



# St James the Great Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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*"Doing our best for God, for others and for ourselves"*

Friday 28th June 2024



This Sunday we celebrate the feast of two great saints who have helped to share faith throughout the world, St Peter and St Paul. In this Sunday gospel, Peter professes his faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus then gives Peter the important task of leading the Church - a duty which is now undertaken by Pope Francis.

**A word from Pope Francis:** "The family is the place where parents become their children's first teachers in the faith. How beautiful it is to support each other in the wonderful adventure of faith!"

## Upcoming Events

Monday 24th June

Nursery – visit to Peckham Library

## After School Activities

Fitness club – Thursdays

Year 3 & Year 4

Sailing 4th lesson – Thursdays

Year 5

## THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL



A refreshing SPA day for our Nursery children ended with a healthy snack in the shade!



## YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY

**TUESDAY 2ND JULY  
3PM**

Parents and carers please come and support the children who have worked really hard to prepare the show!



## VIRTUE OF THE WEEK CONFIDENCE

When I feel nervous or worried, what will I do to practise the virtue of confidence?

What helps me to learn from my mistakes?



## PARENTS SESSION RECEPTION Transition to Year 1 in September



Welcome to Year 1



### St Peter and St Paul

On **29th June** the Church celebrates the feast day of two great saints, Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Peter and Paul were both friends of Jesus, but their lives were very different.

**Peter**, a fisherman in Galilee, was first named Simon but Jesus gave him the name 'Peter', which means 'rock'. Jesus told Peter that he would build his Church on this rock. Jesus called Peter to leave his work as a fisherman and follow him. Peter became the leader of the twelve Apostles.

He became the first Bishop of Rome: the first Pope.

**Paul**, a very religious Jew from Tarsus, was first called Saul. He never met Jesus whilst Jesus was on earth. After Jesus had ascended to heaven, Saul was trying to stop the early Christians teaching about Jesus. Then on the road to Damascus, the Risen Jesus appeared to Saul, telling him to stop persecuting Christians and to believe in Jesus. Saul was converted. He became known as Paul and Jesus made him into an Apostle for the Gentiles (the people who were not Jews).

### WE HAVE ACHIEVED THE 'INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD'!

We are proud to say we have been awarded Foundation level of the British Council's prestigious 'International School Award' in recognition of our work to bring the world into the classroom. The 'International School Award' celebrates the achievements of schools that do exceptional work in international education. Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need for life and work in today's world.

Shannon West, Head of UK School for the British Council, said: 'We are delighted and proud that St James the Great Catholic Primary School is committed to developing a whole school approach to embedding and celebrating international work. The dedication from everyone is enriching education and supporting globally aware young people and the development of key skills'.



### Year 6 to Year 7 transition Program run by Kings Scholars

The children loved the session and shared some wonderful feedback

"I enjoyed when we played the games and also when we learnt about different ways to cope in Year 7, it was brilliant"

"I enjoyed the part when we presented our presentation as I was given valuable advice"

"I enjoyed doing the posters and participating. I enjoyed it because since I have stage fright this really made me feel better and also this session made me more comfortable about secondary school. This session helped me cope with moving schools."



### WEDNESDAY WORD 'FAITH'

Faith is a gift of God that greatly enriches our lives. A family full of faith is a family full of joy.

Putting our faith in Jesus helps us to know God as our loving Father and helps happiness and love to grow in our families.

### NURSERY PARENTS ONLY

There will be a uniform sale on Thursday 4th July from 2pm to 3pm, open ONLY to Nursery children going to Reception class in September.

### TUESDAY 9.15AM

Music Recital next Tuesday 9th July at 9.15am in the School Main Hall.  
Choir and recorder groups





## REMINDERS

- NEWSLETTER:** the news letter is now available on the 'MyEd' app. Please log in, go to 'School information' > 'School News' and click on the link.
- PUPILS ABSENCES:** Gentle reminder to please phone the office to report your child absence, a text message or email is not accepted.
  - SAVERS CLUB:** Every Wednesday our Savers Club is open from 8.30am to 8.50am
  - FAMILY FUND:** Gentle reminder to those who didn't pay the Family Fund this year. Please come to the office as soon as possible.

## ISLE OF WIGHT

Year 6 left for the Isle of Wight on Friday morning. We ask everyone to keep them in your prayers.

Parents please remember pick up is Sunday 30th June 3pm at Waterloo station. Please make sure you are on time!



In our Catholic tradition, June is the month devoted to the 'Most Sacred Heart of Jesus'. Never forget God loves you, He loves you so much His heart is on fire with that love and will always be. God's heart is full of love and mercy.



"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Isaiah 40:31

Parents and carers we ask you to pray with your children and family at home  
"Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you."



SAILOR OF THE WEEK

Well done!



Please contact Ultimate Sports directly if you'd like to book



We ask everyone to please keep Fr Jack in your prayers!

## St James the Great's Awards

### 'Art'

- Year 1 - Hajar & Patrice
- Year 2 - Keira & Elnathan
- Year 3 - Aya & Patrick
- Year 4 - Yoel & Amelia
- Year 5 - Nhyira & Destiny
- Year 6 - Samantha & Rebecca

### 'Virtue - Confidence'

I'm able to do things without fear or doubt. I place my trust in God and know that God gives me strength.  
"Let us be confident, then, and say: 'The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Hebrews 13:6"

Favour (Yr6), Solihom (Yr5), Eghosa (Yr4), Hope (Yr3), Amira (Yr2), Brina (Yr1)

### 'Pupil Leaders' - 'Lunchtime supporters' Year 6

Oyin, Jeremiah, Kimberly, Kevin & Victoria

### Sailor of the Week Yr 5 - 3rd week

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Well done Everyone!  
St James the Great, Pray for us.

## TIME TABLES ROCKSTARS

From 18th June to 24th June

### THE BATTLE OF THE BANDS COMPETITION

#### PLAYERS

- 1st place: Smiles
- 2nd place: Dieudonne
- 3rd place: Aya

#### CLASSES

- 1st place: Year 3
- 2nd place: Year 5
- 3rd place: Year 2

#### YEAR 2

- 1st place: Nimona
- 2nd place: Eliana
- 3rd place: Anna

#### YEAR 3

- 1st place: Aya
- 2nd place: Yemaryam
- 3rd place: Joshua

#### YEAR 4

- 1st place: Millie
- 2nd place: Anabella
- 3rd place: Faridah

#### YEAR 5

- 1st place: Dieudonne
- 2nd place: Jayden
- 3rd place: Kyle

#### YEAR 6

- 1st place: Smiles
- 2nd place: Alex A