

St James the Great Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday 14th November 2025



A faithful person is a gift to the world.

When we grow in faithfulness, others will know that we are people who are reliable, supportive and trustworthy, who are loyal and have staying power through both good times and bad times.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus encourages the disciples - and us too - to be faithful to Him. Everybody wants a faithful friend. Jesus offers to be our faithful friend and invites us to be His. Even though many things in the world may change, the faithful promises of Jesus will never pass away - God's love for us will last forever.

A word from the Saints - "God is faithful and if we serve Him faithfully He will provide for our needs."

Upcoming Events

Monday 17th November

Nursery - visit to the library

Reception - Autumnal walk to Lucas Gardens

Wednesday 19th November

EYFS & Yr5 - Story telling with Anne

Friday 21st November Nursery & Reception Open Day

Year 2 - Horniman Museum

Catholic Social Teaching Principle

'Stewardship'

Loving God,
We give thanks for your gift of creation.

May we be good stewards of the earth's resources and always remember the link between our environment and poverty.

> Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Virtue 'Thankfulness'

I am grateful for all I have and praise God for all He has given me.

"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever."

Psalm 106:1

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

St James the Great is a school rich in spirit, care, and support for every student.
We look forward to welcoming parents and students to join the St James the Great family!

Trường St James the Great là một ngôi trường giàu tinh thần hỗ trợ và quan tâm đến từng học sinh. Chúng tôi rất mong được chào đón quý phụ huynh và các em học sinh gia nhập cùng gia đình St James the Great!

St James the Great es una escuela llena de espíritu, cuidado y apoyo para cada estudiante. ¡Esperamos dar la bienvenida a los padres y estudiantes a formar parte de la familia St James the Great!

St James the Great to szkoła pełna ducha, troski i wsparcia dla każdego ucznia. Z niecierpliwością czekamy na powitanie rodziców i uczniów w rodzinie St James the Great!

St James the Great est une école riche en esprit, en attention et en soutien pour chaque élève. Nous avons hâte d'accueillir les parents et les élèves pour rejoindre la famille St James the Great!

THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL



Year 5 had a wonderful time on Wednesday at a workshop at the Bank of England!

The children took part in engaging activities and learned about money, savings, and how the Bank of England operates.









REQUESTING A LETTER FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Please parents and carers note that if you need a letter confirming your child attends our school we will need you to request this to us in writing, confirming the details below:

- For whom the letter is for (Home office, council etc.)
- Child's full name, date of birth & what class they are in
- If you'd like both parents names or not (full name/names need to be specified)
- Confirmation of home address

Allow 48hours for the letter to be ready and please note that a reasonable administrative charge will be asked.



Thank you for spreading the word!

We would like to thank all our families who have been sharing the good news about St James the Great with friends, family, and neighbours.

We're delighted to see a number of new families visiting the school and showing interest in joining our community.

If you haven't yet had a chance, please do tell others about our wonderful school — your recommendation truly makes a difference!

As a Catholic school, we are proud to welcome families of all Christian faiths, other faith traditions, and those with no faith tradition.

Nursery Visit to Our Parish St James the Great Church



On Thursday, our Nursery class visited our parish as part of their learning about baptism.

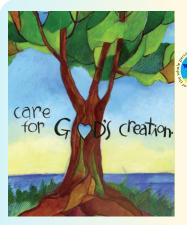
The children brought along Baby Matthew (their class doll) to be baptised by Father Jack.

The children loved taking part in this special role-play and learned about the meaning of baptism and welcoming someone into God's family.

Baptism







We believe in 'Stewardship' Focus of Year 5

Virtue we live by THANKFULNESS

I AM THANKFUL

when

ાં can say thank you to God.

I take time to appreciate the awe and wonder in God's creation.

I show God I am thankful to Him by cherishing the gifts of His creation.

I am thankful for all the gifts in me and around me.

I count my blessings every day and remember to praise God for them.

I know that all I have is a gift from God.

In the first pages of the Bible we read how God created the sun and the stars, the water and earth, and every creature.

We believe Christ is the redeemer of all creation.
In 2015, Pope Francis brought together decades of
Church teaching in the encyclical, Laudato Si'. In this
deeply influential letter, Pope Francis invites everyone on
the planet to consider how our actions are affecting the
earth and the poorest people.

Everything is interconnected, and all of creation praises God.

It is our Christian vocation to care for creation.

PE & SWIMMING



PE and swimming lessons are part of the National curriculum and are both fundamental for your child's development! Please parents and carers, we ask that you make sure your child has everything he/she needs to participate in the lesson!

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

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, trips etc. can now be <u>made by card</u> at the school's office!

Residential Trips

Year 4: Stubbers - from Wed 18th to Fri 20th March

Year 6: Isle of Wight - from Fri 26th to Sun 28th June

We're excited about the upcoming residential trips for our Year 4 and Year 6 pupils!

These experiences are always a wonderful opportunity for pupils to learn, grow, and make lasting memories together.

Initial information has already been shared with families, and more details — including activities and payment schedules — will follow in due course.

Please keep an eye out for further updates as we prepare for these exciting experiences!

St James the Great Award

'PHSE'

Year 1 - Daniel & Daniella

Year 2 - Joshua O. & Joyce

Year 3 - Hesed & Samuel

Year 4 - Larelle & David

Year 5 - Hannah & Zion Year 6 - Husafiata & Ethan

Catholic Social Teaching Principal

<u>'Stewardship'</u>

Year 1 - Lisa

Year 2 - Nazai

Year 3 - Genevieve

Year 4 - Hayley

Year 5 - Raffaele

Year 6 - Anabelle

'Register Monitors'

Year 6 - Millie & Misekin

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