isiah Brou Henry Natalia Cunningham Stefan Muhammad Esa Azhan
Chem Thang Chim Akeyo Danyana Henry Cairo Harkirat Singh Kanwar
Dinur Alexandru Dvleag Daniel Wainer Kodua Eryk Krawczyk Pavan Aman Luggah
Hasan Hashem Hassan Jang Chelle John Omoozee Sherah Khinda Fabrice King
Mendykiewicz Sami Miah Jade Middleton Kyra Munawwar Mohammed
Hassan Muhumed Talhah Kyle Niemiec Modou Anay Parekh Sebastian
Fatou Ndow Malcolm Ngandu Meher Saeed Rahma Syva Maja Tcherek
Ezekiel Osazemwinde Rose Abhishek Sabharwal Sart Samun Stosray Gabriel
Amelia Wrukowska Rayyaan Afzal Rashid Ahmed Faisal Ahmedzai Janelle Ajayi Laaiba Akhtar Davarntay
Prince Isiah Brou Henry Natalia Budna Benjamin Bujor Nethula Bulathsinghala Bethany Butlin Shahab Butt
Dahorea Teya Davidson-Harris Nikola Dawicka Patrycja Dembicka Rohit Din Ricardo Daniel Dinca Renato
Yi Givans Eldana Guesh Bartosz Jan Hamela Adam Hannan Mohammed Hasan Hashem Hassan Danyana
Huyge Emmanuel Ifeosame Nathan Jiang Chelle John Omoozee Harkirat Singh Kanwar Ashpreet Kaur
Khanom Shera Khinda Fabrice King Daniel Wainer Kodua Eryk Krawczyk Pavan Aman Luggah
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Class of 2024 Yearbook

This is what the front cover of the Yearbook will look like.



Year 11 Mock 2 Timetable

Period	Monday 24 February	Tuesday 25 February	Wednesday 26 February	Thursday 27 February	Friday 28 February
Form and Period 1 9:00 Start	English Lit 1 hour	Computer Science 1 hour 30 mins	Maths 1 Non Calculator 1 hour 30 mins	RE 1 1 Hour 30 mins	Maths 2 Calculator 1 hour 30 mins
		IT 1 Hour 30 mins			
		French Listening F 40 mins H 50 mins			
Break	Break				
Period 2 and 3 10:50 Start	History 1 1 Hour 30 mins	Geography 1 Physical 1 Hour 30 mins	English Language 1 hour 45 mins	Science - Chemistry 1 Hour 10 mins	Science Physics 1 Hour 10 mins
		SScience Biology Y10 1 Hour 45 mins		SScience Chemistry 1 Hour 45 mins	SScience Physics 1 Hour 45 mins
Lunch	Lunch				
4 13:50 Start	Science - Biology 1 Hour 10 mins	Sport 1 Hour 15 mins	French Reading F 45 mins H 1 hour	Bus Enterprise 1 hour 15 mins	Health and Social Care 1 Hour 15 mins
		GCSE PE 1 1 Hour	Italian Reading F 45 mins H 1 hour		Spanish Listening F 40 mins H 50 mins
			Spanish Reading F 45 mins H 1 hour		





Monday 03 March	Tuesday 04 March	Wednesday 05 March	Thursday 06 March	Friday 07 March
RE 2 1 Hour 30 mins	Maths 3 Calculator 1 hour 30 mins	Ash Wednesday	PE Practical	Art/Drama/Music
Break				
History 2 EEE/SP 1 Hour 50 mins	Geography 2 Human 1 Hour 30 mins			
Lunch				
GCSE PE 2 1 Hour	French Writing F 1 hour H 1hour 15 mins			
Catering & Hosp 1 Hour 20 mins	Italian Writing F 1 hour H 1hour 15 mins			
	Spanish Writing F 1 hour H 1hour 15 mins			





100% Attendance and Punctuality

We are delighted to see so many pupils achieving 100% attendance and no lates. A significant number have maintained perfect attendance, which is fantastic. Regular attendance is essential for ensuring that pupils receive the best education possible. Thank you to all the parents and carers for their support in this effort.

