



# St James the Great Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

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

Friday 9th May 2025



### Upcoming Events

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>**

**May**

**Reception** - visit  
to the Library

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**May**

**Nursery** -  
Surrey Docks  
Farm

**From Mon 12<sup>th</sup>**

**to Thu 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Year 6** - SATs  
week

This Sunday is traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and that, if we listen to Him, we can rely on Him to guide our lives in the right direction. Sheep are so unpredictable and undependable. They are easily startled and often run in the wrong direction, appearing constantly to change their mind. Sometimes we too can head in the wrong direction and we need help to keep our lives on the right path. Jesus is the patient shepherd who never gives up on us. He came so that we could experience the fullness of life here, and to lead us into the joys of eternal life.

**A word from Saint Augustine:** "To live well is to love God with all your heart."



### ROSARY

Please parents & carers join us for the next **two Thursdays** at school at 3.25pm for a decade of Rosary.

**MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**Procession to our parish and Mass at 10am.**  
**All welcome!**

### Catholic Social Teaching Principle

#### 'Dignity of Work'

Loving God

We give thanks for our  
talents.

May all people have the  
chance to participate in the  
decisions that impact their  
own lives and in creating a  
just and peaceful society.

Lord in your mercy  
Hear our prayer

#### **Virtue**

#### 'Courage'

I have courage.

I am willing to try new  
things.

*"Courage!" Jesus said "It is  
I. Do not be afraid!"*  
Matthew 14:27



**An afternoon  
filled with fun  
for our  
Reception class  
at Surrey Docks  
Farm!**



## STATUTORY ASSESSMENT TESTS



On Monday, Year 6 will begin four mornings of National Tests as will all pupils in Year 6 in the country. The children and staff have been working remarkably hard this year and we wish them every success. Please keep them in your prayers during this week ahead.

Please ensure the children have a good night sleep so that they are fully rested and refreshed at the start of each school day!

# YEAR 6

It's important the children are on time each day, please allow enough time in the mornings for them to get ready and to make their way to school.  
The bell rings at 8:55!

### YEAR 3 - AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

**MULTISPORTS CLUB ON THURSDAYS  
FROM 3.30PM TO 4.30PM  
FROM 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY TO 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**WE ASK PARENTS & CARERS  
TO BE ON TIME FOR PICK UP!**



**THANK YOU!**

### BRASS INSTRUMENTS

HAND DRAWN VECTOR SET



**REMINDER FOR YEAR 5 & YEAR 6**

**BRASS LESSONS ARE ON FRIDAYS!**

**DON'T FORGET YOUR  
INSTRUMENTS!**

**THE SCHOOL  
BELL RINGS AT  
8:55 AM!**

**PLEASE MAKE  
SURE THE  
CHILDREN  
ARE IN ON  
TIME!**



**Virtue we live by -  
Courage**

**I SHOW COURAGE  
when**

I ask for help.

I make the right  
choices.

I stand up for what is  
right.

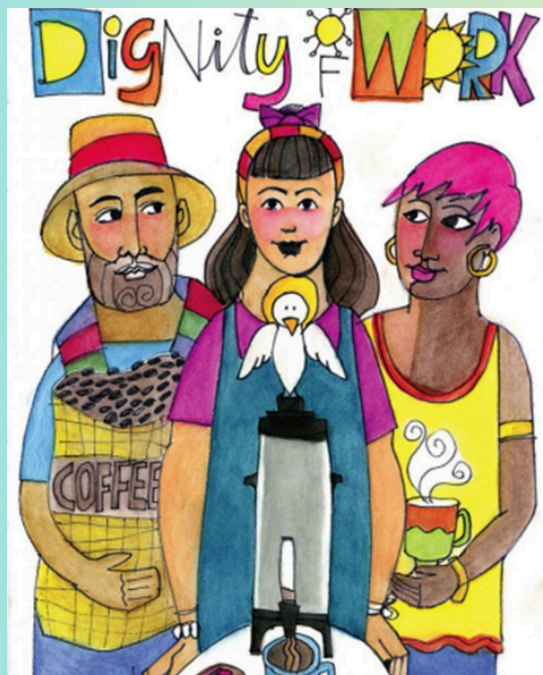
I can reflect on the  
choices I have made.

