



St James the Great Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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

Friday 14th February 2025



Upcoming Events

Friday 14th Feb

Last day of term

Half term dates

**Mon 17th to Fri 21st
Feb**

Monday 24th Feb

**Everyone back to
school**

WEDNESDAY WORD TRUST

There can be many things that trouble our hearts, but following and trusting in God frees us from worrying in this life and assures us of life forever with God.

Catholic Social Teaching Principle Stewardship

Loving God,
We give thanks for your
gift of creation.

May we be good
stewards of the earth's
resources and always
remember the link
between our
environment and
poverty.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer
Virtue

Reflection

I take time to think about
the beauty and goodness
in myself, others and
God's world.

I reflect to see myself as
God sees me.

*"What then shall we say
to these things? If God is
for us, who can be against
us?"*

Romans 8:31

In this Sunday Gospel, when Jesus and His disciples came down from the mountain, a great crowd came from all over to hear Him teach and to be cured. Jesus fixed His eyes on His friends, the disciples, and said "Blessed are you who are poor now, God's kingdom belongs to you. Blessed are you who are hungry now, because later you will have all the food you need. Blessed are you who are sad now, because later you will laugh. Blessed are you if people hate you and ignore you, and insult and attack you just because you follow me. Be glad and rejoice, because your reward will be great in heaven."

Pope Francis: "Put your trust in God! The Beatitudes are Jesus' way of life."

'Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to trust in you, to share your love and be a blessing to each other and to all those in need. Amen.'

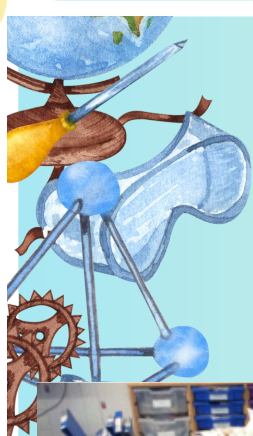
NURSERY PARENTS & CARERS

Thank you for your support with bringing your child to and from the Nursery classroom via the EYFS gate.

This is to inform you that from Monday 24th February, the school day in Nursery will finish at 3.30pm and so the gate will be opened at 3.25pm.

Please note that if you have an older child at the school then you will still be able to collect your Nursery/Reception children using the EYFS gates and then go to the school playground via the main gates.

Please note that the Nursery classroom door will then be locked and any latecomers will need to go to the school office so please be punctual as children become anxious if all the other children have been collected.



Year 2 - Working together on a Science experiment



Investigating which
item is the best to
use when mopping
up a spill



NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

We are looking for a new parent governor to join our governing body.

This is an important role in the school.

If you would like more information or wish to express your interest, please come see us in the school office.



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025

2025 is a special Jubilee Year of forgiveness and reconciliation in which people are invited to a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus. Pope Francis has given this Jubilee the theme of Pilgrims of Hope, 'a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God' (SPES NON CONFUNDIT, 25).

Half Term Homework Task

As this is the Jubilee Year of Hope, your task is to research a Pilgrimage and to share your information with your class.

A pilgrimage is defined: 'If someone makes a pilgrimage to a place, they make a journey there because the place is holy according to their religion, or very important to them personally.'

With your family discuss places you might visit if you were to go on a pilgrim. If you need to research please use the internet safely.

Choose away that you will present your pilgrim to your class: if you are in Year 1 & 2, you could create an image/poster/ fact file. If you are in a KS2 class, you could create a leaflet/poster/ fact file/ newspaper article/ Power Point Presentation.

We look forward to seeing your work,

Catholic Life Committee

HALF TERM TASK ASSIGNED BY OUR CATHOLIC LIFE COMMITTEE

The Catholic Life Committee have set KS1 and KS2 a homework task for this half term.

The children should have received this today, please make sure they complete it ready for when school resumes on Monday 24th February!



Well done Solihom and Anna!

It is great to see how our pupils got so far in the 500 Word BBC National competition.

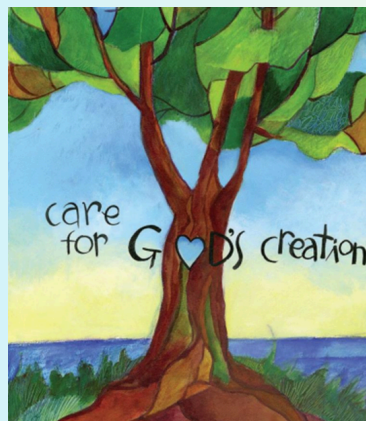
They will be awarded a book of their choice after half term.



Please contact **ULTIMATE SPORTS CLUB** directly to book!

07463978692 - info@ultimatesportsclub.co.uk

We believe in Stewardship



Catholic Social Teaching

Year 5 Focus

In the first pages of the Bible we read how God created the sun and the stars, the water and earth, and every creature.

We believe Christ is the redeemer of all creation. In 2015, Pope Francis brought together decades of Church teaching in the encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. In this deeply influential letter, Pope Francis invites everyone on the planet to consider how our actions are affecting the earth and the poorest people.

Everything is interconnected, and all of creation praises God. It is our Christian vocation to care for creation.

I SHOW REFLECTION

when

I can sit quietly and think.

I can be still.

I can reflect on the beauty of God's world and creation.

I can reflect on my achievements and what I have done well.

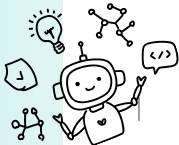
I can reflect on the good choices I have made.



**Virtue we live by
Reflection**

Coding and Robotics Workshop

For children and ages 8 to 17 years



Learn how to program and build a robot. Children will not only build impressive robots using Lego Mindstorms but also delve into coding.

**Tuesday 18 February, 10.30am to 12pm and
12.15pm to 1.45pm at Peckham Library**

**Booking is essential
There will be two sessions and each session must be booked separately.**

Visit Peckham Library to book this free workshop
Peckham Library, 122 Peckham Hill Street, SE15 5JR
Contact: Libraries@southwark.gov.uk

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St James the Great's Awards

GOLD STAR

Year 1 - Ahnilah-Lea

Year 2 - Millie Rose

Year 3 - Emily

Year 4 - Anthony

Year 5 - Eghosa

Year 6 - Gideon

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

TIME TABLES ROCKSTARS

THE BATTLE OF THE BANDS COMPETITION

From 3rd February to 10th February

CLASSES

1st place: Year 6 with 59,778 correct answers

2nd place: Year 3 with 22,288 correct answers

3rd place: Year 5 with 19,513 correct answers

YEAR 2

1st place: Alayna
2nd place: Reynard
3rd place: Hesed

YEAR 3

1st place: Dafne
2nd place: Elnathan
3rd place: Raphael

YEAR 5

1st place: Sultan
2nd place: Joseph
3rd place: April

PLAYERS

1st place: Jayden - Year 6

2nd place: Ebenezer - Year 6

3rd place: Eva - Year 6

YEAR 4

1st place: Yemaryam
2nd place: Sapphire
3rd place: Banki

YEAR 6

1st place: Jayden
2nd place: Ebenezer
3rd place: Eva



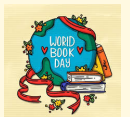
DATES TO REMEMBER:

HALF TERM DATES:

from Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February

MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY - ALL BACK TO SCHOOL

**Thursday 6th March
WORLD BOOK DAY**



Please parents and carers start having a chat with your child/children about their favourite book character. We encourage families to not spend a lot of money on costumes, try and make your own! It can be something simple!

**NO princesses, cartoon characters,
footballers allowed.
This day is all about the love for reading!**