Pupils should arrive at school by 8:50am, ready to start their day. It is important to attend form time to begin the day with daily reflection and important notices. As the days get lighter, we hope to see even more names on the list next month.

Since the start of the Spring term, Year 8 has the highest attendance percentage, while Year 11 needs to step up their attendance, especially with mock two exams approaching.

By Mr Hussain

Sunny	Atobrhan	8HEA
Meera	Badhan	7RES
Riya	Bains	10ANT
Janna	Bargil	9RAH
Kritika	Basra	10SIM
Eline	Behane	7BRK
Sham	Behane	10BRO
Amrit	Bhopal	7RES
Lydia	Binyam	9ESM
Ernesto Breton Johnson		9CAL
Priya	Chem	10TOW
Abdul	Conteh	HUB
Rakeem Douglas		7MAV
James	Doyle	9RAH
Valerie	Ejianreh	8AHM
Elisha	Ezebuio	7PHA
Samadhi Fernando		7MAV
Erica Fosua Agyemang		10ANT
Africa Beauty Garcia George		10BRO

Kailen	Graham	10BRO
Rihana	Guesh	10ANT
Yorkabel	Habtemichael	9LEV
Mudazir	Hassan	10TOW
Rana	Hassan	9RAH
Seth	Holder	8AHM
Anna	Horvathova	10SIM
Favour	Ifeosame	7PHA
Annabel	Ika	7PHA
Amarachi	Isife	7PHA
Chinomso	Isife	8AHM
Saara	Islam	7RES
Ayaan	Javed	HUB
Michael	John	9ESM
Tanaka	Johwa	8HEA
David	Kadzik	8BRS
Priya	Kaur	10BRO
Julia	Kaza	9LEV
Zara	Khan	11KIY
Oskar	Krzeminski	9LEV
Ritvik	Lal	11MUH
Luka	Leleviciute	7MAV
Sandra	Lutrzykowska	10TOW
Ellie	Mai	10ARD
Zakariya	Malik	9ILY
Jose	Malundama	11MUH
Daiana	Mancescu	10TOW
Jennifer	Masih	8HEW
Peter	Masih	9ESM
Happiness	Matondo	7BRK
Zion	Matondo	7RES
Elaine	Mensah	9CAL
Kobi	Mensah	11MUH





Sulayman Miah	8HAB
Joshua Michael Berhe	9LEV
Akram Morisho	7HAS
Dieudonne Nah	8AHM
Silvia Nah	10SIM
Arielle Elise Njike Yomi	9ILY
Chisom Nwaichi	10SIM
Daniel Oji	11JON
Denzel Okyei	11MCI
Sarah Omenma	8HAB
David Oye	8HEA
Kelly Pham	8BRS
Muhammed Sheraz Rafaqat Begum	11JON
Raya Raju	8HAB
Akhil Ram	9ILY
Sana Rani	7BRK
Kavishnan Sanker	9ESM
Malachi Scarlett	8HAB
Jaspreet Sheemar	7BRK
Nikodem Siatkowski	10TOW
Gurjot Singh	7BRK
Edward Sylva	7MAV
Kuba Szklarski	9LEV
Mateusz Teterycz	10SIM
Jayden Tyrell	8HEA
Edward Ung	8HEA
Rehmidi Wright	10ANT
Lamario Wright-Ashley	9ESM
Maja Zdunkiewicz	8BRS

Positive Classcharts

Since returning for the spring term, the positives and ratio of positives per year group are as such:

Year group	Positives	Ratio
Year 7	13700	96%
Year 8	15126	95%
Year 9	13404	94%
Year 10	12277	95%
Year 11	11372	96%

A big shout-out to the pupils with the highest amount of positives without any negatives in their Year group.

