



St James the Great Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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

Friday 12th September 2025



In this Sunday Gospel, we read that God loves us so much that He gave His only Son for us. Jesus' great act of love, of self-giving, on the cross, has paved the way for people to share in the true richness of God's joy and love in this life, and also in the life to come. God wants us to try to live like Jesus, to be "self-giving" is to be very aware of others' needs or interests, and to put others' needs before our own.

A word from St Teresa of Calcutta: "Love each other as Jesus has loved us. He has given nothing less than His life for us."

Upcoming Events

Monday 15th Sept
Nursery - visit to the Library

Reception - parent session - 9AM

Year 1 - Meet the teacher session - Annex - 9AM

Tuesday 16th Sept
Year 6 - National Portrait Gallery

Thursday 18th Sept
Pre-worn uniform sale - Annex - 2.30PM

After School Activities

THURSDAYS

Sports club for Year 3 & Year 4

PICK UP AT 4.30PM

Catholic Social Teaching Principle
'Dignity of Work & Participation'

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
'Respect & Courtesy'

I treat others as I would like to be treated.

I show courtesy to everyone as we are all made in God's image and likeness.

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you."

Matthew 7:12

THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL

We had another successful and productive week at St James the Great! Well done to all the children for a beautiful start of this academic year and a big thank you to all our parents, teacher's, TA's and Nursery Nurses who work really hard to support our children!



Year 6 were lucky enough to spend time with celebrated cellist Sheku Kanneh-Mason, listening to him play Bach in a ceremony just for them.

They even got to hear their own names played on the Cello!!



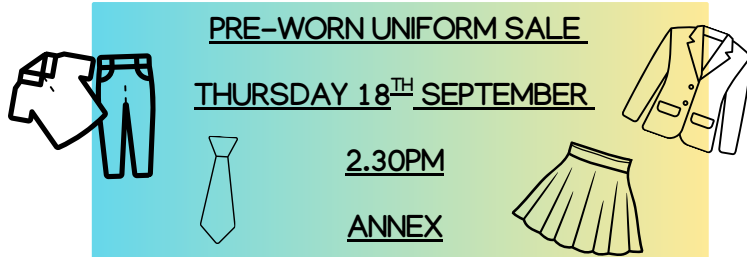
A message from our Speech and Language Therapist

"We are happy to talk to parents and carers – You can meet with us for updates on therapy and to discuss strategies to support your child at home. I can meet with you in school, via video appointment, or telephone. Your school SENCO will have the dates that I will be in school. You can contact me with the details below."

For more information on our service, training available, top tips to support your child at home, advice videos and more please visit:

Our website: www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/communityspeechandlanguage

Our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/EvelinaLondonSLT/>



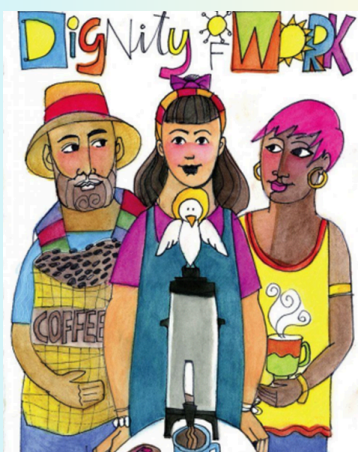
PRE-WORN UNIFORM SALE
THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER
2.30PM
ANNEX

Important Reminder Keep Your Contact Details Up to Date

We kindly remind all parents and guardians that it is essential to inform the school office immediately of any changes to your contact details, including email address, phone number, or home address.

Accurate and up-to-date records are paramount for your child's safety and wellbeing, as they allow us to contact you quickly in case of emergencies and ensure you receive important school communications.

Thank you!



Focus of Yr 6

Virtue we live by
RESPECT & COURTESY

I AM RESPECTFUL & COURTEOUS when

- I respect myself and know I deserve respect from other.
- I treat everyone how I would like to be treated.
- I use good manners.
- I respect and follow school and classroom rules.
- I speak politely to everyone.
- I listen to others.
- I praise others for their good conduct.
- I respect and look after my own and other people's belongings.

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

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.



SOUTHWARK TIGERS RFC
PLAY RUGBY!

We offer 'completely free' rugby coaching for children aged 4-17, open to everyone, no experience needed. We're proudly diverse and inclusive, powered by community spirit.

- Sunday sessions at Burgess Park astro pitch, 10:00-12:00, August to April — teams for every age and ability (boys, girls, minis, juniors).
- Schools programme: Coaching in around a dozen local secondary schools, reaching hundreds of students. Delivered in partnership with Big Yellow Storage.
- Friday Academy for ages 14+, taking serious players to the next level. 16:30-18:00.
- Women's & girls fitness: Sundays, 10:00 - 12:00
- Interested in coaching or volunteering? We welcome motivated volunteers - no prior rugby experience required. Age 18+. Training support provided.

Over 200 players now wearing Tigers kit each Sunday.
Community Leader Award 2024 winner at Twickenham, celebrating excellence in Black community sport leadership

COME & JOIN US!

LOCATION: Burgess Park Community Sports Pitches, SE50JB (next to Old Kent Road)
GET IN TOUCH: Email: chris@southwarktigers.com
WhatsApp / Call: 07740 419 539

SPOKEMEAD

Proud Supporters of
the 'Southwark Tigers'

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

LifeSavers

Helping children manage money wisely

SAVERS CLUB

The club will resume on
Wednesday 17th September
from 8.30am to 8.50am in the
school hall.

REMINDERS

Start of the day: bell rings at 8.55AM

End of day: pick up at 3.30PM

Please be on time!

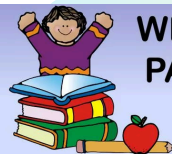


FAMILY FUND

Thank you to everyone who has already
contributed! If you haven't yet, please do so
at the school office!

PAYMENTS

Please note that payments for items such as
uniform, breakfast club, nursery fees, family
fund etc. can now be made by card at the
school's office!



WELCOME
PARENTS

MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

9AM

RECEPTION - Parent session - Expectations and
the value of talking to your child - in the classroom

YEAR 1 - Parent session - Meet the teacher - Annex

St James the Great Award

'Art'

Year 1 - Emma & Mary
Year 2 - Minahil & Joshua A.
Year 3 - Michelle & James
Year 4 - Junior & Eloghosa
Year 5 - Sapphire & Adeola
Year 6 - Kingston & Daniel

Catholic Social Teaching Principal

'Dignity of Work and
Participation'

Year 1 - Brandon
Year 2 - Lateefat
Year 3 - Genevieve
Year 4 - Nimona
Year 5 - Zion
Year 6 - Inaaya



Individuals Leaders

Showing leadership qualities in the
opening weeks

Year 6 - Ethan & Angel

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