



St James the Great Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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

Friday 12th December 2025



3RD SUNDAY OF Advent

While John the Baptist was in prison, he heard what Christ was doing and he sent some of his followers to ask Christ, "Are you the one sent by God, or do we have to wait for someone else?" Jesus answered, "Go back and tell John what you hear and see: the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cured, and deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life. The Good News is being announced to the poor; and happy are those who do not lose faith in me."

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: "He is the one of whom scripture says: 'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you'. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, one greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is."

Upcoming Events

Monday 15th December
Nursery - Library visit

Tuesday 16th December
AM - Nativity play for pupils
2PM - Nativity play for parents

Wednesday 17th December
Christmas Tableau in Church
at 6pm

Thursday 18th December
Christmas parties - all classes
Christmas Jumper day

Friday 19th December
End of term - school ends at
1.30pm

Catholic Social Teaching Principle 'Peace'

Loving God,

As we go about our day Lord, as we strive to walk with Jesus in a world of peace, remind us that we are the minds, hearts and hands of Christ, who is with us always.

May your grace, mercy and peace, bless us, keep us and transform us.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Virtue 'Patience'

I am able to wait because some things take time. I trust in God and wait calmly and with self control.

"Be patient and wait for the Lord to act, don't be worried about those who prosper or those who succeed in their evil plans. Don't give in to worry or anger; it only leads to trouble."
Psalm 37:7-8

Southwark Music Christmas Concert

Well done Super Band!
What a performance!



Guardian Angels

A huge thank you to our wonderful Year 5 'Guardian Angels' who support our Nursery children each morning before school.

They help with play activities, offer guidance, and are fantastic role models for our youngest learners.

We are so proud of the care and responsibility they show every day, and we were delighted to present them with their 'Guardian Angels' badges this week.



Adeola - Zion -
Aryana - Raphael -
Aya - Raffaele



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER



Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on Thursday 18th December. We kindly ask

for a £1 donation, which will be given to CAFOD.

If your child does not already have a Christmas jumper, please do not feel the need to buy one—decorating the school jumper with something

festive is absolutely fine!

Thank you for your support.



Great performance last Friday at the 'Christmas Lights Switch On' event at Peckham Square!

Our Year 6 children played beautifully!

Thank you everyone for coming out to support us!



Lovely Christmas lunch for the children on Tuesday!

Thank you Sharon and the kitchen team for a lovely service!



A Message from
Ms Perpetua
A big 'Thank you' to all the friends and families who have supported her in her recent loss.

We will all continue to keep her and her family in our prayers.

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER - LAST DAY OF TERM

SCHOOL ENDS AT 1.30PM

DON'T BE LATE!



SCHOOL WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY

Virtue we live by

PEACE

I 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 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.

**DON'T
FORGET**

Reminder

**Please ensure that all Breakfast Club
and Nursery fees are paid by next
Tuesday 16th December.**

**Thank you for your prompt attention
and continued support.**

REMINDER

Tuesday 16th December

School Main Hall

AM - Nativity play for pupils

2PM - Nativity play for parents

Wednesday 17th December

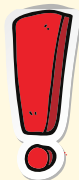
Christmas Tableau in Church at 6pm

St James the Great Church

45 Elm Grove

Peckham Rye

Peckham SE15 5DD



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

'Working Together'

Year 1 - Chidera E & Maryam

Year 2 - Zariah & Josiah

Year 3 - Reynard & Patrice

Year 4 - Emily & Keira

Year 5 - Adeola & Joshua

Year 6 - Prince & Millie

Catholic Social Teaching Principal

'Peace'

Year 1 - Peter

Year 2 - Selina

Year 3 - Hesed

Year 4 - Alex

Year 5 - Emma

Year 6 - Ethan

Librarians

Year 6 - Angel & Jaiden

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