



St James the Great Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday 19th June 2026



In this Sunday Gospel, Jesus is sending out his disciples to heal and to preach the good news. Even if they are met with hostility and persecution, they must be true to Jesus.

Jesus himself was fearless in proclaiming truth and exposing falsehood. Now his disciples must courageously do the same. Most of us require courage at some point in our lives, so it's good and helpful to nurture courage in our children. As our children mature, it's essential for them to be brave and have the courage to say 'no' when necessary, even if it means going against the crowd or speaking up the truth.

A word from the Saints - "To have courage for whatever comes in life - everything lies in that." - St Teresa of Avila

Upcoming Events

Monday 22nd June

Nurse - visit to the library

Tuesday 23rd June

Reception - Parents session 9am

Year 4 - Cricket Burgess Park 5pm to 6pm

Wednesday 24th June

Year 2, 4 & 5 - Story telling with Anne

Thursday 25th June

Year 5 - Sailing
Year 1 - Multisports club - 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Friday 26th to Sunday 28th June

Year 6 - Isle of Wight residential trip

Benediction in honour of The Sacred Heart of Jesus: First communion children from all parishes, with some having their very special day in the next few weeks.



Catholic Social Teaching Principle 'Dignity of Work'

Loving God,
We give thanks for 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



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.

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



WHAT DOES A LINK WORKER DO?



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

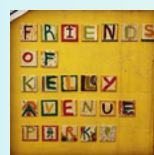
We look forward to seeing you!

South London
citizens

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 27TH JUNE



WEDNESDAY 1st JULY - 3pm TO 3.30pm
Year 5 - Secondary school transfer meeting

THURSDAY 2ND JULY
Sports Day

FRIDAY 3RD JULY
Year 6 - Culture Day

TUESDAY 7th JULY
End of Year reports will be sent home

WEDNESDAY 8th JULY
Parents open morning & afternoon

FRIDAY 10th JULY - from 3.30pm
Big Bash - End of Year celebration - all welcome!

TUESDAY 14th JULY
Year 6 - Prom - 4.15pm to 5.45pm



Year 5 began their sailing course this week!

Well done everyone!



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
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

BURGESS PARK, COBBOURG ROAD, PECKHAM, SE5 0JD

Please contact Matt Golding (Hub Supervisor) to confirm your place:
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PLATFORM CRICKET

Gentle Reminder

Please Don't forget to pay the Family fund



Sailor of the week Sultan



Dignity WORK



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'
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.

RECEPTION IMPORTANT!

Tuesday 23rd June - 9am
Parent session
Transfer to Year 1

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

'Writing'

- Year 1 - Lisa & Mary
- Year 2 - Elliott & Daniela
- Year 3 - Princess & Santiago
- Year 4 - Ana & Amira
- Year 5 - Korede & Yemaryam
- Year 6 - April & Kingston

'Catholic Social Teaching Principal'
'Dignity of Work'

- Year 1 - Brandon
- Year 2 - Zariah
- Year 3 - Michelle
- Year 4 - Nimona
- Year 5 - David
- Year 6 - Elmer

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