



St James the Great Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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

Friday 13th February 2026

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

Jesus said to the disciples, "Do not imagine that I have come to destroy what the Law of the Prophets taught. No, I have come to make them complete - to show you what they meant. I tell you truly, until heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke of a pen, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practises and teaches these commands, will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Sundays Gospel - Matt 5:17-37

Upcoming Events

Friday 13th February.

LAST DAY OF THIS HALF

TERM

SCHOOL FINISHES AS

USUAL AT 3.30PM

Monday 23rd February.

Nursery - Library

Year 5&6 - Homework club

Tuesday 24th February.

Year 3&4 - Homework club

Wednesday 25th February.

**EYFS & Year 2 - Story
telling session**

Thursday 5th March

WORLD BOOK DAY



**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

WORLD BOOK DAY POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION

Many children spent their weekends designing fantastic posters for **World Book Day** on Thursday 5th March. The standard was incredibly high, making the judging process very challenging! After much deliberation, we are delighted to announce that **Sapphire in Year 5 has been awarded first prize**, winning four tickets to see a performance at the Unicorn Theatre – what an amazing achievement!

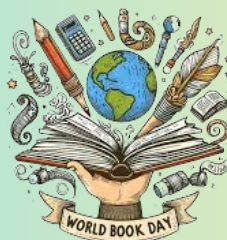
We would also like to congratulate our runners-up, who each received a set of colouring pencils:

Adrian & Maya (Year 3)

Amira, Gabriel & Larelle (Year 4)

Kingston & Sultan (Year 6)

Well done to everyone who took part – your creativity and effort were wonderful to see. Watch this space for more exciting updates about World Book Day on Thursday 5th March!



RECEPTION

Last week, Reception class enjoyed a walk to Brunswick Park where they explored the different buildings and the materials used to construct them. This formed part of their 'Knowledge and Understanding of the World' topic.

The visit also linked to their Art learning, where they have been studying collage and the work of the artist Antoni Gaudí.



Antoni Gaudí i Cornet was a Catalan architect and designer from Spain, widely known as the greatest exponent of Catalan Modernisme. Gaudí's works have a sui generis style, with most located in Barcelona, including his main work, the Sagrada Família church.



This week, the children were introduced to Chinese New Year – the Year of the Horse. Chinese New Year, also known as Lunar New Year, is a traditional festival celebrated in many Asian countries. It marks the beginning of the lunar calendar and is a time for families to come together, enjoy special meals, decorate their homes and wish one another good fortune for the year ahead. Each year is represented by one of twelve animals from the Chinese zodiac, and this year celebrates the Horse, a symbol of energy, strength and determination.





This week we wrapped up our Fairy Tales theme in Reception and Nursery. The children had a wonderful time cooking porridge just like Goldilocks in “Goldilocks and the Three Bears”, carefully measuring, mixing and, of course, tasting! They also loved dressing up as their favourite fairy tale and nursery rhyme characters – we had everything from princesses and knights to wolves, bears and magical creatures.



Our Fairy Tale Day was full of excitement, imagination and creativity. The classrooms were buzzing with storytelling, role play and laughter as the children brought their favourite tales to life. A truly enchanting day for all!

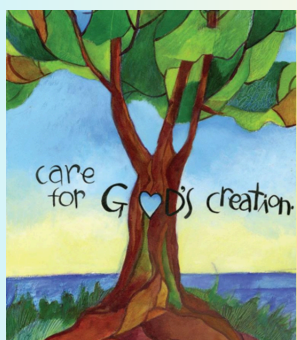


Reception



Thank you to all our Year 6 parents and carers who attended the Maths workshop in preparation for the SATs. Your support at home makes a real difference!

A special thank you as well to Ms Boam for delivering such an informative and helpful session!



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 playgroud. It will be kept in the school's office!



DON'T FORGET!

Thursdays - PE kit
Year 1 to 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

Fridays Dance lessons - PE kit
Year 3 to Year 6

Fridays - SWIM kit
Year 3 & Year 4

Fridays - Brass
Year 5 & Year 6

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!



**LAST DAY OF THIS HALF TERM IS
TODAY FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY**

**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR ONE
WEEK.**

**WE ARE BACK ON MONDAY 23RD
FEBRUARY.**

St James the Great Award

'GOLD STAR'



**Year 1 - Xavier
Year 2 - Noel D
Year 3 - Sariyah
Year 4 - Israel
Year 5 - Joseph
Year 6 - Yoel**

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