



St James the Great Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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“Doing our best for God, for others and for ourselves”

Friday 9th January 2026



January is traditionally the month of beginnings - a time for making a new start.

In Church this Sunday we celebrate a special feast - The Baptism of the Lord.

In this Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist didn't see the need to baptise Jesus, because Jesus was sinless. But Jesus insisted because he wanted to stand alongside the community, to help them make a new start and give them an example to follow. Jesus, God's beloved Son, came for everyone to draw us all into His family so that we can become more like Him and joyfully share in God's own life.

A word from the Saints - “Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.” Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Upcoming Events

Monday 12th January

Nursery - visit to the library
Year 4 - Cricket

Wednesday 14th January

Year 2 & EYFS - Story telling session

Thursday 15th January

UNIFORM SALE
ANNEX - 2PM TO 3PM

Friday 23rd January

Nursery & Reception Open Day

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 ‘Simplicity’

I know what really matters in life.

I can give time to think of others, do good and care for creation.

Living simply helps me put more trust in God.

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:21

Welcome back to school and Happy 2026!

We hope you all had a peaceful Christmas and that this year will be good for everyone!



As ever, there are already many things to look forward to in the weeks ahead.

Please make sure you read our weekly Newsletter which is sent out via email and uploaded on the school's website every Friday!



THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL

What a great start of the Spring Term we had!

Our Guardian Angels and Assistant Librarians getting their well deserved recognition!



Well done everybody!



School Uniform & Appearance

Thank you to all parents & carers who made sure that our pupils returned to school with the appropriate school uniform and hairstyle.

Hairstyles

Gentle reminder that hairstyles must be on overall even cut for boys with no shaved patterns and girls hair should be of a reasonable style and accessories kept to a minimum and blue in colour.

Please make sure that any adjustments needed with both uniform and hairstyles are rectified by Monday.

ISLE OF WIGHT TRIP

YEAR 6

PARENTS MEETING AT
9AM ON TUESDAY 20TH
JANUARY 2026

SCHOOL MAIN HALL



Virtue we live by

SIMPLICITY

I LIVE SIMPLY

when



I understand simple things can make me happy.

I am thankful for all I have.

I can work, play, rest and pray each day.

I take care of my belongings and those of others.

I share my things with those who need my help.

We believe in 'Peace'
Focus of EYFS

I do not waste food or resources.

I only take what I need.

"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.

UNIFORM SALE

THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY

From 2pm to 3pm

Annex (where Breakfast Club is held)



STUBBERS TRIP

YEAR 4

Gentle reminder to please come see us in the office to settle any outstanding payments as soon as possible!

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 kindly ask that you make sure your child has everything he/she needs to participate in the lesson!

PE KIT - THURSDAYS (YR 1 TO YR6)

White plain t-shirt, black joggers, black plimsolls (Yr1 to Yr4) / black trainers (Yr5 & Yr6)

SWIM KIT - FRIDAYS (YR3&4)

One-piece swimsuit for girls, swim trunks for boys, swim cap & towel

ON FRIDAYS BRASS LESSON FOR OUR YR 5 & 6 PUPILS

Please remember to bring your instruments

PAYMENTS

Please note that payments for items such as uniform, breakfast club, nursery fees, family fund, trips etc. can now be made by card at the school's office!

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, we also kindly ask parents to make sure children arrive dressed warmly.

English Language Fair

Southwark

Wednesday
28th January
10:30-1:30

Thomas Calton Centre
Alpha St, Peckham
SE15 4NX

English not
your first
language?

Meet
organisations
&
find the right
course for you

Come and find out
about
English classes
and other
opportunities
in the local area!

Register

<https://forms.gle/YJxhOkXdwaYVst3Y8>



PARENTS EVENING

TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW IN THE COMING

WEEKS

St James the Great Award

'Class Based'

Year 1 - Brandon & Mary

Year 2 - Noel D. & Misa

Year 3 - Keira & James

Year 4 - Eloghosa & Keira

Year 5 - Joshua & Israel

Year 6 - Desereen & Eghosa

Catholic Social Teaching Principal

'Peace'

Year 1 - Jayce

Year 2 - Mason

Year 3 - Samuel

Year 4 - Amira

Year 5 - Chukwadalu

Year 6 - Feronmi

'Lunchtime helpers'

Year 6 - Daniel & Jaiden

Well done Everyone!

St James the Great, Pray for us.