Pupil	Positives
Marwa Saghir (7BRK)	176
Rayaan Hassan (7HAS)	172
Seth Holder (8PAL)	233
Adunoluwa Adesola (8HEW)	223
Akhil Ram (9ILY)	184
Amritpal Khela (9ILY)	177
Africa Beauty Garcia George (10BRO)	170
Mudazir Hassan (10TOW)	158
Zara Khan (11KIY)	153
Yusuf Ali (11KIY)	150

Keep striving with faith and kindness, for you are called to be the best version of yourself, reflecting God's love in all you do.

Equipment

This term, as a school we have taken priority focus on organisation and preparation to best support our pupils in their learning and fundamental skills. To do this we have worked together with the support of our form tutors to ensure all of our pupils have all the required equipment to make the most of their learning experience.

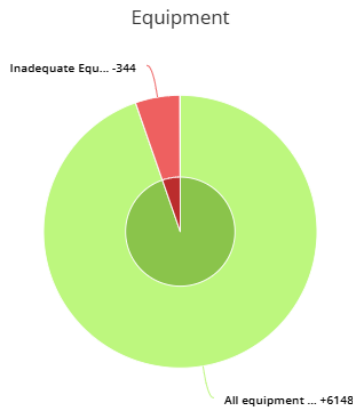




To highlight and celebrate this, we have ensured that our pupils receive positive points every morning for their equipment. If they are not prepared for the day ahead, we will issue a negative, to communicate with parents and guardians so we can rectify this.

Well done to our pupils for their continued excellence over the last few weeks as they have showed brilliant organisation.

By Mr Jasat



Building Connection with Your Teen

Even as they grow older, teenagers still need a secure base to return to—a foundation of love and support from their parents or carers. Though your teen might act like they don't need you, your presence remains essential. You are the mirror through which they see themselves, and your words and actions have a big impact on their self-image.

Teens face challenges and pressures we may not have experienced at their age. Staying connected with them helps you remain a supportive influence as they explore who they are and shape their identity.

Understanding the Challenges of Parenting Teens

Parenting a teenager is different from parenting a young child. Teens require space to grow and develop independence, which can feel unfamiliar and sometimes challenging for parents.

Supporting Safe Risk-Taking

Risk-taking is a natural part of teenage development. While it can be tough to watch and may feel counter to your protective instincts, it's important to guide them toward safer ways to explore. Trying to shut down this part of their growth can harm your relationship and may not stop the behaviour.

Peers' Influence

As your teen grows, they may place more value on their friends' opinions than yours, which can feel painful. Their focus on fitting in with peers is normal, though it might make it seem like you're no longer needed. Rest assured, your influence is still there, even if it's not always visible.

Coping with Anxiety

Teenagers often feel overwhelmed by anxiety. This might show up as avoidance, irritability, or even anger—especially directed at you, the person they feel safest with. It's hard not to take it personally but remembering that their behaviour often stems from fear or stress can help you respond with patience and understanding.

Independence and Identity

As teens explore their identity, they naturally begin to separate from their family. This doesn't mean they don't need you anymore—they still rely on the structure, love, and support you provide. Helping your teen navigate this journey requires a balance: giving them room to grow while staying close enough to guide and support them when they need it.

Parenting through the teenage years isn't easy, but with understanding and connection, you can help your teen grow into a confident and independent young adult.

By Mrs Ellis

What's on during February and March

- Birmingham Light Festival: 19-22 February in the City Centre
- Family Fun Day: Birmingham's Giant Crocodile: 20 February at Birmingham City University
- Smethwick Puppetry Festival: 15-23 February at West Smethwick Park Pavilion
- Garden Bird Quest - Interactive bird-watching experience 18 January - 31 March at Sandwell Valley

By Miss Cummings



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Stars of the Month

English

Yousma Mustafa 11JON - For making some fantastic contributions to class discussion.

Jalal Aziz 11MUH - Consistent high-quality revision which is making a great impact on understanding.

Francis Idemudia 11MCI - Always working to the best of his ability.

Shoaib Ghalib 11JEL - Fantastic effort with extended writing.

Africa Beauty Garcia George 10BRO - Going above and beyond in her English revision.

