

St James the Great Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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"Doing our best for God, for others and for ourselves"
Friday 23rd October 2025



There were some people who thought they were better than everyone else. One day Jesus told them a story. "Two men went into the Temple to pray. One of them was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said his prayer to himself, 'I thank you, God, that I am not greedy, dishonest, and unfaithful like other people, and particularly that I am not like this sinful tax collector here. I fast twice a week and always give money to the Temple.' The tax collector stood some distance away, not even daring to raise his eyes to heaven, but he bowed his head and said, 'God, have mercy on me, for I am a sinner.'"

Then Jesus said, "It was the tax collector who was pleasing to God, not the Pharisee. Those who praise themselves and think they are better than others will be humbled, but if you humble yourself then you will be praised by God.

Upcoming Events

Monday 3rd November
Nursery - visit to the library
Wednesday 5th November
EYFS & Yr5 - Story telling with
Anne

INSETT DAY
SCHOOL CLOSED
HALF TERM FROM 27TH TO 31ST
OCTOBER

Tuesday 11th November
Stay & Play Nursery 10am to
10.30am

Year 1 - Phonics parent session

Wednesday 12th November

Year 5 - Bank of England

workshop

This week, St James the Great has been living out the Catholic Social Teachings and virtues of The **Common Good, Option** for the Poor, and Solidarity. Through generous donations to the Manna Centre and active participation by our parents in community events, we continue to show care and compassion for others. These actions reflect our shared commitment to working together, supporting those in need, and standing in unity as a school and parish community.







THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR HELPING WITH THE HARVEST

THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL













This week, some of our wonderful parents attended the Southwark Citizens event, held at Southwark RC Cathedral and attended by the Leader of Southwark Council.

A huge well done parents for representing our community!
If you'd like to get involved with this group, the group meets fortnightly here in school!



STORY TIME









Reception Story
Telling time with Anne
& visit to Peckham
Library for a story
telling session with
the author!



What a successful parent session on Wednesday morning!

Parents learnt how they can support their child at home with the development of their skills in their phonic knowledge in order to become a confident and enthusiastic reader.

Thank you all for participating!



Hugh from Peckham Library visited us on Monday during assembly to deliver the well deserved certificates for the Summer Reading Challenge!

Well done everyone!





LAST DAY OF THIS HALF
TERM IS THURSDAY 23RD
OCTOBER
SCHOOL WILL BE
CLOSED FOR ONE WEEK.

BACK TO SCHOOL

MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

One of Platform Cricket's partner clubs, Blackheath CC, is having a recruitment drive for its Girls' Section

FREE GIRLS CRICKET
PROGRAMME



ONTACT BLACKHEATH CC YOUTH COORDINATOR CHRIS WILLETTS FOR FURTHER DETAILS:



Year 6
Secondary School Application

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

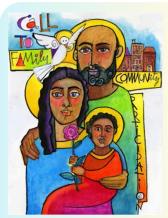
31st October 2025

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

https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/

Saturday 1st November Altar server practice at 12 o'clock calling all Year 5 and Year 6

Sunday 2nd November All Saints Mass at 10am To all children - come in dressed as your favourite Saint!



Virtue we live by **PATIENCE**

AM PATIENT

when

I can wait.

I use strategies to keep myself calm.

I can do something now that will help me in the future.

I can accept things I cannot change with humour and grace.

I am patient with myself when I make mistakes.

I am patient with others when they make mistakes.

We believe in 'Peace' Focus of EYFS

"Peace... is an order that is founded in truth, nurtured and animated by charity, and brought into effect under the auspices of freedom." Peace is a cornerstone of our faith.

Christ, the Prince of Peace, sacrificed himself with love on the cross.

KIDS FUN OPENING DAY!



Please join Peckham **Dental Clinic** Colosseumdental on Wednesday 29th October from 9am to 5pm. There will be goodie bags, fun activities, and smiles all around! Everyone is welcome! if you are not registered, please do so with the clinic now! www.colosseumdental.co.u

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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!

This year British Summer Time (BST) ends at 2am on Sunday 26 October 2025 and the clocks will go backwards one hour, to 1am **Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)**





Nursery Trip to Kelly Avenue Central Venture Park

Nursery Class enjoyed a wonderful trip to Central Venture Park on Wednesday! The children collected leaves and sticks while observing the changes in the season as we move into autumn. They noticed the beautiful colours of the leaves, talked about the cooler weather, and explored the natural world around them with curiosity and excitement.

It was a fantastic day of learning through play and discovery!





St James the <mark>Great Award</mark>

'GOLD STAR'

Year 1 - Emma

Year 2 - Lateefat

Year 3 - Adrian

Year 4 - Amira

Year 5 - Rufael

Year 6 - Sultan

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