



# St James the Great Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

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

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025



*"O Sacred Heart of Jesus  
I place all my trust in thee"*



The gathering in this Sunday's Gospel is a sign of the Eucharist which Jesus would establish with his disciples at the Last Supper. He makes the same offer to nourish us today, especially when we receive Holy Communion - a sacred moment, when we receive a gift from heaven.

This helps us become closer to Jesus and closer to each other - to keep growing in goodness and love.

*The Feast of Corpus Christi, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is a liturgical solemnity celebrating the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.*

### Upcoming Events

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Nursey - Library  
Year 4 - Science Museum trip

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Year 6 - Science Museum

Year 4 - Cricket - Burgess Park

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Year 5 - Sailing

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 - Isle of Wight Trip



### Catholic Social Teaching Principle

'Dignity of work'

Loving God,

We thank you for the freedom that you gifted us.

May all those who make a decisions work with all members of the community to make sure everyone benefits.

Lord in your mercy  
Hear our prayer

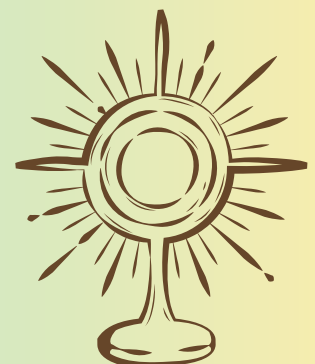
Virtue  
'Courage'

I have courage.

I am willing to try new things.

"Courage!" Jesus said. "It is I. Do not be afraid!"

Matthew 14:27



On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June we had a special Eucharistic Celebration in honour of the Sacred Heart and our special guests were the children who have made their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May!







# Welcome to Reception



On Tuesday afternoon, we were delighted to welcome the families of our new Reception class starting in September 2025.

We had a fantastic turnout, and it was lovely to see so many parents and carers engaging with the event.

Families had the opportunity to sample our school lunches, meet some of the staff, and ask questions about their child's transition into Reception.

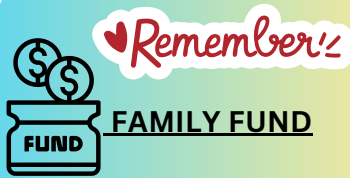
This was followed by a lovely Stay and Play session on Thursday for children who are new to the school – a wonderful chance for them to begin settling in and exploring their new environment.



Year 2 had an exciting trip to the local fire station this week! The children were thrilled to meet real firefighters, explore the fire engines, and learn all about fire safety.







## FAMILY FUND

The fund is a small contribution - £15 - 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!

**IMPORTANT**

As we plan ahead for the new academic year, we would like to inform you that there will be some small increases in prices for certain items and services, including school uniform and Breakfast Club.

These adjustments are necessary to help us continue providing high-quality resources and support, while also meeting rising costs.

We remain committed to keeping these increases as minimal as possible, and we will share full details before the end of term to allow time for any necessary planning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support!

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT  
BLAZERS & TIES ARE ONLY  
FOR PUPILS IN KS2  
YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6**

## Welcome to Year 3



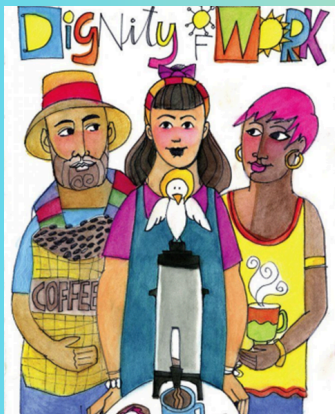
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Uniform Sale for pupils starting Year 3 in September 2025 ONLY

Blazers & ties

From 2pm to 3pm

## Focus of Year 6



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'**



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.

## St James the Great Award

'Writing'

Year 1 - Josiah & Ahnilah-Lea  
Year 2 - Santiago & Zaheyleah  
Year 3 - Amira & Anna  
Year 4 - Israel & Zion  
Year 5 - Timi & Ethan  
Year 6 - Fredah & Jakub

**Catholic Social Teaching Principal  
'Dignity of Work'**

Year 1 - Chidera  
Year 2 - Maria  
Year 3 - Eliana  
Year 4 - Ayomide  
Year 5 - Joseph  
Year 6 - Kenna

**Pupil Leaders  
'Reading Buddies'**

Year 6 - Destiny & Kenny

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

## Year 5 began their sailing course!

The 'Sailor of the Week' award goes to Sultan!

Well done everyone!