By Miss Jones

Jennifer Pham 7MAV - For her hard work in lessons, and lovely presentation of her work. Jennifer is always so polite and attentive in lessons.

By Mrs Ellis

Science

Simranpreet Kaur 7RES - Always on task, working hard and supporting other students during lesson.

Amira Akhtar 8HEA - Always working hard and participating in lesson.

Adonay Meresie 9ILY - Significant improvement in behaviour, engagement and participation during lesson.

By Ms Hewett

Yahnny Smith 8HAB - Superb attitude to learning.

Emmanuel Franklyn 8BRS - Excellent effort in all lessons.

Ava Henry 8BRS - Going above and beyond in meeting homework deadlines.

Rupinder Ram Rani 8HAB - Excellent attitude to learning.

Amritpreet Malhi 8HEA - Super effort in all written classwork.

Z'neah Williams 8HEW - Insightful contributions in all science lessons.

Lamario Wright 9ESM - Superb consistency and achievement.

Adonay Meresie 9ILY - Starting the term with a much more focussed outlook.

Makda Abraha 9CAL - Reading around the subject before lessons.

Hoodo Omar 11KIY - An excellent attitude to learning and insightful questions every lesson.

Sema Mahmood 11JEL - Brilliant classwork produced each lesson.

Ranveer Singh 11JEL - Working exceptionally hard this year.

Alexia Caldararu 11JON - Working extremely hard on her homework booklet.

By Mrs Ilyas

Adnan Rahman 8HEW - For being learned, wise and a positive attitude towards learning.

Dante Blair 9CAL - For his enthusiasm during science lessons

Ishmael Clarke 10ANT - For his positive contributions and attitude leading up to WSA.

Awais Hussain 11JEL - For effort and positive contributions every lesson.

By Ms Forbes





Stars of the Month

Top 3 highest achievers (in each year group) with excellent progress and effort in whole school Science assessment.

Annabel Ika 7PHA
Praise Ejiofor 8HAB
Trae Nguyen 8RAH
Isaac Kidane 10ANT

Brian Borawski 7PHA
Andrzej Kozakiewicz 8BRS
Krishnoor Singh 8RAH
Dominik Gruszczynski - 10ANT

Deeya Powar 7HAS
Aaiza Mukhtar 8AHM
Lydia Binyam 8ESM
Erika Dovleag 10BRO

By Mrs Habibullah

Precious Ilori 10SIM - Improved progress in Science.
Hashir Nadeem 11MUH - Excellent work and attitude.
Ethan Mthinsi 9ESM - Great progress in Science.
Dilianne Levande 9LEV - Great attitude and focus.
Freddie Kabanda 9ILY - Great attitude and focus.

By Miss Kiyani

Performing Arts - Music

Tyler Jackon-Smith 7RES - for progress in music.
Christina Morisho 8HEA - for hard work and dedication to music.
Akhil Ram 9ILY - Dedication to extra-curricular activities in music.
Lovepreet Guru 10SIM - focus and improvement in music.
Natasha Glenn 11JEL - focus and hard work in music.

By Miss Antonucci

RE

Simranpreet Kaur 7RES - For thinking like a Theologian and achieving great results for her RE assessment.
Milan Gazi 8HAB - For always being prepared to learn in our RE lessons and for putting 100% effort.
Kyreese Williams 10ANT - For his excellent contributions in our RE lessons and showing his increasing confidence with the content we are covering.
Chinazam Okeke 11MCI - For always putting 100% effort in every single RE lesson and continuing to prepare maturely for the forthcoming mock exams.
Nicola Matusik 11MUH - For always putting 100% effort in every single RE lesson and continuing to prepare maturely for the forthcoming mock exams.

By Mrs Begum

Chisom Nwaichi 10SIM - Improved assessment result.
Ashtaz Islam 9LEV - Excellent verbal contribution.
Jaskirat Sahota 10ANT - Improved attitude towards learning.
Sheingrwa Behane 11KIY - Completing additional homework and exam answers.

