



# St James the Great Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

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

Friday 23rd January 2026



In this Sunday Gospel, we hear about Jesus starting to gather together the first Christian community.

Christian communities - just like families - are never perfect, even Jesus' closest disciples weren't always the ideal set of people. However, everyone works better with others in community. Our schools and parish communities were founded to be a place of love, friendship, security and inclusiveness. People in the past answered Jesus' call to form our Catholic school communities which now welcome and support us and our children. Now it's our turn to continue to work, to build on and develop the warm and loving community of our school, together.

A word from the Saints - “Whatever gifts and talents we are given by God are to be shared with the entire community.” St Baldwin of Canterbury

### Upcoming Events - HAPPENING NEXT WEEK!

#### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January

Reception - visit to the library

Year 6 - Tower of London

Year 4 - Cricket

Year 5&6 - Homework Club

#### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January

HEIGHTS & WEIGHT R to YR6

Year 5 - Digital Webinar - Sun, Earth and Moon

Year 3&4 - Homework Club

Year 6 - Manadrin Club

Reception - Parent workshop - Early Maths

Nursery - Trip to Lidl

#### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January

EYFS & Year 2 - Story telling sessionn with Anne

**BOOKINGS FOR PARENTS EVENING**

OPEN TO SIBLINGS ONLY

#### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> & Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January

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OPEN TO ALL

#### Friday 23rd January

EYFS Open Day

#### Tuesday 3rd February

PARENTS EVENING

### Catholic Social Teaching Principle

#### ‘Dignity’

Loving God,

We believe that every person is created in your image and that all life is sacred.

May we work to end poverty and injustice so all people can live life in dignity.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Virtue

#### ‘Self-control’

I have self-control.

I speak and act calmly.

“But the Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control.”

Galatians 5:22-23



### SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> 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 - INFORMATION MORNING FOR PARENTS**

Thank you to all parents & carers who were able to attend the ‘Information Morning’ for the Isle of Wight trip on Tuesday!

Any additional questions you might have, ask Ms Boam or Mr O'Regan.

**MATHS  
WorkShop  
FOR PARENTS**  
**RECEPTION CLASS**  
**TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**9:00am to 9:30am**

**Parent Session about  
Early Years Maths**  
**The workshop will take  
place after the usual  
‘Tuesday’s Reading  
session’**



Virtue we live by  
**SELF-CONTROL**  
**I SHOW SELF-CONTROL**

when

I speak and act calmly even when I am hurt or angry.  
I think before I act.  
I can choose my words and actions carefully.  
I keep my Lent promises.

**We believe in 'Dignity'**  
**Focus of Year 4**

We believe every human person is made in the image and likeness of God.

This is a gift that we all share as fellow human beings; we are all infinitely loved by our Creator.

God is present in every human person, regardless of religion, culture, nationality, orientation or economic standing.

Each one of us is unique and beautiful. We are called to treat every person and every creature with loving respect.

**Gentle reminder to please come in the office**

**if you have yet to pay:**

**Isle of Wight instalments - Year 6**

**Stubbers instalments - Year 4 - FULL**

**PAYMENT BY THE END OF FEBRUARY PLEASE**

**ALL PAYMENTS BY CARD**

**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

**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.



**TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY**

**from 3:40pm to 5:55pm**

**Booking system**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January: SIBLINGS ONLY**

**Please call the office between 10am & 2.30pm**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> & Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January: EVERYBODY**

**Please call the office between 10am & 2.30pm**

**Alternately come directly to the office to book.**

**NURSERY AM/PM/DAY**

**Please speak directly to Ms Diaz to book.**

**SAVERS CLUB**



**The club open every**

**Wednesday from 8.30am to  
8.50am in the school hall.**

**St James the Great Award**

**'Computing'**

Year 1 - Royce & Kenzo  
Year 2 - Eilaf & Minahil  
Year 3 - Aseeda & Samuel  
Year 4 - Elijah & Praise  
Year 5 - Israel & Marcel  
Year 6 - Sanpha & Inaaya

**Catholic Social Teaching Principal**

**'Dignity'**

Year 1 - Peter  
Year 2 - Josiah  
Year 3 - Miah  
Year 4 - Praise-Angel  
Year 5 - Zion  
Year 6 - Yoel

**'Reading Buddies'**

Year 5 - Aya & Emma

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