



# St James the Great Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

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

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025



1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF Advent

The season of Advent begins this Sunday.

Advent is the time to start making preparations to celebrate Christ's birth - God's momentous arrival into our world in the person of Jesus. Advent is also the season of hope: a time to think deeply about Jesus' return at the end of time, which we read about in this Sunday's Gospel. So let's use this season of Advent to be open to welcome the Lord, to make a fresh start and to draw closer to God. The message is clear for all of us: we are to stand ready!

A word from the Saints - "Advent is like a springtime, when everything is renewed and so is fresh and healthy." St Teresa of Calcutta

### Upcoming Events

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Nursery - visit to the library

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

EYFS & KS1- Christmas The Elf Show

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

EYFS & Yr5 - Story Telling session

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

Nursery & Reception Open Day

Christmas Tree lights switch on - Peckham Square  
School Band performing

### THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL

Nursery had a wonderful time during this week's parent session. It was great to see so many families join us to decorate Christmas biscuits together. The children loved choosing their colours, adding sprinkles, and proudly sharing their creations.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along!



### Catholic Social Teaching Principle

#### 'Dignity'

Loving God,  
We believe that every person is created in your image and that all life is sacred.

May we work to end poverty and injustice so all people can live life in dignity.

Lord in your mercy  
Hear our prayer

#### Virtue 'Hope'

I trust that God's love has no end and 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

### Christmas Lights Switch on Peckham Square

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
from 5.30pm to 6pm

Join our  
Year 6 brass  
players  
along with  
our friends  
and  
neighbours!



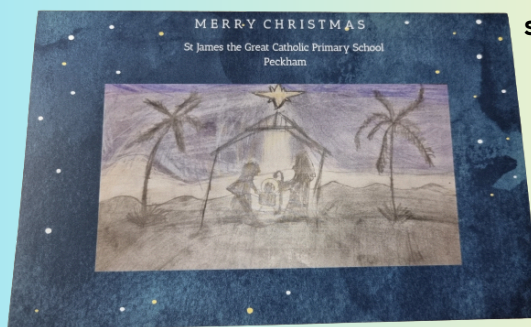
The angel said to her,  
"Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God.  
You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are  
to give Him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be  
called the Son of the Most High."

Luke 1:30 - 32



With love from the children and staff of  
St James the Great Catholic Primary School  
Peckham

A big thank you to Angel in Year 6 and Yemariam in Year 5 for their wonderful artwork featured on this year's school Christmas card. Their creativity and talent have made this year's design truly special.



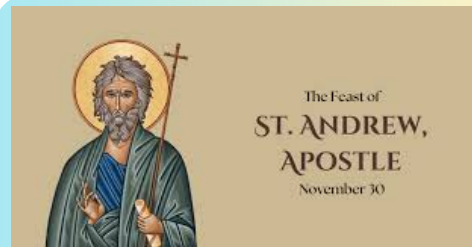




## Year 2 visit to the Horniman Museum



**HORNIMAN  
MUSEUM  
& GARDENS**



St Andrew is known for being  
the first follower of Jesus.

He is also known for his  
missionary travels after Jesus  
was crucified, where he  
preached in regions around the  
Mediterranean area.

## Clumsy Elf Show on Tuesday 2nd December

KS1 (Y1 and Y2) – AM Performance

Start: 9:15am

EYFS (Nursery and Reception) – PM

Performance

• Start: 2:30pm

• End: 3:10pm



EYFS will be inviting parents in to watch.

We are asking for a £2 contribution per child



**PECKHAM CITIZENS' PARENTS MEETING**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 9AM TO 10AM**

**MEET AT THE SCHOOL GATES**



Handmade  
Advent  
Calendars!  
Well done Millie  
and April!

**KEEP CALM  
Christmas  
IS  
COMING**



Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Unicorn Theatre to see "How Does Santa Come Down the Chimney?" The children were thrilled to have front-row seats, and a special moment came when Reuel was invited on stage to help tighten Santa's belt so he could fit down the chimney.

It was a memorable experience for everyone!



## **Virtue we live by**

### **HOPE**

#### **I AM A 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 'Dignity' Focus of Year 4**

We believe every human person is made in the image and likeness of God.

This is a gift that we all share as fellow human beings; we are all infinitely loved by our Creator.

God is present in every human person, regardless of religion, culture, nationality, orientation or economic standing.

Each one of us is unique and beautiful. We are called to treat every person and every creature with loving respect.

#### **REMINDER**

**The bell rings at 8.50am**



**Please parents and carers make sure you are on time!**

**ANYONE IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS WHO HAS CHANGED THEIR EMAIL ADDRESS OR HOME ADDRESS PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

#### **Gentle Reminder**

**Please note that the school gate opens at 8:40am, and children should not be left unsupervised outside the school before this time.**

**We would also like to remind families that our Breakfast Club is available from 7:50am for those who require it; please ensure you book a place in advance.**

**With the colder weather setting in, we also kindly ask parents to make sure children arrive dressed warmly.**



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas tree lights switch on - Peckham Square - School's Brass band is playing

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** Pupils will have their Christmas dinner

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December:** Band will perform at Tooley Street

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Nativity play for pupils - rehearsal

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Nativity play for parents

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Tableau in Church at 6pm

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Classes will have their Christmas parties

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** End of term - school ends at 1.30pm

## **'Catholic Life Committee'**

**Year 2 - Josiah & Bukola**

**Year 3 - Reuel & Miah**

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

**Year 5 - Awele & Sappire**

**Year 6 - Daniel & Kingston**

## **St James the Great Award**

### **'History/Geography'**

**Year 1 - Sofia & Sophie**

**Year 2 - Wura & Noel M**

**Year 3 - Hajar & Reynard**

**Year 4 - Jerome & Jeremy**

**Year 5 - Joshua & Zion**

**Year 6 - Jaiden & April**

## **Catholic Social Teaching Principal**

### **'Dignity'**

**Year 1 - Gulsam**

**Year 2 - Karla**

**Year 3 - Gisela**

**Year 4 - Chidebem**

**Year 5 - Hannah**

**Year 6 - Yoel**

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