

St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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Three reading 'superheros' present the Gospel on World Book Day

Halfway through

The days are getting longer and the weeks are passing by this half term and through Lent too. There are only three more weeks until we break up on Maundy Thursday, so make the most of the time for learning in school and make the most of the season of Lent. Come along to Mass on Sunday at 10:00, get Mother's Day off to a good start and why not join us for the last two Thursdays for Benediction.

World Book day

What a magnificent display of creativity and colour as St James the Great pupils transformed into all kinds of wonderful book characters to mark the day as well as raise money for our Lenten projects.

Benediction

4pm Thursdays during Lent

Well done Year 3 for leading our prayers at this week's Benediction and we look forward to next week. Just two weeks left!

Next week:

Sunday: Parish 10:00 Mass (Mother's Day)

Monday: Y4 To the British Museum

Wednesday: Year 4 & 5 Golf

Thursday: Benediction in the church at 4pm

Year 1 visit Southwark Waste Recycling Centre

'What a load of rubbish' is the obvious retort and indeed it is but what we do with our rubbish is of vital importance to us all. Southwark runs a very efficient and modern recycling centre and Year 1 visited and had a fun and valuable learning time. The centre were very happy to receive our pupils and sent a lovely message to the school: "The Eco Team would like to say a huge thank you to the students and the staff that attended the visit yesterday. They were such a lovely bunch of students and were so engaged, we were so impressed by their pre-existing knowledge of the issues to do with waste, recycling and climate change. It fills us with a lot of hope that the next generation are so aware of these issues and want to make a positive change."

Measles prevention

Please see important message overleaf.

Parents Workshop 6th March

Albi and Ben from Peckham & Southwark Citizens will be running parent workshops on Wednesdays from 9-9:30 Please do come along, there will be tea, coffee and biscuits too!

The virtue of: Self Control

• I think before I act.

I can speak & act calmly even when I am hurt or angry.

'St James the Great Awards'

'Reading'

Pupils of achievement are as follows:

Moyor, Joshua; Nathan, Phoebe; Timi, Laura; Raffaele, Yemaryam; Emily, Raphael; Hajar, Brina.

Virtue Focus:

'Self Control'

Pupils of achievement are as follows:

Alexander, Kenna, Halima, Aryana, Nimona & Matthew

'Catholic Life Committee'

Pupils from Year 4 & 3, 5 & 6

Well done everyone!

St James the Great, Pray for us.

Measles – Stop the spread

Has your child been vaccinated?

Measles is a serious illness that can cause brain damage and other life-long complications, and leads to around 20% of those infected having to spend time in hospital. Measles is spreading in South London due to low MMR uptake. [The MMR vaccine is safe and highly effective at preventing measles](#). Children and young people aged under 25 are being particularly encouraged to make sure they have had two doses of MMR vaccine, as younger people are more likely to catch measles. Anyone who works in a busy environment or has lots of contact with children and young people should also make sure they are up to date. To help people who have not had two doses of their MMR vaccine catch-up, we are organising a series of community clinics in Southwark libraries. The first catch-up clinic is being held on Saturday 16th March between 11am and 3.30pm at Peckham Library. [Book a slot at the clinic here](#). It is open to anyone who has not previously had a dose of MMR vaccine, or has only had one dose previously.

**Pop-up clinic at
Peckham Library on
Saturday 16th March between 11am and 3.30pm.**

