



# St James the Great Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026



This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of two great Saints who helped to share faith throughout the world, St Peter and St Paul. In this week's Gospel, Peter professes his faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus then gives Peter the important task of leading the Church - a duty which is now undertaken by Pope Leo XIV, the current successor of St Peter. Helping our children to grow in faith, to know and to love God, is one of the greatest gifts we can give them. Faith in God transforms how we see the world and helps us to keep growing in our love for each other too.

A word from the Saints - "Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." - St Augustine of Hippo

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Year 6 - Back from the Isle of Wight residential trip

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Reception - visit to the library

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Nursery - Uniform sale 2.30pm for September 26

Year 5 - Sailing

Year 4 - Cricket Burgess Park 5pm to 6pm

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Year 3 - Greenwich Museum

Year 5 - Secondary school transfer meeting - 3pm tp 3.30pm

Annex

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

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Year 5 - Sailing

Year 1 - Multisports club - 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Sports Day

## Catholic Social Teaching Principle 'Dignity of Work'

Loving God,

We give thanks for your gift of creation.

May we be good stewards of the earth's resources and always remember the link between our environment and poverty.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

**Virtue**  
**'Service'**

I look for ways to help others without being asked.

I give my time to serve willingly.

I encourage others to use their gifts to serve.

By serving others I share God's love.

*"Each of you should use the gifts God has given you to serve others."*

1 Peter 4:10

## Feast of Saints Peter and Paul - 29 June

May the example of Saints Peter and Paul inspire us to live our faith with courage, hope and love.



### Why do Saint Peter and Paul share a feast day?

Although they were martyred on different days, the Church honours them together because of their shared witness to Christ and the vital role they played in spreading the Gospel.

As St Augustine of Hippo beautifully said:

*"Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood."*

## Year 6 left for the Isle of Wight on Friday morning.

We ask everyone to keep them in your prayers.

Parents please remember pick up is Sunday 28th June 4pm at Waterloo station.

Please make sure you are at the station at 3.45pm and wait under the clock!



## Welcome to Reception



On Wednesday afternoon, we were delighted to welcome the families of our new Reception class starting in September 2026. We had a fantastic turnout, and it was lovely to see so many parents and carers engaging with the event.

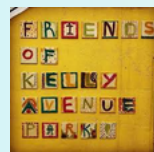
Families had the opportunity to sample our school lunches, meet some of the staff, and ask questions about their child's transition into Reception.

This will be followed by a lovely Stay and Play session next Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June for children who are new to the school - a wonderful chance for them to begin settling in and exploring their new environment.

## Friends of Kelly Avenue Park

Friends of Kelly Avenue Park is a community group in Peckham dedicated to keeping Kelly Avenue Park and its surrounding area safe, welcoming, and vibrant for local residents. Since forming in 2016 with support from Citizens UK, the group has successfully campaigned to reopen the park's community centre, which reopened in January 2020.

Today, the group focuses on maintaining the park as a thriving community hub through annual fun days, children's art workshops, park improvements, and monthly volunteer clean-up sessions. New members, volunteers, and community partners are always welcome to get involved.



LET'S SUPPORT OUR  
COMMUNITY!

SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE



## PARENTS - MEET A LINK WORKER

Join us for a friendly afternoon tea to meet our Link Worker and learn how they can support you and your family.

WHAT DOES A LINK WORKER DO?

PARENTS AFTERNOON TEA ON  
**JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
FROM 2:30 - 3:30 PM  
POP BY THE ANNEX AT  
ST. JAMES THE GREAT  
FOR SOME GUIDANCE

Link workers connect families to services, activities, social groups and any advice/guidance services.



We look forward to seeing you!

South London  
**citizens**

✦ Parish website: [www.stjamesthegreatpeckham.org](http://www.stjamesthegreatpeckham.org)

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY - 3pm TO 3.30pm**  
Year 5 - Secondary school transfer meeting

**THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY**  
Sports Day



**FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY**  
Year 6 - Culture Day

**TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JULY**  
End of Year reports will be sent home

**WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY**  
Parents open morning & afternoon

**FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JULY - from 3.30pm**  
Big Bash - End of Year celebration - all welcome!

**TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY**  
Year 6 - Prom - 4.15pm to 5.45pm

### Year 5 Sailing Reminder

Due to this week's sailing session being cancelled because of the extreme hot weather, Year 5 will have an additional sailing session next week.

Please note that sailing will take place on:

**Tuesday 30 June** (additional session)

**Thursday 2 July** (regular session)

Please ensure your child comes prepared with everything they need for both sessions.



### Year 5

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY**  
**FROM 3PM TO 3.30PM**

**'SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER' MEETING**

### **CALLING ALL YEAR 4's!**

A great community opportunity to have fun in the park and to use the skills that the children learned back in January.

**PECKHAM PIRANHAS**  
**CRICKET**  
BURGESS PARK,  
COBOURG ROAD,  
PECKHAM,  
SE5 0JD

**OUTDOOR COMMUNITY SESSIONS**  
TUESDAYS 5.00pm-6.00pm  
9th June until 21st July 2026 (8 weeks)

- All sessions are free to students from Peckham Primary Schools
- Open to boys and girls
- Level 2 qualified & DBS checked coaches
- Opportunities to take part in competitive matches

Please contact Matt Golding (Hub Supervisor) to confirm your place:  
07340 488 629  
matthew.golding@platform-ldn.org  
www.platform-LDN.org

**PLATFORM CRICKET**

### **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!



**SPORTS DAY**

**THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY**

**CHILDREN ONLY!**



**We believe in - 'STEWARDSHIP'**  
**Focus of Year 5**

Virtue we live by  
**SERVICE**

**I AM SERVING**  
when

I think of the needs of others and how I can help.

I am willing to give my time to serve others.

I know there are different ways to serve.

I bring joy to myself and others.

I discover my own gifts.

I am enthusiastic when I help.

In the first pages of the Bible we read how God created the sun and the stars, the water and earth, and every creature.

We believe Christ is the redeemer of all creation.

In 2015, Pope Francis brought together decades of Church teaching in the encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. In this deeply influential letter, Pope Francis invites everyone on the planet to consider how our actions are affecting the earth and the poorest people.

Everything is interconnected, and all of creation praises God.  
It is our Christian vocation to care for creation.

### **PARISH DAY**

**Sunday 12th July 2026**  
**One Mass on Saturday evening and one Mass on the Sunday at 11am.**

### **OUR PARISH**

**Mass Times.**  
Just a reminder of our new Mass times.  
**Starting on the 26th July we will have only two masses on Sunday at 10 and 12.**

### **St James the Great Award** **'Art'**

**Year 1 - Sofie & Starr**  
**Year 2 - Nana & Kayode**  
**Year 3 - Reynard & Jamie**  
**Year 4 - Hayley & Gabriel**  
**Year 5 - Sultan & Sapphire**  
**Year 6 - Kingston & Jaiden**

### **'Catholic Social Teaching Principal'** **'Stewardship'**

**Year 1 - Esther**  
**Year 2 - Minahil**  
**Year 3 - Sariyah**  
**Year 4 - Larelle**  
**Year 5 - Raffaele**  
**Year 6 - Amelia**

### **Guardian Angels**

**Year 5 - Chi & Hannah**

**Pupil Leaders - Lunhtime Helpers**

**Year 6 - Amelia & Kingston**

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