

Saint John Wall Catholic School

A Catholic School For All



Mission Statement

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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: 'Each and every unique child'
Termly Catholic Social Teaching: Dignity
Termly SJW Values: Curious and Active

This week in Weekly Worship...

"We focused on house rewards and attendance rewards. In this Weekly Worship, we focused on those pupils with the highest positives, lowest negatives and those with the best attendance. I can be **curious** and **active** by always coming to school on time, by **hearing and responding to what God is calling me to be** and by being the best version of myself".

By Deandre Johnson 9LEV

This week in Afternoon Prayer...

"We prayed for Human Rights Day. This is important because we can celebrate that all individuals have rights and should be treated with **dignity** and **love**. We also prayed for Advent and thought about how we can bring **peace** and **hope** to those around us. I like Afternoon Prayer because it helps me feel closer to God every time I pray".

By Josue Matthews 8HAB

Class Mass

"This week, we went to Mass as a class. I loved going to Church on Thursday. It was a very spiritual atmosphere, and we learnt about the season of Advent. Father Subba spoke about the four Advent candles - **Hope**, **Peace**, **Joy** and **Love** and how we should always have these values in our lives".

By Justin Singh 8HEA

Dates to Note

- **Jolly Jumper Day**
Wednesday 18 December 2024
- **Saint John Wall Christmas Showcase**
Wednesday 18 December 2024 – 5pm to 6pm
- **Year 11 Trip to Gravity**
Thursday 19 December 2024 – 9.30am to 1pm
- **Christmas Holidays – Pupils to be dismissed from 12.30pm to 12.45pm**
Thursday 19 December 2024

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the parents, guardians and carers who were able to attend the Year 11 parents evening this week. It provided an opportunity for crucial feedback on how the pupils have performed in their mock 1 assessment and how they can continue to improve. All parents who were unable to attend will be contacted to arrange an alternative appointment. Thank you to our staff for all their hard work in supporting our pupils.

By Mrs Chand and Mr Holder



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My Child At School Parent APP and ClassCharts 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 and the ClassCharts for Parents App.

MCAS will keep you informed about events, trips, sending lunch money etc.

ClassCharts for Parents will keep you informed about your child's behaviour.

To register for MCAS Parent App and ClassCharts for Parents App, you will need to download the app from your App Store.

By Miss Timmins

Visit to St Mary's Coffee Club

Today we have had mince pies and joined in with Christmas carols. Pupils were very lucky to receive a gift from the organisers and as you can see, they could not wait to open them! We have had a lovely term helping out with tea and coffee and look forward to returning after the holidays.

By Mrs Clayton



'A Christmas Carol' Theatre Trip

On Wednesday we took 44 Year 10 pupils to see 'A Christmas Carol' at the Rep theatre in Birmingham City centre.

This was to support pupils' final comprehension of the text after all their hard work this term in studying it.

This Mark Gatis adaptation of our Beloved Novella took pupils on a journey through Scrooges redemption and highlighted some of the harsh realities of poverty in the Victorian era. Pupils commented on the many intricacies of adaptations within the play, it was great to see pupils engaging deeply with character presentation.

Pupils' behaviour was impeccable throughout the day-Well done for showing the Rep what fantastic pupils we have here at SJW and embodying the Christmas spirit that we learn through our text.

By Miss Jones



"At the Birmingham rep on Wednesday, I watched 'A Christmas Carol' play. I enjoyed the performance and how the actors play their roles".

By Ishmael Clarke 10ANT

"We went on a school trip to watch 'A Christmas Carol', it was a fun experience with music and dance. It had great acting as well as we sat at the front so we got a better experience with facial expressions that we could see clearly. I learnt the names of some characters like charity workers. I enjoyed the small details".

By Precious Ilori 10SIM

"We had fun and exciting opportunity to watch a live adaptation of 'A Christmas Carol'. It was very enjoyable and there was great acting and effects! It was a great performance, and we learnt to value our family and everyone special to us".

By Darling Dikoko 10SIM





BEBRAS Challenge

BEBRAS Computational Thinking Challenge 2024 - Gold Award Winners.

We are thrilled to announce that several of our talented pupils have achieved Gold Awards in the prestigious BEBRAS Computational Thinking Challenge 2024. This international competition, known for its rigorous and engaging problems, tests pupils' abilities to think logically and solve complex computational problems.

Our pupils demonstrated exceptional skills and perseverance, standing out among thousands of participants nationwide. Achieving a Gold Award places them in the top 10% of the country, highlighting their outstanding performance and dedication. Their success is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and passion for computing. These young minds tackled a variety of challenging tasks, from algorithmic puzzles to logical reasoning problems, showcasing their ability to think critically and creatively.

