



St James the Great Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday 20th March 2026



This Sunday's Gospel reminds us of Jesus' humanity.

Jesus was upset by Lazarus' death and wept for him. His compassion for Lazzarus and his family mirrors His compassion for each one of us when we are upset. We too can experience Jesus' compassion through other people and through spending time with God in prayer.

St Vincent de Paul reminds us: "We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings of other people and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion."

A word from the Saints: "Compassion for the suffering is the beginning of holiness." St Maximilian Kolbe

Upcoming Events

Monday 23rd March

Reception - Library

Year 5&6 - Homework club

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Tuesday 24th March

Year 2 - Class assembly 3pm

Year 3&4 - Homework club

Wednesday 25th March

Year 1 - Class assembly 3pm

Peckham Citizens - Parents

Afternoon Tea 2pm to 3pm

Thursday 26th March

Year 3 - "Bring & Buy Sale"

From 3:15pm to 3:45pm

Choir & Recorder's groups visit to

Cherry Garden School

Friday 27th March

LAST DAY OF TERM - PICK UP AT

1.30pm

Tuesday 15th April

School resumes

Catholic Social Teaching Principle 'Solidarity'

Loving God,
Help us to see the suffering of others
and build up a world of love and
solidarity.

As we go about our day and strive to
walk with Jesus as people in
solidarity, may we be reminded that
we are the love of Christ, who is with
us always.

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 a good return for their
labour. If either of them falls down,
one can help the other up. But pity
anyone who falls and has no one to
help them up."*
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

STATION PRAYER

We adore You O Christ and
we bless You.
Because by Your Holy Cross
You have redeemed the
world.

I love you Jesus,
My love above all things.
I repent with my whole heart
For ever having offended You.
Never permit me to separate
myself from You again.
Grant that I may love You
always and then do with me
what You will.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

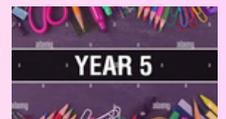


Come and see
our beautiful
displays in the
main hall!
Well done
everyone!



On Monday Year 5 visited the Science Museum and
explored the Wonderlab.

They observed live experiments, carried out their own
investigations involving water, electricity and forces, and
solved a range of interactive puzzles.



Thank you to everyone who participated in Year 6's Lenten appeal! The children had a marvellous time running the workshops and everyone involved has been fantastic! Well done all! Take a look at some of the examples of our skills



Dance workshop



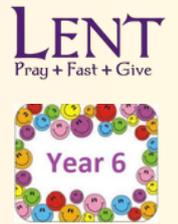
Football workshop



Space workshop



Investigation workshop



Reminder



The school photographer will be in on Monday 23rd March to take class photos. Our children always look fantastic, but we kindly ask all parents and carers to ensure children come to school in full uniform, looking as smart as ever!



This Spring Term ends Friday 27th March at 1.30pm

School will resume on Tuesday 14th April

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.

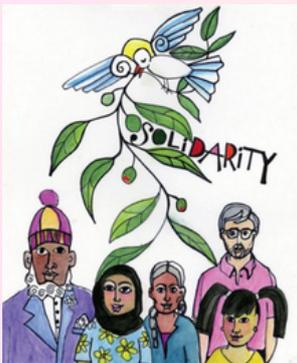
I show my friends love.

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.



Focus of Year 3

We believe in - 'Solidarity'

Solidarity arises when we remember that we belong to each other.

We reflect on this in a special way at Mass.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "The Eucharist commits us to the poor.

To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognise Christ in the poorest."

Solidarity spurs us to stand side by side with our sisters and brothers, especially those living in poverty.

STORYTIME



NURSERY



Reception



Bring and Buy Sale

So far Year 3 have raised over £70 for Cafod. They will do one last uniform sale next Thursday 26th March.



Year 6

Isle of Wight trip

Gentle reminder to please come see us in the office if you have yet to pay the installements for the upcoming Isle of Wight residential trip.



PECKHAM SESSIONS OPEN HOUSE
 SATURDAY 28th MARCH
 11AM-6:30PM
 FREE TO ATTEND

COME JOIN US AT MOUNTVIEW FOR A DAY OF CREATIVITY, COLLABORATION AND COMMUNITY.

studio takeovers • exhibitions
 performances • film screenings
 drop-in workshops • free food

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MOUNTVIEW

PECKHAM SESSIONS OPEN HOUSE FULL PROGRAMME - SAT 28 th MARCH 2026		
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Year 3 Lidl Trip



St James the Great Award 'Art - Stations of the Cross'

- Year 1 - Samuel A & Sofia
- Year 2 - Eilaf & Nana
- Year 3 - Matthew & Aseeda
- Year 5 - Aya & Adeola
- Year 6 - Kingston & Angel

Catholic Social Teaching Principal 'Solidarity'

- Year 1 - Daniel
- Year 2 - Elliott
- Year 3 - Millie-Rose
- Year 5 - Hannah
- Year 6 - Yoel

Pupil Leaders 'Librarians'

Year 6 - April & Jaiden

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

London Wildlife Trust Centre for Wildlife Gardening
 28 Marston Road, SE15 4EE

Easter Family Workshops

Brilliant Birds
 Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st March 10am till 3pm
 Get to know your garden birds with fun activities, listening, bird ID, make your own nest challenge and find your own bird food! On the second day, find out about bird's eggs and start your own.

Marvelous Minibeasts
 Thursday 9th & Friday 10th April 10 till 3
 Discover some of the tiny animals that live around us. Use different techniques to find them and take part in a minibeast race, some city craft, find out about their life cycles and begin to classify them.

Pond Life
 Sunday 12th April 10 till 3
 Discover life in our many ponds with pond dipping, games, crafts and stories.
 Workshops for all the family funded by Southwark Council. Booking essential.
 Free, booking for £2 but all children £10 each for lunch for you.
 Email: bookings@londonwildlifetrust.org.uk
 To book visit our website: www.londonwildlifetrust.org.uk/events

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EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB
 30th MARCH - 10th APRIL

£30 PER LONG DAY 7:30 - 18:00
 £15 PER SHORT DAY 10:00 - 15:00

ARTS & CRAFTS • OUTDOOR TRIPS • SPORT ACTIVITIES • DANCE DRAMA

PACKED WITH FUN!

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