I am not afraid to fail.



**We believe in  
'Dignity of Work'**

**Focus of Year 6**



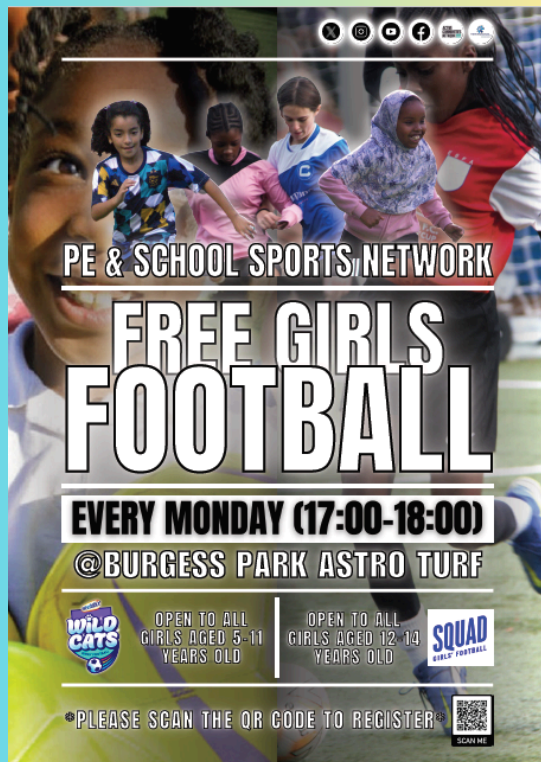
The dignity of work has been a key principle of Catholic social teaching from the very beginning.

In 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued *Rerum Novarum* (On Capital and Labour). He shone a light on the injustice and exploitation of workers by the rich during the Industrial Revolution. He advocated for workers to join forces and fight against inhuman conditions.

Since then, Church teaching has upheld the dignity of work and participation.

The human person should always come before the pursuit of profit. Workers have the right to join trade unions, to a just wage, to spend time with their families and to rest. Work is an essential part of our human dignity and everyone has the right to participate.





## PE & SWIMMING



PE and swimming lessons are part of the National curriculum and are both fundamental for your child's development! Please parents and carers, we ask that you make sure your child has everything he/she needs to participate in the lesson!

### PE & SWIM KITS

Thursdays - PE kit

Year 1 to Year 6

Fridays Dance lessons - PE kit

Year 3 to Year 6

Fridays - SWIM kit

Year 3 & Year 4

### PE kit

White plain t-shirt, black joggers, black plimsolls (Yr1 to Yr4) / black trainers (Yr5 & Yr6)

### SWIM kit

One-piece swimsuit for girls, swim trunks for boys, swim cap and

TOWEL

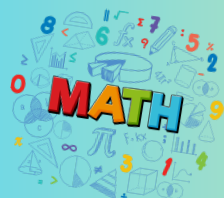
## TIME TABLES ROCKSTARS

### THE BATTLE OF THE BANDS COMPETITION

From 3rd March to 10th March

#### CLASSES

1st place: Year 6 with 9,217 correct answers  
2nd place: Year 2 with 6,314 correct answers  
3rd place: Year 5 with 6,038 correct answers



#### PLAYERS

1st place: Nhyira - Year 6  
2nd place: Alayna - Year 2  
3rd place: Yemaryam - Year 4

#### YEAR 3

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

#### YEAR 4

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

#### YEAR 5

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



#### YEAR 6

1st place: Nhyira  
2nd place: Elise  
3rd place: Noah

## St James the Great Award



### 'Music'

Year 1 - Angel & Chloe  
Year 2 - Reuel & Maya  
Year 3 - David & Amelia  
Year 4 - Ayomide & Korede  
Year 5 - Husafiata & Eghosa  
Year 6 - Emmanuel & Tina

Catholic Social Teaching Principal  
'Dignity of Work'

Year 1 - Mason  
Year 2 - Sariyah  
Year 3 - Anna  
Year 4 - Chi  
Year 5 - Prince  
Year 6 - Fredah

Pupil Leaders  
'Lunchtime Supporters'  
Year 6

Anaiah, Phoebe, Nathan & David

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