



# St James the Great Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

[www.stjamesthegreat.southwark.sch.uk](http://www.stjamesthegreat.southwark.sch.uk)

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

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

This Sunday's Gospel shows how the message of Jesus can change everything in the world. Jesus reminds us that we are not here only for ourselves - we're here for others: to improve the lives of those around us with love, care and goodness.

Whenever we perform an act of goodness, even the smallest good deed, it pleases God and sets an example for others to see and to follow.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of our role in life: to bring God's light to others and to be 'the salt of the earth'.

A word from St Philip Neri: "Happy are the young, because they have time before them to do good."

### Upcoming Events

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February.**

Reception - Library  
Year 5&6 - Homework club

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February.**

Year 3&4 - Homework club

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February.**

EYFS & Year 2 - Story  
telling session  
**ALL SCHOOL OPEN  
MORNING & AFTERNOON**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February.**

Reception & Nursery  
Fairy tale dress up day

**LAST DAY OF THIS HALF  
TERM  
SCHOOL FINISHES AS USUAL  
AT 3.30PM**

**Catholic Social Teaching  
Principle  
'Stewardship'**

Loving God,  
We give thanks for your gift of  
creation.

May we be good stewards of the  
earth's resources and always  
remember the link between our  
environment and poverty.

Lord in your mercy  
Hear our prayer

**Virtue  
'Reflection'**

I take time to think about the  
beauty and goodness in myself,  
others and God's world.

*"What then shall we say to  
these things? If God for us, who  
can be against us?"*

Romans 8:31

### THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL



This week our Nursery's children enjoyed reading 'The Little Red Hen'. Inspired by the story, they decided to make their own bread, just like the Little Red Hen! Together, they wrote a shopping list and visited the local supermarket to buy the ingredients. Back at Nursery, the children helped to prepare and bake the bread. Once it was ready, they enjoyed tasting it with butter and jam.

It was a wonderful experience that supported learning about shopping, baking, and the importance of teamwork - and most importantly, lots of fun was had by all!



**Thanks for the Parents evening turnout - given the awful weather, parents arrived promptly for their appointments and nearly 100% turnout for those that booked. The weather didn't stop us!**



Following on from Parents Evening, we will have an 'Open morning' & 'Open afternoon' next **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February.**

You are welcome to visit your child's class to see their work from 08:45am - 09:10am or from 15:00pm - 15:20pm.

+Parish website: [www.stjamesthegreatpeckham.org](http://www.stjamesthegreatpeckham.org)

## Parents and Carers



Tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online

As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online.

You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child safe online. Our advice and resources are here to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.

### Parents guide to technology



**Phones**  
Guide to phones including top tips and advice about safety tools.



**Laptops**

Looking for advice on how to support your child in using a laptop safely and responsibly? Read our guide and FAQs.



**Smart Speakers**

Looking for advice on how to support your child in using a smart speaker safely and responsibly? Read our guide and FAQs.



**Games Consoles**

Looking for advice on how to support your child in using a games console safely and responsibly? Read our guide and FAQs.

## Safer Internet day - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

### Have a conversation!

It is really important to chat with your children on an ongoing basis about staying safe online.

Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

Ask them about how they stay safe online.

Ask them if they know where to go for help.

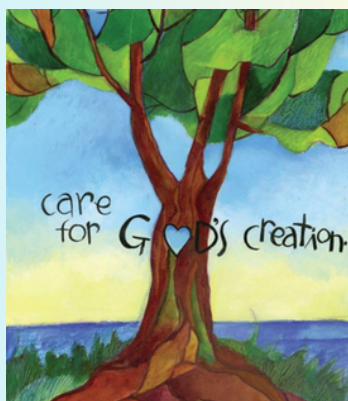
Think about how you each use the internet.

## TOMORROW!!

Our parish - St James the Great Church

### Altar Servers Practice

Regular and new servers Saturday 7th February at 2pm



Virtue we live by  
**REFLECTION**

**I SHOW REFLECTION**  
when

I can sit quietly and think.

I can be still.

I can reflect on the beauty of God's world and creation.

I can reflect on my achievements and what I have done well.

I can reflect on the good choices I have made.



### **We believe in - 'Stewardship'**

In the first pages of the Bible we read how God created the sun and the stars, the water and earth, and every creature.

We believe Christ is the redeemer of all creation.

In 2015, Pope Francis brought together decades of Church teaching in the encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. In this deeply influential letter, Pope Francis invites everyone on the planet to consider how our actions are affecting the earth and the poorest people.

Everything is interconnected, and all of creation praises God.

It is our Christian vocation to care for creation.

### Important Reminder

### Keep Your Contact Details Up to Date

We kindly remind all parents and guardians that it is essential to inform the school office immediately of any changes to your contact details, including email address, phone number, or home address.

Accurate and up-to-date records are paramount for your child's safety and wellbeing, as they allow us to contact you quickly in case of emergencies and ensure you receive important school communications.

Thank you!



The item below was found in the playground. It will be kept in the school's office!



**LAST DAY OF THIS HALF TERM IS NEXT FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY  
PICK UP AS USUAL AT 3.30PM**



**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR ONE WEEK.  
WE ARE BACK ON MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY.**



## **DON'T FORGET!**

**Thursdays - PE kit**  
**Year 1 to Year 6**



**Fridays Dance lessons - PE kit**  
**Year 3 to Year 6**

**Fridays - SWIM kit**  
**Year 3 & Year 4**

**Fridays - Brass**  
**Year 5 & Year 6**

Gentle reminder to please come in the office if you have yet to pay:

Stubbers instalments - Year 4

**FULL PAYMENT BY THE END OF FEBRUARY!**

**ALL PAYMENTS BY CARD**

## **St James the Great Award**

### **'Music'**

**Year 1 - Samuel A & Starr**

**Year 2 - Joyce & Bukola**

**Year 3 - Miah & Brina**

**Year 4 - Jerome & Eliana**

**Year 5 - Awele & Joseph**

**Year 6 - Faridah & Halima**

**LifeSavers**

Helping children manage money wisely

## **SAVERS CLUB**

The club will open every Wednesday from 8.30am to 8.50am in the school hall.

### **REMINDERS**

Start of the day: bell rings at 8.50AM

End of day: pick up at 3.30PM

Please be on time!



### **FAMILY FUND**

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed! If you haven't yet, please do so at the school office!

### **PAYMENTS**

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

## **Catholic Social Teaching Principal**

### **'Stewardship'**

**Year 1 - Sofia**

**Year 2 - Noel D.**

**Year 3 - Reuel**

**Year 4 - Israel**

**Year 5 - Chi**

**Year 6 - Sultan**



### **Pupil Leaders**

### **'Guardian Angels'**

**Year 5 - Raffaele & Yemaryam**

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