

# St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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What is the meaning of the Advent Wreath?

## Advent begins

This Sunday marks the beginning of our preparation for the birth of Christ.

Why do we go to so much bother with decorations, present buying, visiting, cooking, card sending...etc, etc?

Only you know why you do this.

We are just asked to remember the event..... when God, who created everything, chose to become human to show us the true meaning and power of love. Whatever you do, remember that.

## A special request

We would like support a loyal colleague of nearly 30 years with the travelling expenses to return to the Carribean for his mother's funeral. Any parent wishing to contribute, please do so in the office. We will have an own clothes day soon again to help raise some funds.

## A busy week of class visits

This week, Year 5 visited the British Library for a workshop on study skills and to see what's billed as the best exhibition currently in London - The Anglo Saxons.



The children received high praise from staff and fellow visitors and given the long journey times they experienced on the day, they were extremely patient (thank you to the waiting parents as well).

Year 4 went to Greenwich Peninsula to play golf! This is one of a series of lessons; a joint trip with their counterparts in our Federation sister school, St John's....and



Golf in full swing at the driving range

Year 2 visited Southwark Cathedral to study the Victorians and...



Year 2 exercising Victorian style!

## Pupils of Achievement

The Academic Theme this week is: 'Helping to prepare'. With this Sunday marking the beginning of Advent, the children have been getting the decorations ready.

The children were as follows:

Year 1: Faith E & Nebi

Year 2: Ciara & Emmanuel

Year 3: Rosie & Michelle

Year 4: Precious & Danniella G

Year 5: Faith & Christian

Year 6: Sally-Ann & Marcus

The Personal Attribute celebrated this week was 'To stay motivated when doing something challenging'; the Gospel link: 'Look to prayer and Jesus' example'. The following children were chosen: Jorden, Kenny, Tommy, Rodrigo, Janelle, & Favour

*Well Done Everyone*