



St James the Great Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday 8th May 2026



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that, when he returns to heaven, he will ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to be their helper.

This is not just a historical event. The Holy Spirit is God's loving gift to every believer, helping us understand Jesus' words and reminding us that God is always close to us.

The Holy Spirit is our helper, who guides us to live more like Jesus - to grow in faith and to be filled with the peace and goodness that come from God.

A word from the Saints - "Let the Holy Spirit be your helper and guide: He will not fail to lead you to peace."

Pope St. John Paul II

Upcoming Events

Monday 11th May

Year 6 - BEGINING OF SATs
WEEK

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

Tuesday 12th May

Reception - Parents workshop
9am

Year 2 - SPAG SATs Parents
session 9am Annex

Year 3&4 - Homework club

Thursday 14th May

Nursery - Trip to the Farm

Catholic Social Teaching Principle 'Dignity of Work'

Loving God,
We give thanks to all our
talents. May all people
have the chance to
participate in the
decisions that impact their
own lives and in creating a
just and peaceful society.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Virtue 'Courage'

I have courage.
I am willing to try new
things.

*"Courage!" Jesus said. "It is
I. Do not be afraid!"*

Matthew 14:27



ROSARY

Please parents and carers join
us for the two Wednesday 13th &
20th May at school at 3.25pm for
a decade of Rosary

All welcome!



Confirmation

Congratulations to our young people who
made their confirmation on Friday
evening. They are:

Aimee Ngo
Christina Tambi
Gift Nwah
Joel Bomoni Mbamu
Jennifer Buezo Dosza
Kimsa Vo
Lily Ngo
Leah Mae Marzan Badon
Nazir Etienne
Rebecca Colaco De Alvarenga

YEAR 6

STATUTORY ASSESSMENT TESTS



On Monday, Year 6 will begin four mornings of National Tests as
will all pupils in Year 6 in the country. The children and staff have
been working remarkably hard and we wish them every success.
Please parents and carers ensure the children have a good night
sleep so that they are fully rested and refreshed at the start of
each school day!

It's important the children are on time each day, please allow
enough time in the mornings for them to get ready and to make
their way to school.



Story telling session with Anne



Guardian Angels

A big thank you to Awele and Jason, our wonderful Guardian Angels in Nursery this week, who have been incredibly helpful in supporting the children with their learning. Their kindness, encouragement, and support have made a real difference to the children's experiences each day.



PECKHAM CITIZENS



South London citizens

Future Dates
For
St James the Great
Parents Afternoon Tea

6th May 2026
20th May 2026
3rd June 2026
17th June 2026
1st July 2026

Times
2.30pm- 3.30pm
Location School Annex

Put them in your diaries
Hosted by Parents
and
Beverley
(local community organiser)

Year 2



Reception

TUESDAY 12TH MAY 9am
PARENTS WORKSHOP

“EARLY WRITING”

The session will be held in the classroom

26TH-29TH MAY 2026

MAY HOLIDAY CLUB

PACKED WITH FUN

ARTS & CRAFTS OUTDOOR TRIPS SPORTS ACTIVITIES DANCE DRAMA

£15 PER SHORT DAY 10:00 - 15:00
£30 PER LONG DAY 07:30 - 18:00

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TUESDAY 12TH MAY 9am
PARENTS WORKSHOP

“SPAG - SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR”

Session will be held in the Annex

HOLY COMMUNION

St James the Great Church - 45 Elm Grove, Peckham Rye ,
SE15 5DD

Sunday 10th May at the 10am and 12noon

Masses our young people will receive communion for the first time and a new beginning of their pilgrim journey.



REMEMBER

Year 6 Residential Trip - Isle of Wight

Gentle reminder to settle your payments at the office please!

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!

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.

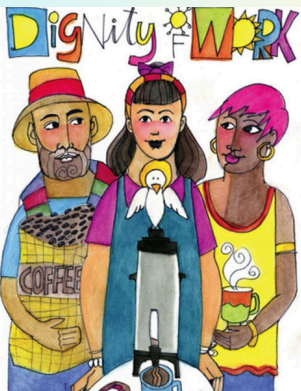
Accurate and up-to-date records are paramount for your child's safety and wellbeing, as they allow us to contact you quickly in case of emergencies and ensure you receive important school communications.

Thank you!

BRASS INSTRUMENTS



**REMINDER FOR
YEAR 5 & YEAR 6
BRASS LESSONS
ARE ON FRIDAYS!
DON'T FORGET
YOUR
INSTRUMENTS!**



Virtue we live by
COURAGE

**I SHOW COURAGE
when**

I ask for help.

I make the right choices.

I stand up for what is right.

I can reflect on the choices I have made.

I am not afraid to fail.

We believe in - 'Dignity of Work & Participation' Focus of Year 6

The dignity of work has been a key principle of Catholic social teaching from the very beginning.

In 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued Rerum Novarum (On Capital and Labour). He shone a light on the injustice and exploitation of workers by the rich during the Industrial Revolution. He advocated for workers to join forces and fight against inhuman conditions.

Since then, Church teaching has upheld the dignity of work and participation.

The human person should always come before the pursuit of profit. Workers have the right to join trade unions, to a just wage, to spend time with their families and to rest. Work is an essential part of our human dignity and everyone has the right to participate.

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

'Science - Observation'

Year 1 - Royce & Efeturi

Year 2 - Daniel O & Ahnilah-Lea

Year 3 - Patrice & RJ

Year 4 - Ebube & Emiliano

Year 5 - Zion & Adeola

Year 6 - Ethan & Inaaya

Catholic Social Teaching Principal 'Dignity of Work & Participation'

Year 1 - Jace

Year 2 - Daniela

Year 3 - Princess

Year 4 - Dafne

Year 5 - Sapphire

Year 6 - Angel

Pupil Leaders 'Lunch Helpers'

**Year 6 - Alex, Angel, Faridah, Jaiden,
Desreen**

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