



St James the Great Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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

Friday 16th January 2026

In this Sunday's Gospel, we return to the beginning of Jesus' mission. The humble witness of John the Baptist gave people a sense that something exciting was about to happen.

John the Baptist is one of the best known saints. He never pushed himself forward. He encouraged his own followers to leave him and become followers of Jesus. His life witnessed to the truth about Jesus and, because of him, many people came to know and follow Jesus.

A word from the Saints - “Example makes a much greater impression on the mind and heart than just words.” St John Baptist de la Salle

Upcoming Events

Monday 19th January

Nursery - visit to the library
Year 4 - Cricket
Year 5&6 - Homework Club

Tuesday 20th January

Year 6 - PARENTS MEETING
ISLE OF WIGHT TRIP
Year 3&4 - Homework Club
Year 6 - Manadrin Club

Friday 23rd January

EYFS Open Day

Tuesday 3rd February

PARENTS EVENING

Catholic Social Teaching Principle

‘Common Good’

Loving God,
You call us to look beyond our own
interests to what is good for all
people.

May we work towards a world
where everyone has their fair share
in order to live life to the full.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Virtue

‘Friendship’

I am friendly and show my friends
love.
I want the best for my friends.

*“Two are better than one, because
they have good return for their
labour. If either of them fall down,
one can help the other up. But pity
anyone who falls and has no one
to help them up.”*
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL



Parent session for our Nursery class,
focused on the positive impact that
reading has on developing children's
communication and early reading skills.

Parents also had the opportunity to take
home wonderful “BookTrust” resources to
enjoy and share with their child at home.



Story telling for our Year 5 & Reception



STORY TIME



SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Friday 23rd & 30th

January

EYFS Open Morning
from 9.10am to 10am

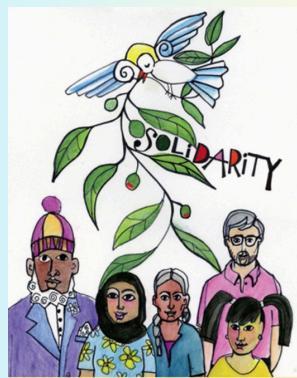
If you know of friends or
neighbours who are
looking for a Reception
or Nursery place

**PLEASE TELL THEM
ABOUT US!**

ISLE OF WIGHT TRIP YEAR 6

**PARENTS MEETING
AT
9AM ON TUESDAY
20TH JANUARY 2026**

SCHOOL MAIN HALL



**Virtue we live by
FRIENDSHIP**
I AM A GOOD FRIEND

when
I am friendly.
I treat others as I want to be treated.
I show an interest in others.
I ask people about themselves.
I say kind and loving words.
I show my friends love.
I share my time and things with others.
I help my friend when they are in need.
I do little things for others that make them happy.
I forgive my friend.

**We believe in 'Common Good'
Focus of Year 2**

The Common Good means that the fruits of the earth belong to everyone.

No one should be excluded from the gifts of creation.
"You are not making a gift of your possession to the poor person.
You are handing over to them what is theirs."
Saint Ambrose (340-397 AD)

**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.

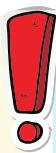
Citizens Advice Support at Rye Oak

We are pleased to share that a new Citizens Advice advice session has started at Rye Oak, running every Wednesday morning from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Families can also access remote advice and guidance if they are unable to attend in person.

This service is part of the Family Financial Resilience Partnership (FFRP), a Greater London Authority-funded programme that supports low-income families with children by providing free, high-quality social welfare advice to help ensure household income meets everyday needs.

An adviser from Citizens Advice Southwark will be available to support families registered with Southwark's Best Start Family Hubs. Advisers will take a holistic approach, offering help on the day where possible, arranging follow-up appointments, or referring families to specialist services if needed. Support may include advice on maximising income and addressing wider issues such as immigration, employment, childcare support and housing.

We are currently awaiting promotional materials, which we will share with families as soon as they arrive. In the meantime, families can contact Gabriel Crozier - gabrielcrozier@citizensadvicesouthwark.org.uk - or email directly childrenscentre@ivydale.southwark.sch.uk for more information.



PARENTS EVENING

TUESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW IN THE COMING WEEKS

St James the Great Award

'Maths'

Year 1 - Emma & Lisa
Year 2 - Bukola & Kehinde
Year 3 - Mason & Hesed
Year 4 - Emily & Matthew
Year 5 - Raffaele & Adeola
Year 6 - Gina & Kingston

Catholic Social Teaching Principal

'Common Good'

Year 1 - Daniela
Year 2 - Noel M
Year 3 - Brianatu
Year 4 - Amilia
Year 5 - Hannah
Year 6 - Millie

'Reading Buddies'

Year 6 - Eghosa & Jaiden

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