The BEBRAS Challenge not only highlights the importance of computational thinking in today's digital age but also encourages students to develop problem-solving skills that are essential for their future careers. We are incredibly proud of our pupils' achievements and their commitment to excellence.

Well done to:

- Justin Singh
- Seth Holder
- Khaleel Cunningham
- Sebastian Prusak

By Mr Rathbone

"The Bebras Challenge was an online challenge where you do various different puzzle that require problem solving.

My favourite part of the Bebras Challenge was the complexity of the puzzles we had to solve".

By Seth Holder 8PAL

"I had taken part in the UK Bebras Challenge. It is a great opportunity that will benefit me in the future. The Bebras Challenge is a set of complicating questions which makes you solve problems using maths and logical reasoning. I liked taking part in the challenge because I always welcome difficulty in my learning.

By Khaleel Cunningham 9CAL



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Equipment

Maximise your learning time: Bring your equipment to school!

You need...

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

Some of our teaching staff are trialling our new equipment mats. If pupil's see these on the tables, they are required to place their equipment on the set spaces at the start of the lesson. This will be extended out to all classrooms at the start of the new term in January.

Why?

Increased learning time to help pupils achieve the best possible results!

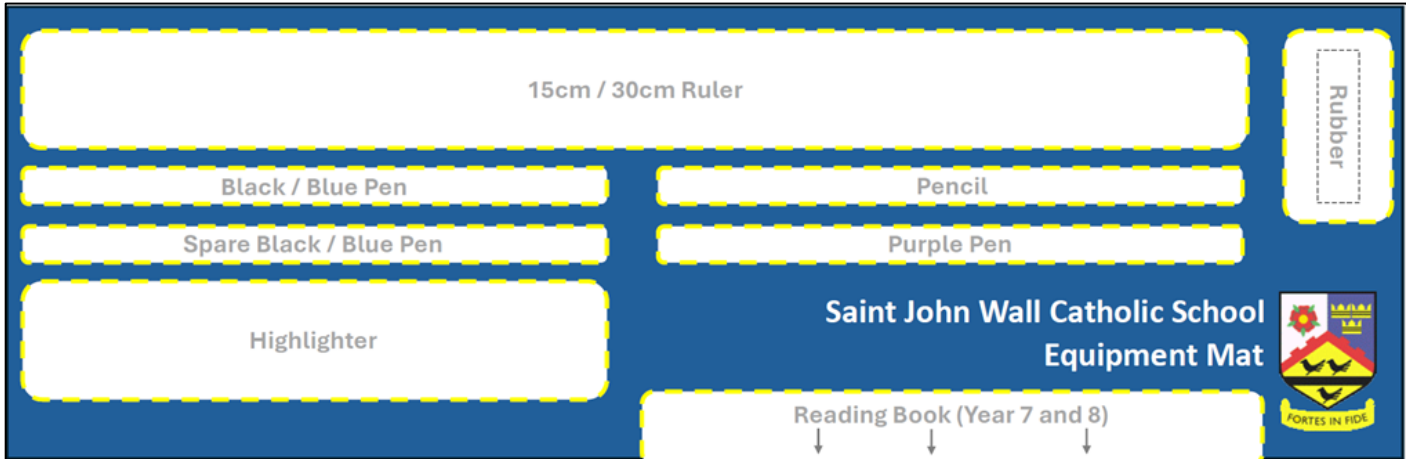
During the last week of term, the equipment shop will open between 8.30am – 8.50am by our House Captains. You will be able to buy all equipment there.

By Mr Price

Titan Christmas Card Winner

Congratulations to Neha Kaur Sagoo 9LEV for winning the Titan student Christmas card competition. Her design will now be featured on Titans Christmas card to members and partners this year.

For this achievement, Neha has won a £10 gift card form Titan and 50 house points!





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Wednesday 18 December 2024
We are celebrating Jolly Jumper Day at Saint John Wall!

To promote positive mental health and wellbeing, wear any jumper that makes you comfortable and jolly. This can be a Christmas jumper, a comfy jumper or even your cosiest hoody!

Donate 50p if you wear a jolly jumper.



Money raised will go towards
Birmingham Mind and
Birmingham Children’s
Hospital



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Donations of Uniform

Do you have any items of uniform at home?



Would you like to donate them to our school?

Black school trousers -
Girls or Boys



Blazers

PE navy shorts
PE navy joggers

SJW ties

Black school skirts

Any donations will be very much appreciated.



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