



# St James the Great Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

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

Friday 5th December 2025



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Buying presents, decorations and planning our Christmas meal are all good ways of preparing for Christmas. But through all these preparations we do need to keep in mind the real reason for all these festivities. It's important that we spend some time preparing ourselves too.

In this Sunday Gospel, we hear John the Baptist calling the people to repent and prepare themselves for Christ's arrival. Christian 'repentance' is a wholly positive experience when we invite God into our lives and take a grip on ourselves, changing some of our ways or even, maybe, our direction in life.

So let's listen to John the Baptist and prepare our hearts well - being ready to receive and share God's love with all we meet as part of this week's

Christmas preparations.

A word from the Saints - "Prepare a path for God so that he can enter your heart." St John Baptist De La Salle

### Upcoming Events

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

##### Tuesday 9th December

Year2 - Parent session - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar at 9.00am lower hall

Pupils will have their Christmas dinner

##### Wednesday 10th December

Band will perform at Tooley Street

##### Monday 15th December

Nativity play for pupils - rehearsal

##### Tuesday 16th December

Nativity play for parents

##### Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Tableau in Church at 6pm

##### Thursday 18th December

Classes will have their Christmas parties

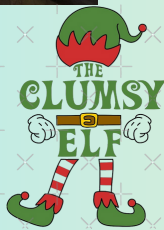
##### Friday 19th December

End of term - school ends at 1.30pm

### THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL

Reception and Nursery had a wonderful time watching The Christmas Clumsiest Elf. We welcomed a special visitor who performed the show, and the children were fully engaged and excited throughout.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us—we truly appreciate your support and are delighted that you enjoyed the performance too.



### 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



Year 5 & 4 performance with  
Solomon's knot.

They sang and danced alongside our  
friends at St John's School.



KS2 classes enjoyed a fantastic trip to Peckhamplex Cinema on Wednesday to watch "Zootropolis 2". It was made even more special as we were joined by our friends from St John's School. The children had a great time sharing the experience together and thoroughly enjoyed the film.



Year 3 enjoyed the movie and they talked about diversity, inclusion and teamwork.

Patrice said: "I loved watching the marvelous movie because it's about teamwork and friendship. It shows that it doesn't matter if you're different from someone else. You can do everything with people different to you!"



**STORY  
TIME**

**HIPS DANCE CLASS £8**  
**WIP & HOA**  
**& BREAKIN' FOUNDATION**  
COACHES: SUNSUN - LIT'IM  
AGES 5 - 16 EVERY THURSDAY 6PM - 7PM  
MYATTS FIELD NORTH, 24 CRAWSHAY RD, LONDON, SW9 6FZ  
GROUNDEDUK For more information email SUNANDA ☎️ sunsun@hotmail.com

If anyone is looking for fun dance classes these are great!

Run by our dance teacher  
Natasha & her colleagues!

**BATTLE OF THE BOROUGH'S CHRISTMAS JAM**  
**SAT 20th DEC**  
**1:30pm - 6:30pm**  
**£5 ENTRY**  
Age Groups  
5-7  
8-11  
12-16  
All Ages from 5-16  
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**Virtue we live by**

**GENEROSITY**

**I AM A GENEROUS**

**when**

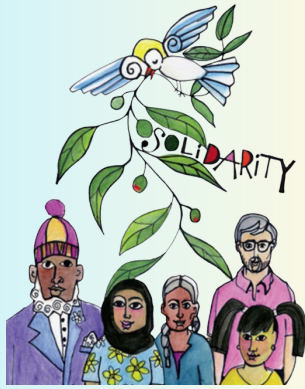
I notice when someone needs help.

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 others.



**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

**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.**



**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**Year 2 - Daniel O. & Lateefat**

**Year 3 - Mason & Millie-Rose**

**Year 4 - Amilia & Matthew**

**Year 5 - Hannah & Zion**

**Year 6 - Ethan & Angel**



**REMINDER**

**Year 4 & Year 6**

**Thank you to all families who have been making regular payments towards the upcoming residential trips. If you haven't done so already, please come see us in the office!**

**Card payments available!**

**St James the Great Award**

**'Helping to Prepare'**

**Year 1 - Xavier & Daphne**

**Year 2 - Minahil & Ahnilah-Lea**

**Year 3 - Matthew & Reynard**

**Year 4 - Elijah & Luke**

**Year 5 - Hannah & Zion**

**Year 6 - Angel & Kingston**

**Catholic Social Teaching Principal**

**'Solidarity'**

**Year 1 - Chidera I**

**Year 2 - Taiwo**

**Year 3 - Brianatu**

**Year 4 - Eliana**

**Year 5 - Adeola**

**Year 6 - Kairo**

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