



# St James the Great Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Peter, James and John went with Jesus to pray on a mountain top. While they were there, Jesus was transformed. His face shone like the sun and His clothes became as dazzling as the light, whiter than any normal clothing could ever be. Suddenly Moses and Elijah, the great teacher and the great prophet of the Old Testament, appeared and were talking with Jesus. Then a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him." Then suddenly, when the disciples looked round, they saw only Jesus was left there with them.

Sundays Gospel 1st March - Matthew 17:1-9



## Upcoming Events

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Reception - Library  
Year 5&6 - Homework club

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Reception - Parent workshop 9am  
Year 3 - Class assembly 3PM  
Year 3&4 - Homework club

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

EYFS & Year 3 - Story telling session

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March WORLD BOOK DAY



## Catholic Social Teaching Principle 'The 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 'Forgiveness'

I accept God's forgiveness. I show my love for God by forgiving others and myself. I let go of my hurt feelings and give myself a new start. I give others a new start.

*"Forgive as the Lord forgave you."*  
Colossians 3:13



## LENT

Lent is a time when God calls us to make a special effort - to give something up or to do something loving and good. Lent is a great opportunity to be strengthened. In the same way that bread feeds our body, we also need prayer and God's word to feed and strengthen our mind.

## How can we strengthen ourselves to keep our Lenten promises?

Set aside a few minutes each day to pray.

Read God's word in the Bible.

Read the readings in preparation of Sunday Mass.

Go to church every week.

Have you noticed our Lenten Newsletter on purple?

Purple is the colour for Lent.

Purple means PREPARATION for EASTER.

## ROAD SAFETY ASSEMBLY



This week, we were delighted to hold a very special **Road Safety Assembly** led by Ms Brown, our wonderful Teaching Assistant.

When she isn't here at St James', Ms Brown works as a lollipop lady, helping to keep children, families and everyone else safe while crossing the road - so she was the perfect person to remind us all about the importance of staying alert and making sensible choices near traffic.

She spoke to the children about using safe crossing points and being aware of their surroundings at all times.



We would also like to remind families that there are two pedestrian traffic-light crossings directly outside our school. It is essential that these are used rather than crossing in the middle of the road, as this is extremely dangerous.

Let's all work together to keep our community safe.



**Ann Bernard Nursery School**  
**29 Chandler Way, Peckham**  
**SE15 6DT**

**Family Navigator Drop In**  
 face to face, telephone and virtual appointment across our family hub



**MONDAY TO SATURDAY**  
**9:30 - 3PM**

Are you a parent/carer with a child 5 and under you can receive support and guidance from our experienced team of Community family workers early years and well-being champions on Mental Health, well-being, parenting, education, benefits, child development and more.

MON-FRI RYE OAK SAT - ANN BERNARDT  
 MON-FRI 0203 848 5780 SAT - 07932622563

VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL  
 CHILDRENCENTRE@VYDALE.SOUTHWARK.SCH.UK

VISIT - [WWW.PPRNCF.CO.UK](http://WWW.PPRNCF.CO.UK)

**Rose VOUCHERS for fruit & veg**

**Free fruit and vegetables for families with young children**

The Rose Vouchers Project gives vouchers to buy fresh fruit and vegetables from local markets and some other places. If eligible, you will receive at least £4 of vouchers every week.

**Who is it for?**  
 If you live in Southwark and have children under 5\*, or are more than 10 weeks pregnant, you may be able to get Rose Vouchers if one of the following applies:

- You receive Healthy Start
- You have a low or no household income (less than £408 income a month if you are on Universal Credit)
- You have no recourse to public funds (NRPF)

\* Children must be under 5 until 31st August

SCAN ME

[1stplace.uk.com/rosevouchers](http://1stplace.uk.com/rosevouchers)  
[rosevouchers@1stplace.uk.com](mailto:rosevouchers@1stplace.uk.com)

1st Place | Alexandra Rose Charity | Impact on Urban Health | Southwark Council

**LENT 2026 Family Pack**

**CELEBRATE LENT GAME Journey to Easter Joy**

**New family pack for Lent from CELEBRATE**

The new CELEBRATE Family Activity Pack for Lent includes creative ways to help families grow close to God during this season. There are engaging ways to count down the days in Lent, reflective prayer and discussion, craft, games, books and movies to help families draw close to God.

