



St James the Great Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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

Friday 6th June 2025



SUNDAY 8TH JUNE 2025

**This Sunday is Pentecost
The birthday of the Church**

"May the grace of the Holy Spirit bring him into wisdom and all good. May he find hope in his role so to offer the world a new moral voice. We pray to the Lord. For all who search for peace in our world."

Jesus said to his disciples, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will send you the Holy Spirit, the Helper, to be with you forever. Those who love me will listen to my words and keep them, and my Father will love them, and we shall come to them and make our home with them. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you, but the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all the things I have said to you.

A word from Pope Francis: "The extraordinary outpouring of Pentecost is an event that continues. The Holy Spirit transforms us and wants to transform the world."



Upcoming Events

Monday 9th June
Nursery - Library

Thursday 12th June
Year 5 - Sailing

Wednesday 18th June & 2nd July

St James the Great Parent Group
9am to 10am
Meet at school's gate



Catholic Social Teaching Principle

'Option for the poor'

Loving God

May we always remember that by serving people living in poverty, we are loving and serving you.

Give us the wisdom to see the structures which create poverty and the passion to make a change.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Virtue

Kindness

I know that every act of kindness helps build God's kingdom.

"Never neglect to show kindness and to share what you have with others."
Hebrews 13:16



Over the past few weeks, Nursery and Reception have been caring for caterpillars and watching them grow into butterflies – a magical experience for the children!

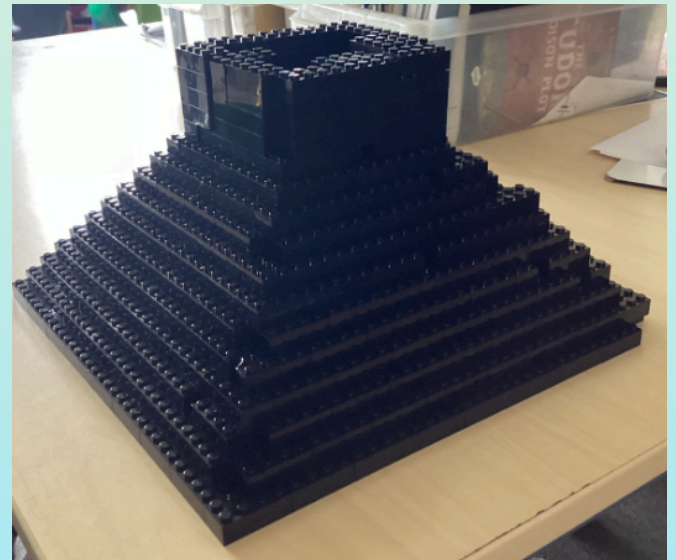
On the last Friday before the holidays, we invited parents to join us for the butterfly release.

It was a special moment, and we want to say a big thank you to everyone who came and shared it with us. The children loved having you there!





During half-term, Miss Boam challenged Year 6 to create their own Mayan temple, reflecting their learning about the Mayans in History last term, using resources they could find around their homes.
Take a look at their amazing creations!



End of SATs celebration for our Year 6 pupils
on Friday 16th May





Remember!

FAMILY FUND

The fund is a small contribution we kindly ask each family, so that we can support extra curriculum activities for the children.

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed!

If you haven't yet, please do so at the school office!



Gentle reminder that on rainy days, children are welcome to come in wearing wellies to keep their feet dry.

Please make sure they also have a change of shoes in their bags for indoor use.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone comfortable and our indoor spaces clean!

South London
citizens

ST JAMES THE GREAT PARENT GROUP

Join parents from the school to discuss the issues faced by our community and how we can take action on them together!

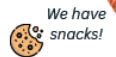
Right now, we are discussing HOUSING and TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

We meet every other **Wednesday, 9AM.**

Next meeting dates:

18 June

02 July



Virtue we live by
Kindness

I AM KIND
when

I look for ways to help others by following the example of Jesus.

I show kindness to any person or animal I see.

I look for ways to care for God's creation.

I share what I have with other people.

I am kind to myself.

We believe in 'Option for the poor'

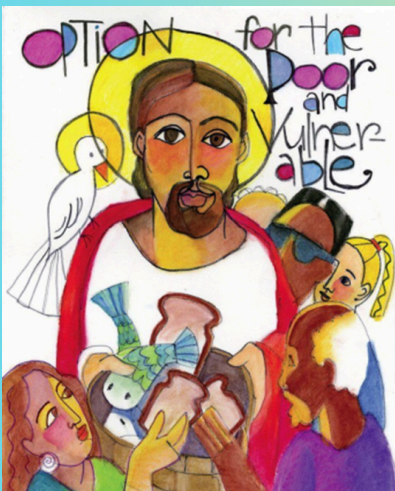
The option for the poor reminds us of God's preferential love for the poorest and most vulnerable people.

God's love is universal.

He does not side with oppressors, but loves the humble.

'The spirit of the Lord is on me, for he has anointed me to bring the good news to the afflicted. He has sent me... to let the oppressed go free.'
Luke 4:18

Focus of Year 1



St James the Great Award

'Class based'

Year 1 - Angel & Daniel O

Year 2 - Maria & Samuel

Year 3 - Raphael & Nimona

Year 4 - Ayomide & Yemaryam

Year 5 - Sanpha & Husafiata

Year 6 - Ebenezer & Dieudonne

Catholic Social Teaching Principal

'Options for the poor'

Year 1 - Selina

Year 2 - Genevieve

Year 3 - Anna

Year 4 - Destiny

Year 5 - Angel

Year 6 - Tina

Pupil Leaders

'Register Monitors'

Year 6 - Ozioma & Noah

Well done Everyone!

St James the Great, Pray for us.

LifeSavers

Helping children manage money wisely

Savers club open on Wednesdays