



# St James the Great Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

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

Friday 26th September 2025

In this Sunday's Gospel we read about poor Lazarus, suffering at the rich man's gate - and the rich man does nothing to help him.

It's easy for us to become so caught up in the busyness of life that we don't even notice the needs of others or, worse still, ignore them. But Jesus repeatedly teaches us about fairness, sharing and kindness to others, particularly the poor.

The question of a successful life is not "How much did I accumulate?" but rather, "How did I use what God had given me to help others?"

A word from St Gregory Nazianzus: "Give something, however small, to the person in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing."

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING



### Upcoming Events

Monday 29th Sept

Year 6 - Southwark

Citizenship scheme 25/26

Yr1 - Parents meeting -  
Annex - 9am

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Year 1 - Unicorn Theatre

Year 2 - Walk around in the  
local area

Story telling with Anne

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Parents evening

More info to follow in the next  
few weeks

### After School Activities

THURSDAYS

Sports club for Year 3 &  
Year 4

PICK UP AT 4.30PM



**SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
**at St James the Great Church**  
**Altar servers practice**  
**12o'clock**



**CALLING ALL YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 CHILDREN!**

### THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL



What is OS?

Ordnance Survey

This is the National Mapping  
Agency for Great Britain,  
responsible for the official  
surveying and mapping of the  
country.



Catholic Social Teaching Principle  
'Option for the Poor'

Loving God,

You call us to look beyond our own  
interest to what is good for all  
people.

May we work towards a world where  
everyone has their fair share in order  
to live life to the full.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Virtue  
'Hope'

I trust that God's love has no end  
that He is at work in my life and in  
the world.

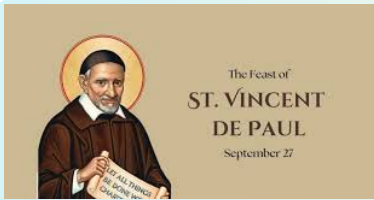
*"Those who hope in the LORD will  
renew their strength. They will soar  
on wings like eagles; they will run  
and not grow weary, they will walk  
and not be faint."*

Isaiah 40:31



Year 5 has been out and  
about on Tuesday to Sumner  
Road and Kelly Avenue Park  
to measure the surroundings  
and make a sketch which will  
be used to create an OS map  
in Geography next lesson.





## St Vincent de Paul Feast day 27<sup>th</sup> September

Lord, show us who needs our help.

Lord, use our hands to help those who are hungry.

Lord, open our hearts to love and comfort those who are sad and lonely.

Lord, let us share our time, gifts and talents with those in need.

St Vincent de Paul

Pray for us.

**PARENTS  
EVENING  
TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER**

**MORE INFO TO  
FOLLOW IN THE  
COMING WEEKS**

### 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!

### Virtue we live by

**HOPE**

**I AM HOPEFUL**

**when**

I believe and trust that God will not give up on me.

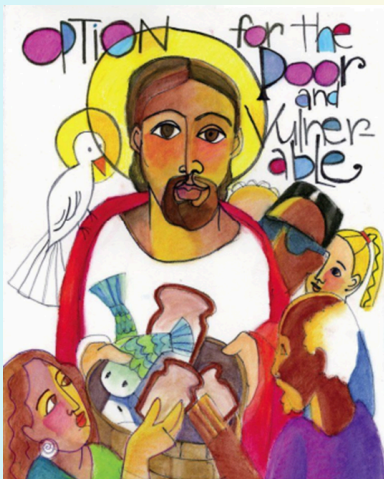
I am positive about the future.

I don't give up on myself.

I have hopes and dreams that we can all work for a better world.

I pray to God placing my life in His hands.

I know God has a plan for me.



### We believe in 'Options for the Poor' Focus of Year 1

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



### Beginning of Year mass at St George's Cathedral



### Year 6 Secondary School Application

**A gentle reminder to parents that the  
deadline for your secondary school  
application is fast approaching.**

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2025**

**It is an online process which is now  
open, please use the link below:**

**<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>**



## 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 is open every Wednesday 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!



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Year 2 - Daniel O & Lateefat

Year 3 - Miah & Reuel

Year 4 - Amilia & Matthew

Year 5 - Hannah & Zion

Year 6 - Ethan & Angel

## St James the Great Award

### 'Math'

Year 1 - Gulsam & Jasmine

Year 2 - Elliott & Noel M

Year 3 - Adrian & Isabella

Year 4 - Israel & Praise

Year 5 - David & Aya

Year 6 - Joseph & Julia

## Catholic Social Teaching Principal

### 'Options for the Poor'

Year 1 - David

Year 2 - Daniela

Year 3 - Ebba

Year 4 - Amira

Year 5 - Emma

Year 6 - Lydia

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