CELEBRATE has also created a Lent game this year - Journey to Easter Joy - which encourages children to focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving, in fun and interactive ways this Lent.

CELEBRATE Children and Family Lead  
<https://www.celebratetrust.org/>

Since January, there has been a rise in measles cases.

Measles is a highly contagious infection that spreads easily among unvaccinated people. It begins with fever and cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash. Around 1 in 5 children need hospital care, and complications can include pneumonia, meningitis, seizures, and blindness.

The MMR and MMRV vaccines are safe, free, and given in two doses at 12 and 18 months, though it's never too late to catch up. Vaccination protects your child and vulnerable people in the community.

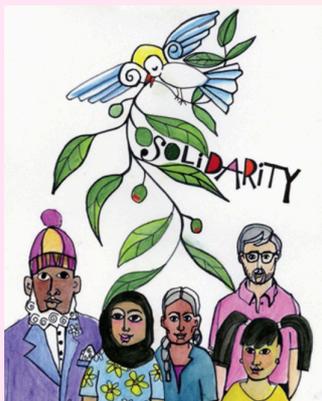
Check your child's Red Book, the NHS app, or contact your GP.

If needed, book a free vaccination appointment as soon as possible.



School Immunisation Team on: 020 8614 5496 / [krft.SouthwarkImms@nhs.net](mailto:krft.SouthwarkImms@nhs.net)

More information on the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>



Virtue we live by  
**FORGIVENESS**

**I FORGIVE when**

I accept God's forgiveness.

I can forgive others.

I accept forgiveness from others.

I can change after I made a poor choice.

I know that with God's love I can change.

I have the courage to give myself and others a new start.

I understand that saying sorry is one way of making amends.

**We believe in - 'The Common Good'**

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 possessions to the poor person. You are handing over to them what is theirs."

Saint Ambrose (340-397 AD)

Focus of Year 2



**THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

For **World Book Day**, children should come dressed as a **book character** (please note, this is not a superhero costume day).

We kindly ask that children bring in £1 to take part in the event.

Each child will receive a yellow World Book Day token, which can be used in participating bookshops to purchase one of the special £1 World Book Day books.

The full selection of available titles can be found on the back of the token. Simply use the link provided on the token to see where it can be redeemed.

## GUARDIAN ANGELS OF THE WEEK! WELL DONE SAPPHIRE & SULTAN



Our wonderful Guardian Angels play a vital role in supporting our Nursery children each morning before the main school day begins. They help the children settle in calmly, engage with the planned activities, and feel ready for the day ahead. Through sharing stories, reading together, and engaging in meaningful conversations, they nurture the children's communication skills and language development in a warm and encouraging environment.

## Talk Box Drama sessions undertaken in KS2

It was incredibly motivating for the children, and it was a pleasure to see the joy and excitement reflected on their faces.



Thank you for your support

To St James School

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Your collection total £ 84 - 45

District total Q&C code area total  
was £1248 - 00



THANK YOU  
ALL FOR  
YOUR  
SUPPORT &  
DONATIONS!  
WELL DONE  
EVERYONE!

## Reception

### PARENT WORKSHOP

TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH FROM 9AM TO 9.30AM

**"HANDWRITING & NUMBER FORMATTING**

**How to help your child be a better writer!**

St James the Great Award

'Class Based'

Year 1 - Gulsam & Maryam

Year 2 - Noel D. & Bukola

Year 3 - Reuel & Miah

Year 4 - Junior & Alex

Year 5 - Emma & Johnny

Year 6 - Miskir & Sultan

Catholic Social Teaching Principal

'Common Good'

Year 1 - Eliab

Year 2 - Daniela

Year 3 - Aseeda

Year 4 - Maria

Year 5 - Chidalu

Year 6 - Timi

Well done Everyone!

St James the Great. Pray for us.



St James the Great Church

Altar Server Practice

For servers for 10am Mass ONLY

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March - 2pm - 3pm

### 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!