



# St James the Great Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

[www.stjamesthegreat.southwark.sch.uk](http://www.stjamesthegreat.southwark.sch.uk)

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

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025



It is said that faith can 'move mountains'. In this Sunday Gospel, Jesus reminds us of the power and the responsibility that comes with having faith in God.

Faith and love go hand in hand. Helping our children to grow in faith, to know and love God, is one of the greatest gifts we can give them. Putting our faith in Jesus helps us to know God as our loving Father, and this changes how we see the world - it can free us from anxiety, give us confidence and inner strength, and help us keep growing in our love for one another.

***A word from the Saints*** - "Faith is the union of God with the soul." St John of the Cross

### Upcoming Events

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Reception - visit to the library

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Year 2 - Unicorn Theatre visit

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Year 5 - Art Gallery  
**BOOKINGS OPEN FOR PARENTS EVENING - SIBLINGS ONLY**

#### Thur 9<sup>th</sup> & Fri 10<sup>th</sup> October

**BOOKINGS OPEN TO ALL FOR PARENTS EVENING**

### After School Activities

#### THURSDAYS

Sports club for Year 3 & Year 4

PICK UP AT 4.30PM

### Catholic Social Teaching Principle 'Solidarity'

Loving God, help us to see the suffering of others and build up a world of love and solidarity.

As we go about our day and strive to walk with Jesus as people in solidarity, may we be reminded that we are the love of Christ, who is with us always.

Lord in your mercy  
Hear our prayer

#### Virtue 'Generosity'

I am generous.  
I think of others and notice when they need help.

*"You should give what you have decided to give, not grudgingly or because you are made to, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

2 Corinthians 9:7

### THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL



**Year 6  
at the  
Downside  
Fisher Youth  
Club  
for the  
Southwark  
Citizenship  
Scheme event**



**The Southwark Junior  
Citizenship Scheme (JCS) is  
an interactive workshop for  
Year 6 primary school pupils,  
led by local agencies and  
Transport for London (TfL), to  
teach essential life skills for  
safety, road use, and public  
transport as they transition to  
secondary school.**





**TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
from 3:40pm to 5:55pm



**Booking system**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October: SIBLINGS ONLY -**  
please call the office between 10am & 2.30pm

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> & Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October: EVERYBODY**  
**ELSE -** please call the office between 10am & 2.30pm

Alternately come directly to the office to book.

**NURSERY:** Please speak directly to Ms Diaz to book.



**STORY  
TIME**

Story  
telling  
with  
Anne



**Year 5**



**Wednesday's visit  
to the library**



## The International Day of Older Persons (IDOP)



Our children met elderly people from the Greenhive Care Home. They used the "Happiness Programme - Magic Table", to show historical photographs from the Southwark Archives, to generate discussion and conversations about how Southwark used to be.

Celebrated annually on October 1st to recognize the significant contributions of older people to society, highlight the challenges and opportunities of aging populations, and promote policies and practices that ensure they can age with dignity, purpose, and inclusion.

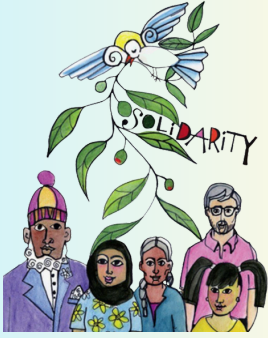


## Reception Class Community Walk to Lucas Gardens





## Virtue we live by **GENEROSITY**



### **I AM GENEROUS**

when

I notice when someone needs help.

I think of others before myself.

I give freely without need of reward.

I give more than what is expected.

I am willing to make sacrifices for other.

**We believe in  
'Solidarity'  
Focus of Year 3**

Solidarity arises when we remember that we belong to each other.

We reflect on this in a special way at Mass.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "The Eucharist commits us to the poor.

To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognise Christ in the poorest."

Solidarity spurs us to stand side by side with our sisters and brothers, especially those living in poverty.



**Year 1**

visit to the Unicorn Theatre  
to watch  
"Three Little Pigs"



### **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!

## **Catholic Life Committee**

**Year 2 - Josiah & Bukola**

**Year 3 - Reuel & Miah**

**Year 4 - Elijah & Praise-Angel**

**Year 5 - Awele & Sapphire**

**Year 6 - Daniel & Anabelle**

## **St James the Great Award**

### **'History'**

**Year 1 - Efeturi & Starr**

**Year 2 - Chloe & Lateefat**

**Year 3 - Samuel & Hajar**

**Year 4 - Jeremy & Jerome**

**Year 5 - Chidalu & Jason**

**Year 6 - Jaiden & Jasmine**



### **Catholic Social Teaching Principal**

### **'Solidarity'**

**Year 1 - Daniel**

**Year 2 - Taiwo**

**Year 3 - Princess**

**Year 4 - Maria**

**Year 5 - Rufael**

**Year 6 - Angel**

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



# The Manna Society

Running a Day Centre for homeless people near London Bridge

More info on: <https://www.mannasociety.org.uk/>



## HELPING WITH THE HARVEST

At this time of year we ask  
everyone  
to help support a  
very good local  
cause.



## MANNA DAY CENTRE



### Harvest Festival list 2025

Needs in order of priority

(Most important items in bold type)

#### FOOD

**Sugar**

**Tomatoes (Tinned)**

**Vegetables (Tinned)**

**Pasta**

**Rice**

**Pasta Sauces**

**Baked Beans**

**Meat (Tinned)**

**Corned beef**

**Chopped ham**

**Luncheon meats**

**Fish**

#### Tinned Food

**Soup**

**Stewed steak**

**Hot Dogs**

**Fruit**

**Rice pudding**

#### Non-Tinned Food

**Curry Sauces**

**Porridge oats**

**Breakfast cereals**

**Tomato sauce**

**Jelly**

**Cooking oil**

**Biscuits**

#### DRINKS

**Coffee**

**Dilutable drinks**

**Tea**

#### TOILETRIES

**Bodywash**

**Soap**

**Deodorants**

**Shaving Foam**

**Shampoo**

**Disposable razors**

**Toothpaste**

**Toothbrushes**

#### MEN'S CLOTHING

**Jeans (Waist 30-38)**

**Socks**

**Jogging bottoms**

**Trainers**

**Fleeces / Hoodies**

**T-shirts**

**Shoes**

**Underwear**

**Trousers (Waist 30-38)**

**Coats**

#### MISCELLANEOUS

**Toilet Rolls**

**Tea Mugs**

**Novels**

**Oyster cards**

(Unregistered preferably)