By Mr Price





Stars of the Month

Masuma Fatema 7RES - Excellent attitude towards work, always asking questions and willing to get involved.

Akram Morisho 7HAS - Excellent verbal contributions in lessons and focus.

Umar Islam 8HEW - Always willing to answer questions regardless of whether he knows the answer or not.

Amira Akhtar 8HEA - Produces quality responses in book and is always keen to push herself to a higher standard.

Ryan Jeerh 9ILY - Great subject knowledge and application of knowledge is even better.

Ranveer Gill 10ARD - Good completion of examination homework booklet.

Ruth Kidane 11MCI - Excellent grasp of difficult topics and assists with the learning of her peers.

By Mr Brooks

Elisha Ezebuoro 7YJ - For an excellent start to RE. Elisha's work has been so well presented and he has worked hard during lessons.

Noh Yusef 8YS - For settling down well this term and for his excellent observations during class discussions.

Divine Dike 7XS - For her fantastic subject knowledge and verbal contribution in class.

Abtin Hamidi 8XW - For his great subject recall and his theological observations.

By Mrs Ellis

Health and Social Care

Kellianne Levande 11JON - For taking the time to complete extra sessions after school for assignment.

Chisom Nwaichi 10SIM - Amazing participations and confidence in lesson.

Sidia Saidy 9CAL - Fantastic effort in health and social care and showing an improved positive attitude.

By Miss Reynolds

PE/GCSE PE/CNAT

Malkia Reid 11KIY - Working extremely hard on completing Health and social care coursework.

Rihana Guesh 10ANT - Working hard to ensure coursework is to a high standard and meeting deadlines.

Isaiah Foster 9CAL - For demonstrating a hard work ethic in lessons.

Hairan Kimba Musah 9CAL - For being kind and compassionate towards pupils in lessons.

Marwa Safeer Awan Saghir 7BRK - For excelling when developing skills in Badminton.

By Miss Young

Patrick Westwood 8HEW - Always gives his best effort, wants to help with equipment and shows great enthusiasm in the lessons!

Dilpreet Sandhu 11JON - Always gives her best effort, wants to help with equipment and shows great enthusiasm in the lessons I have taught her!

Marwan Khan 11JON - CNAT Sport - Always aims to get his coursework done and meet lesson expectations & puts a 100% effort in every lesson.

By Mr Ahmed





Stars of the Month

Rakeem Douglas 7MAV - Great participation and enthusiasm in PE.

Jeremiah Gill 11JEL - Trying his best in the lessons. Special spotlight for handing in a lost phone. He showed great character and maturity to be honest like that.

Miradi Pembele 10BRO - Answering questions well and asking good questions for class discussion.

Jaskaran Banger 11MUH - Great input and knowledge with his answers during knowledge retrieval and starters. He also provides good examples and discussion points during the lesson.

By Mr Arshad

David Oye 8HEA - 100% determination within the Health-Related Fitness unit. Always tries his best and pushes himself to the maximum. Fantastic role model to others within the group.

By Mrs Ratcliffe

History

Noh Yosef 8HEA - Demonstrating excellent effort and achievement in his History assessment.

By Miss Lally

Khalid Ali 9RAH - Excellent verbal contributions in class this week- well done, keep it up.

Freddie Kabanda 9ILY - Excellent work and focus in History - well done!

Michel Frimpong 11MCI - Being conscientious by asking for classwork to catch up on missed lessons.

Devarnte Dawethi-Wilson 9CAL - Excellent effort and attitude in History lessons.

By Miss Guest

Jaskaran Banger 11MUH - Fantastic revision and effort in preparation for Mock 2. Well done!

By Mr McIntosh

Kaillan Dinh Tran 7RES - For being learned and wise in History and producing an excellent assessment result.

Jennifer Demeterova 7RES - Excellent discussion and group work in the recent History Oracy lesson- well done!

Divine Dike 7HAS - Great verbal contributions in her History lessons.

By Ms Levine

Joshua Chanda 7MAV - For meaningful contributions when in class and a very good assessment result.

