



St James the Great Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday 24th April 2026



This Sunday is traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who leads us into the joys of eternal life.

Part of the shepherd's job is to look after the sheep and help them to stay safe. When we let Jesus lead us, just as a shepherd leads his sheeps, he helps us to make the right choices and fills our lives with goodness and holiness. All we need to do is to follow him.

Today, Jesus can lead us and our children through the Church, through prayer and through the lives of people who show us how to live in a way that pleases God. He is the patient shepherd who never gives up on us.

A word from the Saints - "It is for each of us to learn the path by which Jesus requires us to follow him, and to follow in that path." St Katharine Drexel

Upcoming Events

Monday 27th April

Reception - visit to the Library
Year 5&6 - Homework club

Tuesday 28th April

Year 3&4 - Homework club

Wednesday 29th April

Year 4 - Unicorn Theatre
Year 3 - Natural History Museum

**MONDAY 4TH MAY
BANK HOLIDAY
SCHOOL IS CLOSED**

Catholic Social Teaching Principle 'Stewardship'

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 'Confidence'

I am able to do things without fear or doubt.

I place my trust in God and know that God gives me strength.

"Let us be confident, then, and say: The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Hebrews 13:6

We were delighted to welcome a visitor from Rose Voucher, who spoke with parents about how to register for the scheme. They also shared some wonderful ideas for healthy cooking activities that families can enjoy together at home.

In nursery, the children have been busy learning about healthy and unhealthy foods. They explored different food choices and had fun trying simple recipes, with a focus on using more vegetables to help build healthy habits.

Following the Easter break, we were pleased to resume our Monday visits to Peckham Library. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit this week and were excited to be back.



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 Library, Impact on Latham Health, Southwark Council



Year 5 & 6 visit to Unicorn Theatre



Year 2 - Geography trip to the local area to identify buildings and human and physical features



BATTLE OF THE BOXINGS

SUNDAY 26th April
11:30 am - 4:30pm

ENTRY
Online - £8.50
Door - £10

HOSTS
Sunsun
Manny

JUDGES
Angel
Kay
Tom

DJ
Savan

SCAN FOR ALL EVENT INFO

KIDS/YOUTH BATTLE CATEGORIES
BEGINNERS - INTERMEDIATE - ADVANCED
Competitors must be between the ages of 5 - 16 yrs old

MYATTS FIELD NORTH, CRAWSHAY RD, LONDON, SW9 6FZ
REGISTER FOR BATTLES - EMAIL: sunsun@hotmail.co.uk OR DM: @uk.youth.breaking

FAMILY FUND

The fund is a small contribution (£15) we kindly ask each family, so that we can support extra curriculum activities for the children.

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed!

If you haven't yet, please do so at the school office!

REMEMBER

MONDAY 4TH MAY - Bank Holiday

School is closed

Year 6 Residential Trip - Isle of Wight

Gentle reminder to settle your payments at the office please!

School uniform & Appearance

Thank you to all parents & carers who made sure that our pupils returned to school with the appropriate school uniform and hairstyle.

Hairstyles

Gentle reminder that hairstyles must be on overall even cut for boys with no shaved patterns and girls hair should be of a reasonable style and accessories kept to a minimum and blue in colour.

Please make sure that any adjustments needed with both uniform and hairstyles are rectified by Monday.

PE & SWIMMING

PE and swimming lessons are part of the National curriculum and are both fundamental for your child's development! Please parents and carers, we ask that you make sure your child has everything he/she needs to participate in the lesson!

PE & SWIM KITS

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

PE kit

White plain t-shirt, black joggers, black plimsolls (Yr1 to Yr4) / black trainers (Yr5 & Yr6)

SWIM kit

One-piece swimsuit for girls, swim trunks for boys, swim cap and TOWEL



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!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

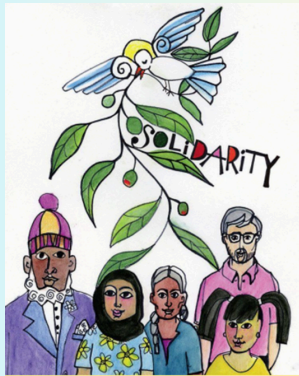
Year 2 - Daniel

Year 3 - Mason & Millie - Rose

Year 4 - Amilia & Matthew

Year 5 - Hannah

Year 6 - Ethan & Angel



Virtue we live by
CONFIDENCE

I AM CONFIDENT
when

I think positively.

I am willing to try new things.

I believe in myself.

I know I am worthwhile whether I succeed or fail.

I trust that God will support me.

I keep going even when I find things difficult.

We believe in - 'Common Good'
Focus of Year 2

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)

LifeSavers
Helping children manage money wisely

SAVERS CLUB

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

St James the Great Award

'Computing'

Year 1 - Dafne & Kenzo

Year 2 - Harry & Wura

Year 3 - Keira & Mason

Year 4 - Anna & Chidebem

Year 5 - Rufael & Aya

Year 6 - Miserir & Jasmine

Catholic Social Teaching Principal Common Good

Year 1 - Daniela

Year 2 - Chloe

Year 3 - Millie-Rose

Year 4 - Praise-Angel

Year 5 - Sultan

Year 6 - Eghosa

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