

# St James the Great Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Enthusiasm is one of life's most important ingredients. The word 'enthusiasm' comes from the Greek word 'entheos' which means 'Godfilled'. Life really is joyful when we are enthusiastic about the right things.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read how the people had actually lost sight of God by getting caught up in their buying and selling. Jesus' enthusiastic action was a protest that things had gone seriously wrong with how they were relating to God; something needed to change.

Right here - right now - we can begin or renew our relationship with God and be filled with fresh enthusiasm for life.

"Remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, look forward to the future with confidence."

# **Upcoming Events**

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November
Stay & Play Nursery 10am
to 10.30am

Year 1 - Phonics parent session

# Wednesday 12th November

**Year 5 -** Bank of England workshop

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November
EYFS - OPEN DAY
9.10am to 10am

Catholic Social Teaching Principle

# Peace

"Doing our best for others"
Promoting peace means we believe in being peacemakers.
"Peace... is an order that is founded in truth, nurtured and animated by charity, and brought into effect under the auspices of freedom."

Pacem in Terris, 1963, #167

# Welcome back!

term of learning, creativity, and fun as we head towards the festive season!

We hope everyone had a wonderful and restful break.

It's great to see our pupils return full of energy and ready for an exciting new half













# REMEMBRANCE DAY LEST WE FORGET

# How we will remember? Book of Remembrance

This will be open for writing the names of loved family members and friends on Thursdays morning from 8:40 until 8:55.

Adults and children are welcome to come into the school hall for this.

The Book is then presented at the Sunday Mass offertory each week.

### Remembrance Weekend

We often take for granted the freedom that we enjoy in our country.

Freedom comes at a cost and next

Tuesday at 11am, on the 11th day of the 11th month there will be a two minute silence of respect. It is Armistice Day.

On Sunday, Remembrance Sunday, we remember again all those men and women who sacrificed their lives in two world wars and subsequent conflicts for the good of our country and the preservation of freedom.





# SPREAD THE GOOD **NEWS ABOUT OUR** SCHOOL

As a Catholic School we are delighted to welcome families of other Christian faith, other faith traditions and no faith traditions.

If you know of friends or neighbors who are looking for a Reception or Nursery place

# PLEASE TELL THEM ABOUT US!



OPEN DAYS

RECEPTION CLASS

NURSERY

Friday 14th November Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

From 9.10am to 10am

# **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!

# 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 White plain t-shirt, black joggers, 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

## PE kit

black plimsolls (Yr1 to Yr4) / black trainers (Yr5 & Yr6)

### SWIM kit

One-piece swimsuit for girls, swim trunks for boys, swim cap and TOWEL

# St James the Great Award

The Achievement this week is class based The children noted below have returned to school willing and eager to get off to a flying start

Year 1 - Mary & Zavier Year 2 - Eilaf & Mason Year 3 - Revel & Santiago Year 4 - Annabelle & Matthew Year 5 - Korede & Aryana Year 6 - Elmer & Desergen

Reading Buddies - Year 6

Inaaya & Sanpha

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