

St James the Great Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday 6th March 2026

In this Sunday's Gospel we have a witty dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman drawing water at the well, where each seems to be teasing the other.

Water is a sign of life. The 'living water' is the sign of everything that Jesus offers us to satisfy our need of God's love and guidance. With its serious message, this Sunday's Gospel is a lovely example of Jesus' willingness to engage with people just as they are.

God has no favourites; we are all loved equally by God. The season of Lent presents a great opportunity for everyone to enter afresh into the living and nourishing water of God's love which surpasses any food or drink.



Upcoming Events

Monday 9th March

Nursery - Library

Year 5&6 - Homework club

Tuesday 10th March

YEAR 4 PARENTS MEETING

STUBBERS 3PM

Reception - Visit to Peckham

Fire Station

Year 3 - Class assembly 3PM

Year 3&4 - Homework club

Wednesday 11th March

Year 2 - Tower Bridge trip

Peckham Citizens -

Afternoon Tea - Parents

2pm to 3pm

Friday 13th March

NURSERY OPEN DAY

Sunday 15th March

Mother's Day

10am Mass Nursery &
Reception please join us!

Catholic Social Teaching Principle
'The Common Good'

Loving God,

As we go about our day Lord, as we strive to walk with Jesus in a world of peace, remind us that we are the minds, hearts and hands of Christ, who is with us always.

May your grace, mercy and peace, bless us, keep us and transform us.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Virtue
'Faith'

I know that faith is a gift from God. Faith helps me grow in friendship with Jesus. I show my faith by living my life filled with hope and love.

"For we walk by faith, not by sight."
Corinthians 5:7

STATION PRAYER

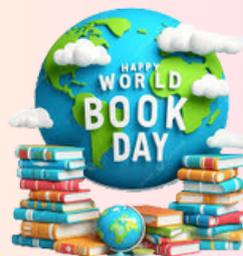
We adore You O Christ and
we bless You.
Because by Your Holy Cross
You have redeemed the world.

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!



Reception

PARENT WORKSHOP

HANDWRITING & NUMBER FORMATTING

How to help your child be a better writer!



The session was very well attended by parents and proved to be a great success. Many parents shared that they found it both helpful and informative. All parents who attended were given a free resource pack to help support their children with handwriting and number formation at home. During the session, we also highlighted a range of free services available to parents that can provide additional support for families.



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
rosevouchers@1stplace.uk.com

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

YEAR 4 PARENTS & CARERS
TUESDAY 10th MARCH at 3PM
Information meeting
STUBBERS



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

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



Talk Box Drama sessions
undertaken in Yr 4

Virtue we live by

FAITH

I HAVE FAITH when

I know God loves me and I trust God to take care of me.

I ask God to guide me in my life.

I spend time with God in moments of quiet and in prayer.

I share my beliefs in God with others.

My words and actions show my faith in God's love.



Focus of EYFS

We believe in - 'Peace'

"Peace... is an order that is founded in truth, nurtured and animated by charity, and brought into effect under the auspices of freedom."

Peace is a cornerstone of our faith.

Christ, the Prince of Peace, sacrificed himself with love on the cross.



Thursday 12th March 2026
3.15pm to 3.45pm
Year 3 Bring and Buy Sale
to raise money for CAFOD

Year 3 will be holding a "Bring and Buy" table top sale to raise money for charity for almsgiving during Lent and to help embody their Catholic social teaching principle of Solidarity.



Bring Cash!



Fancy a spring clear out? From Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th March, bring in good quality clothing or pre-loved items, such as toys, that you wish to donate and give it to Year 3 or the Office.

Any unwanted stock left at the end will be donated to charity.

The school council have started their work with Southwark Citizens. This first stage is a listening campaign to see what our children think are important issues that need resolving in Peckham.



Tuesday's Year 3 Assembly was a wonderful success and we were delighted to see such a full audience. Year 3 performed a selection of poems from T.S. Eliot's "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats." The children worked hard to learn the poems by heart and delivered them with great confidence and expression. The performance ended with a lively musical dance number, which was a wonderful finale and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience

Well done to all the pupils for their fantastic effort, and a big thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us to support them!



St James the Great Church
Altar Server Practice
For servers for 10am Mass ONLY
Saturday 7th 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!

RECEPTION & YEAR 5



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA
EASTER PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2026
YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

****Submission Date is 1st May 2026****

Photography

- 1) Photograph of an Easter Paschal Candle with appropriate bible verse about the Candle that best represents the scene in your Photo.
- or
- 2) Photograph of a Station of the Cross with appropriate bible verse that best represents the station scene in your Photo.

There are some beautiful images, some are painted, others are carved. They are there in so many Cathedrals and Parishes. Traditional or Modern, all the same beautiful.

- 3) NB: Be original and different and try to capture the best image possible of your subject, so that we can appreciate it. Take it during the day OR at night. Use your own or Parents or Siblings Phone, OR Camera, but ensure you get a good image. Submit as Png or Jpeg file please.
- 4) Submit as Png or Jpeg file in folder OR as attached files please.
- 5) Submit Word Document with Pics embedded by all means.

- State the name of the Church/Cathedral and its location.
- State School Name/Parish/Parish Group-for Submission.
- State Date Pics was taken
- Name of Phone used or Name of Digital Camera used.

COMPETITION TIME!

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA
Building on the Foundations for our Future

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA
NATIONAL EASTER SEASON PAINTING COMPETITION
JUNIOR'S GRADES.
2026

The Junior Easter Season Painting Competition is launched in October 2025. Provincial winning entries are to arrive at Head Office no later than **1st May 2026**

The competition is open to young people:
England/Wales School Year Groups: 3, 4, 5 & 6. (7 to 11 years of age)
Scotland School Year Groups: P4, P6 & P7 (7 to 11 years of age).

Note: The School Year Groupings will be the prime categorisation factor.

THEME GUIDE

- 1) The entries should depict a scene of the entrant's choice of an incident recalled from Palm Sunday and through the Easter Season.
- 2) Write Bible chapter and Verse that best relates to your drawing. The competitors' entries will be their own free hand and colouring productions; the use of pre-prepared tracings is to be discouraged.

The entries should be submitted sized A4 or A3, on paper or card of a quality and colour of the entrant's choice.

The Bible Chapter and Verse can be written on the painting, on the reverse or on attachment.

The following detail should be shown LEGIBLY in full on the reverse of the entry. **THIS IS A MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT.**

Name of entrant.
Age of entrant.
Date of Birth of entrant.



St James the Great Award

'Reading'

- Year 1 - Efeturi & Daniel
- Year 2 - Joyce & Daniel O
- Year 3 - Chloe & Princess
- Year 4 - David & Jeremy
- Year 5 - Ralph & Jason
- Year 6 - Timi & Halima

Catholic Social Teaching Principal
'Peace'

- Year 1 - Lisa
- Year 2 - Karla
- Year 3 - Hesel
- Year 4 - Keira
- Year 5 - Anthony
- Year 6 - Daniel

Pupil Leaders
'Reading Buddies'

Year 6 - Desereen & Eghosa

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