By Mr Brayshaw

Geography

Jaskirat Sahota 10ANT - For making a fantastic improvement to her grade in her recent Geography assessment - well done!

By Mr Brayshaw

Krishnoor Singh 9RAH - For being learned and wise in Geography and producing an excellent assessment result.

Yousma Mustafa 11JON - For being learned and wise showing excellent verbal contributions in her geography lessons.

David Ifeosame 9RAH - For showing determination and effort in your geography lessons- well done!

By Ms Levine





Stars of the Month

Computing, Enterprise and IT

Business and Enterprise

Lemario Wright-Ashley 9A/Bg1 - Outstanding assessment results top in all Year 9.

Alan Adamkowski 9B/Bg1 - Outstanding exam results.

Ria Bains - 10B/Be1 - For consistent and good quality work.

IT

Bradley Nguetack 10TOW - Excellent achievement on Information Technology assessment.

Armaan Ali 10BRO - Great progress on his Information Technology assessment.

Computing

Sarah Omenma 8HAB - Showing a real creativity to her Computing work.

Nabil Ahmed 8AHM - Showing a real progression and willingness to complete Computing work.

Computer Science

Trae Nguyen 9RAH - Demonstrating growth and dedication in Computer Science.

Jaskaran Singh 11MCI - Showing incredible progress and commitment to mastering Computer Science.

Vanessa Kodua 11JEL - For consistent and good quality work.

By Mr Esmaili



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House News

House competition Pilgrims of Hope!

During form time this half term, Pupils have been completing entries for the following competition:

Young Voices, Big Impact: Columban Schools Media Competition 2025

The Columban Schools Media Competition 2025 is set to inspire young minds to engage with global issues through creativity and faith. Open to students aged 13-18, this year's competition welcomes both written and image-based entries, with submissions accepted until 5 February 2025. The winners will be announced on 10 March 2025, with an impressive first-place cash prize of £300.

A Year of Jubilee: Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis has declared 2025 a **Jubilee Year**, with the theme "**Pilgrims of Hope.**" He urges individuals to seek and promote hope in today's world, working towards peace and justice. Young participants are invited to showcase a **community or group that embodies hope**—one they are part of or one that inspires them. Their chosen community should work for the **common good**, responding to the **Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor.**

Get Involved

Pupils are completing this activity during form time. The deadline for **entries** by 5 February 2025. I encourage you to complete further entries at home! This is a chance to not only **win great prizes** but also make a meaningful impact through faith and creativity.

For more information, visit the Columban Missionary websites and social media pages. Let's amplify young voices and celebrate communities that bring hope to our world!

House Shop Opening Next Week!

Exciting news! The **House Shop** is opening on **3 February**, offering a range of prizes such as **notebooks, pens, and water bottles.** Points mean prizes, so start collecting!

Prize collection begins from **10 February during break time**—don't miss out!

By Miss Young



House Competition



The Columbans are looking for students in Britain and Ireland (aged 13-18 inclusive) to submit an original piece of writing or an original image on the theme:

Jubilee: Pilgrims of Hope

Celebrate a community bringing hope in the world today.

A Jubilee is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation in the Catholic Church. A pilgrim makes a journey of moral or spiritual significance. 'Pilgrims of Hope' refers to a community or group with the goal of making a difference locally, nationally or globally.

Your task is to highlight one community or group bringing hope in the world. This might be one they are part of or one that inspires them. To give some examples: carers, teachers, food bank volunteers, climate campaigners, or supporters of migrants and refugees.

Launch Date:

Monday 13 January 2025



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Accelerated Reader Book Reviews

'Frenemies Forever' by Rachel Renee Russell

"I recently just read the book "Frenemies Forever" by Rachel Renee Russel! I have some love and hate opinions about it some of my favourite parts where when Nikki screamed the girl's bathroom down, which, by the way, caused Chloe and Zoe (Nikki's best friends) to worry about her. Another moment was when Mackenzie assumed Nikki wrote 'Bug Girl' on her locker when she did that same thing to Nikki back in September. Overall, I would rate it at least a 4.4 out 5, mainly because of the cliff hanger at the end. I would 100% recommend it to others!"

