



# St James the Great Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

*"O Sacred Heart of Jesus  
I place all my trust in thee"*



This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that Jesus came to establish a kingdom - God's kingdom. Jesus was concerned about his people. He wanted to bring to them the kingdom of his Father, so he set out to heal them and to bring them the peace of God, and he sent out his disciples to do the same. Today, the Church continues Jesus' work and invites everyone to enter into God's kingdom - to make present God's blessing of peace and healing.

**A word from the Saints - "Where Christ is, there is the kingdom of God." - St Ambrose**

## Upcoming Events

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June

Reception - visit to the library  
Year 4 - visit to the British Museum

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Year 6 - King's College Scholars visit in school  
Year 4 - Cricket Burgess Park  
5pm to 6pm

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

Year 6 - Parents meeting Isle of Wight trip 9am

Benediction in school 2.45pm

### Annex

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

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June

Year 5 - Sailing starts  
Year 1 - Multisports club -  
3.30pm to 4.30pm  
Year 4 - Cricket Festival in Burgess Park



**SOUTHBANK CENTRE**



Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic day at the Southbank Centre taking part in 'Tonic Flow' alongside children from schools across Lambeth and Southwark. The pupils spent the day learning and rehearsing songs, working with talented musicians and vocal leaders before performing together as part of a special outdoor music installation. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their confidence, teamwork and musical skills while celebrating creativity through music.



## Catholic Social Teaching Principle 'Common Good'

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



## Congratulations Josiah!

We are delighted to share that Josiah - Year 2 - achieved an outstanding result at the London Youth Games BMX competition, representing Southwark Borough. Competing in his first year of BMX racing, Josiah rode brilliantly and finished 3rd place in his final, earning a bronze medal. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to Josiah's hard work, determination and dedication to the sport since he first started riding at the age of four. We are incredibly proud of his success and the way he represented both Southwark and our school.

Josiah and his family would like to thank the school community, his classmates, parents and staff for all of the support, encouragement and well wishes leading up to the competition.

Congratulations, Josiah, on your bronze medal - what an amazing accomplishment!

We look forward to hearing about your future BMX successes.



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

**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**  
Big Bash - End of Year celebration - all welcome!

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



### Reception visit to the Horniman Museum



### Benediction Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June



We will be celebrating Benediction in school. Children who have recently received their First Holy Communion are warmly invited to bring their Communion outfit to school with them. They will have the opportunity to change into their outfit before the Benediction service.

**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:

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**Year 6 Residential Trip**  
**- Isle of Wight**  
**WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**JUNE - 9AM**  
**INFORMATION**  
**PARENTS MEETING**



If you recognise these glasses please come to the school office for collection (BLUE SPECSAVERS CASE)



#### THE BIG FUTURE SURVEY

The Children's Commissioner for England is inviting children and young people to take part in *The Big Future Survey*. This is an opportunity for children to share their views, experiences, hopes, and ideas for the future, helping to shape decisions that affect young people across the country.

Parents & carers can find out more and complete the survey with their children by visiting

[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture)



### St James the Great Award

**'RE'**

- Year 1 - Zavier & Jayce
- Year 2 - Josiah & Chloe
- Year 3 - Reynard & Brinatu
- Year 4 - Amira & Praise-Angel
- Year 5 - Awele & Joshua
- Year 6 - Anabelle & Yoel

### 'Catholic Social Teaching Principal' 'Common Good'

- Year 1 - Daniella
- Year 2 - Eilaf
- Year 3 - Santiago
- Year 4 - Jerome
- Year 5 - Chukwada
- Year 6 - Eghosa

### 'Pupil Leaders' 'Reading Buddies'

Year 5 - Aya & Ralph

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

### 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)*

### 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.