



# St James the Great Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is telling his Father in heaven that he has now completed what was asked of him. Then, Jesus prays for his friends. This reminds us that Jesus prays for all his friends, which includes us too.

Friendship is one of life's great blessings and Jesus' friendship is also offered to each one of us. When we have good friendships, we can support each other, have fun together, and share our joys and challenges. We can also learn from each other and grow in our faith.

A word from the Saints - "There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship." St. Thomas Aquinas

## Upcoming Events

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Reception, Year 4&5 - visit to Library  
Year 5 & 6 - Homework club

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Nursery - "Talk & Toast" parent session - 9am  
Year 3&4 - Homework club

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Year 4 - Class assembly 3pm  
Reception - Visit to the farm

### Annex

'Parents Afternoon Tea' w/Peckham Citizens 2.30-3.30pm

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

May Procession here at school Just after 9am

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

LAST DAY OF THIS HALF TERM

SCHOOL RESUMES MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE



## ROSARY

Please parents and carers

join us for the two

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at

school at 3.25pm for a decade of Rosary.

May Procession at school

on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May -

shortly after 9am.

All welcome!

## Congratulations to all our Communion children!

We will celebrate our Communion children here at St James School during the month of June



### FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to our 20 beautiful and handsome young people who made their communion this weekend. Parents please be faithful to your commitment and what you learnt in the classes. They are your children. *Sincere thanks to Paula and her colleagues who helped throughout the year.*

Adeola Emmanuel Samson  
Alayna Lucia Musa  
Alex Lazeri  
Amelia Sanchez  
Ayla Babudu  
Celine Chioma Leeatin  
Daniel Osawonamen Imasen  
Dafne Onate Jines  
David Taiwo  
Destiny Sinnah Kamara  
Dylan Daniel Owusu  
Esosa Aliza Oni  
Hope Nwah  
Tiaboua G. J. Zan-BI  
Matthew Miller  
Max Lazeri  
Miguel Kamara Udegor  
Myla Volcy  
Romell Kofi Antwi  
Oluwatimileyin Taiwo  
**Children be faithful to Christ.**

### 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 'Wisdom'

I take time to think about what I must do and ask God and others about it. I help others to make the right choices.

*"Be wise in the way you act; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace so that you may know how to answer everyone."*

Colossians 4:5-6

# YEAR 6

# Year 6 SATs

## STATUTORY ASSESSMENT TESTS

Well done to our Year 6 pupils and staff who gave this week's National tests their very best, great work everyone!



Reception

During the Reception parent session, families were introduced to the BBC's CBeebies Tiny Happy People portal, which offers valuable advice and ideas for supporting young children's development through meaningful interaction and reduced screen time. Parents were also signposted to local support services, including 1st Place Family Hub and Victory Family Hub, which provide a range of family services, including HENRY (Health, Exercise, Nutrition for the Really Young) courses. Parents who attended also received helpful resources to use at home with their children.

Many parents attended the Year 2 SATs preparation session and participated enthusiastically as Ms Reyes guided them through the SATs paper. They asked many thoughtful and relevant questions, showing great commitment to supporting their children's learning at home.

Year 2



PECKHAM  
**CITIZENS**

GET INVOLVED

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)



Nursery Class has been learning all about life on the farm, so they visited a local farm to bring their learning to life through a real-world experience. The children had a wonderful time feeding the animals, discovering different plants, and exploring aromatic herbs through smell. They also learned how potatoes, onions, and strawberries grow. It was a fun, engaging, and memorable experience for all the children!

NURSERY



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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HALF TERM

LAST DAY OF THIS ½ TERM  
**FRIDAY 22nd MAY**

SCHOOL WILL RESUME ON  
**MONDAY 1st JUNE**

# 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!

### 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!

### 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

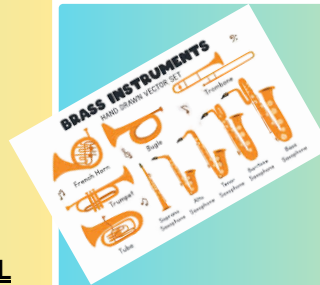
Year 3 & Year 4

##### PE kit

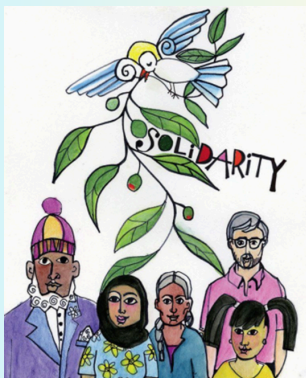
White plain t-shirt, black joggers, black plimsolls (Yr1 to Yr4) / black trainers (Yr5 & Yr6)

##### SWIM kit

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



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



Virtue we live by

**WISDOM**

**I AM WISE when**

I take time to reflect on my actions.

I learn from experiences.

I can decide, based on what I know, what is the best thing to do.

I make the most of my gifts and talents.

I can help others make the right choices.

#### **We believe in - 'Solidarity' Focus of Year 3**

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.

# 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**

#### **'Writing'**

- Year 1 - Chidera E & Lisa
- Year 2 - Eilaf & Elliott
- Year 3 - Daniel & Miah
- Year 4 - Eleghosa & Alex
- Year 5 - Yemariam & Hope
- Year 6 - Amelia & Daniel

#### **Catholic Social Teaching Principal 'Solidarity'**

- Year 1 - Zavier
- Year 2 - Lateefat
- Year 3 - Gisela
- Year 4 - Hayley
- Year 5 - Chi
- Year 6 - Desereen

#### **Pupil Leaders 'Librarians'**

Year 5 - Hannah & Aya

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