By Liyah Nadeem Rani 7RES

'The harder they fall' by Bali Rai

"A book about a boy named Cal who meets and befriends a new boy named Jacob and gets a girlfriend named Freya. Jacob went missing and it was up to Cal and Freya to find him and help his anger issues. This book was very interesting to read."

By Chevonne Oluwadamilola Jolayemi 7BRK

'Until Proven Guilty' by Nigel Hinton

"The book is really good and as I read it started to become more problem solving like when Nathan had to hunt the person who killed 3 girls. I love this book!"

By Yorkabel Habtemichael 9LEV

'Diary of a wimpy Kid - Hard Luck' by Jeff Kinney

"This book I found really interesting because it gives a very relatable feeling when it comes to your friend dating someone, especially a very close friend. Leaving you by yourself. As much as I relate to Greg based on it, I also don't really agree as he takes the approach the wrong way in trying to replace him. Greg Heffley often interprets things very badly which in the end, makes him a bad person.

This book, overall, was really humorous. I really recommend it!"

By Oyinkansola Olayiwola 9ILY

'Iguana Boy' by James Bishop

"The book is very interesting. The book is about a boy named Dylan and his superpower brother and sister. His brother has the ability to use the weather in any use and his sister is to cook chicken (through her eyes) and to fly. The main villain was platapus kid and she could speak to platapuss'

The villain's plan was to take over the world and she did that by taking the superheroes powers away.

Dylan won by him using his iguanas to hide in a pizza box and use that to beat the villain.

I really like the book and its very funny. It's great that the main character (Dylan) got his powers and hid then".

By Roberto Nguyen 7BRK

'Simon Thorn and the Wolf's Den' by Amiee Carter

"I like this book because it was exciting and had plot twists and cliffhangers. It is full of adventure and my favourite part was the secret animalgeddon race.

If you like adventure, mystery and plot twists, then this is a book you have to try!"

By Dora-Efe Karaahmetoglu 7HAS

'Dear Dork' by Rachel Renee Russell

"This book is about a high school girl called Nikki Maxwell and her best friends called Zoey and Chloe, but she has an enemy called Mackenzie and when it was new year's, Zoey and Chloe gave Nikki a dare, to toilet paper Mackenzies house but they get caught by her dog and Mackenzie thinks that it was some boys from her school that are obsessed with her so Nikki, Zoey and Chloe go along with it. It was a good book."

By Naomi Kunova 8BRS

'Tamworth Pig Saves the Trees' by Gene Kemp

"This book was very interesting and was about a pig's ambition to save all the tress and build motorways on landscapes rather than the woods he was determined to make his ambitions and dreams come true."

By Amritpreet Kaur Malhi 8HEA





School Games January 2025 Newsletter

Happy New Year and welcome back!!



St Clares Leadership Program



Before Christmas St Clares Catholic Primary school answered my calling, for some Year 9 pupils to gain some leadership experience outside of the school environment, and gain evidence towards their CNAT Sport Studies unit.

The four pupils, Finn Nikodem, Khalid and Dervarnte have been amazing! Planning handball sessions for KS2, leading on a warm up, focusing on a skill and then managing a game at the end. I feel I am correct in saying that the students at St Clares have enjoyed it as much as the leaders!

Thank you for this opportunity! Next half term will see another group attending the Primary on a Tuesday PM, leading a session, hopefully a new sport, gaining valuable experience!

Indoor Athletics Competition



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

Events Included:

- Indoor Shot Put
- Indoor Javelin
- Triple Jump
- Standing long jump
- Vertical jump
- Speed Bounce
- 8 Lap
- 6 Lap
- 4 lap
- 2 lap
- Relay

Billesley SEND Event

I had the pleasure of supporting a KS2 SEND event at Billesley, inviting primaries from the St John Parntertship, King Edwards Partnership and Hall Green Partnership.

Events were differentiated to suit the abilities and different needs of the students.

Students gave 100% effort in all events, and really pushed themselves outside of their comfort zone.

There was no overall winner, however feedback from the day was that students had an amazing time, and staff accompanying them requested more specific SEND events to help encourage inclusivity.

KS2 Badminton Festival





Thank you so much for the following primary schools for attending the KS2 Badminton Festival here at SJW Thursday 30 January 2025 as part of an engage and inspire event:

- Grestone Academy
- Dorrington Academy
- Oasis Boulton

A special mention to the below Year 7 SJW pupil leaders:

1. Meerah Badhan
2. Divine Dike
3. Roberton Nguyen
4. Angelica Sibanda
5. Ansh Kumar

For helping with the running of the event, and supporting their younger peers develop badminton skills and improve confidence.

The afternoon focused on 'co-operative rallies' and developing their knowledge and understanding of the serve and the forehand clear. All had a competitive rally at the end of the festival playing someone new, testing out their skills learnt.

It was lovely to see the confidence grow in all students within the afternoon, from skill development, social interaction and leadership!

Up and coming events – Spring T1/T2

Primary

Tuesday 4 February 2025 – Dance Festival at St John Wall Catholic School

Inspire Event - 10am-12pm- KS2 Girls and Boys, no minimum or maximum

Thursday 13 February 2025 – Cross Country at St Pauls Girls

Engage Event 1:30pm-3pm - Y3/4 & Y5/6 Girls and Boys - Cross Country - 6 schools max - 6 pupils max. TOTAL 12

Monday 3 March 2025 – KS2 Indoor Athletics at George Dixon Academy

Competitive event - 10am-12:30pm - Yr5/6 Girls and Boys – students per team – 12 total.

Thursday 13 March 2025 – Yr5/6 Mixed Indoor Hockey Festival – venue TBC

Engage and Inspire Event

Monday 17 March 2025 – Gymnastics Festival at Windsor

Engage/Inspire - 10am-12pm – KS2 Yr3/4 - 6 pupils per team (mixed)





St John Wall School Sport Partnership
2024 – 2025 Calendar
ENGAGE, INSPIRE, COMPETE

<p>September 2024 Yr3+4 Girls Football Festival Yr5+6 Girls Football Festival PE Coordinators meeting @SJW</p> <p>October 2024 Yr3+4 Multi Skills Event KS2 Netball Festival KS2 Indoor Cricket Festival</p> <p>November 2024 Yr4+5 Basketball</p> <p>December 2024 KS2 SEND Multi Skills Event</p>	<p>January 2025 KS2 SJW Dance Festival Yr3+4 Badminton Festival Yr5+6 Badminton Festival</p> <p>February 2025 KS2 Cross Country Yr 5+6 Indoor Sports Hall Athletics Yr3+4 Gymnastics</p> <p>March 2025 Biggest Ever Girls Football Event @KESSP 930am-1230pm</p>	<p>April 2025 PE Coordinators Meeting Yr6 SJW Transition Event</p> <p>May 2025 Yr3+4 Tennis Event Yr5+6 Tennis Event SGM Support Meeting</p> <p>June 2025 KS2 Cricket Festival Yr4+Yr5 Dodgeball Yr5+Yr6 Athletics</p> <p>July 2025 Yr5 + Yr6 Swimming Gala Yr6 Rounders</p>
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Secondary

Talent Show - 26 February 2025 - please can all participating schools send me their music / prop requests by 7 February at the latest.

Biggest Ever Girls Football Session, 4 March 2025 - thanks to all for such a good sign up for this one!

Go Lead Girls Football Leadership, 18 March 2025 - if you are signed up and haven't yet confirmed your attendance, please do so as we will need to order kit for the girls.

If schools have any basketball results, please forward the girls results to me and the boys results to Chris at Handsworth Boys school. The deadline is Easter for all games to be played.

Year 7+8 Sports Hall Athletics, 4 April - qualifying teams - please confirm your attendance with me as soon as possible.

Basketball League Results - the deadline for all matches is Easter.

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