



St James the Great Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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

Friday 18th September 2026



In this Sunday Gospel, Jesus uses the images of workers and a vineyard to show us something about the Kingdom of Heaven and God's generosity. God's ways are not our ways. At first, it may appear unfair that the workers who started early were only paid the same as those who arrived late. But, on reflection, we see that not only was the landowner being fair by paying what had been agreed, he was being overly generous through rewarding everyone equally. God's generosity is unlimited and offered to each one of us.

St Ignatius - Prayer for Generosity - "Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous - to give and not to count the cost."

Upcoming Events

Monday 21st Sept

Nursery - Library

Tuesday 22nd Sept

Reception - Parent session 9AM

Wednesday 23rd Sept

Peckham Citizen Parent session - Annex

After School Activities

THURSDAYS

Year 3 - Multisports Club

Catholic Social Teaching Principal

'Dignity of Work & Participation'

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

'Respect & Courtesy'

I am respectful.
I treat others as I would like to
be treated.
I show courtesy to everyone as
we are all made in God's
image and likeness.

*"So in everything, do to others
what you would have them do
to you."*

Matthew 7:12

THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL

We had another successful and productive week at St James the Great! Well done to all the children for a beautiful start of this academic year and a big thank you to all the Teacher's, TA's and Nursery Nurses who work really hard to support our children!

STORY TELLING WITH ANNE

Nursery,
Reception
&
Year 5





A quick reminder that children and young people can take part in 'The Big Future', a national survey from the Children's Commissioner for England.

The survey gives children the opportunity to share their views, experiences and hopes for the future.

If your child has not yet taken part, you can complete the survey visiting:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-future/>

Every child's voice matters!



RECEPTION CLASS

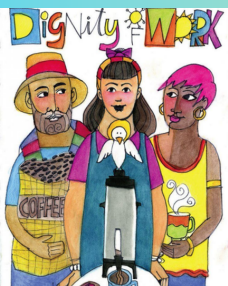


PARENTS SESSION

TUESDAY 22ND SEPT AT 9AM

'THE IMPORTANCE OF ORACY'

We look forward to see you all!



Virtue we live by
RESPECT & COURTESY
I AM RESPECTFUL AND COURTEOUS
when

I respect myself and know I deserve respect from others.

I treat everyone how I would like to be treated.

I use good manners.

I respect and follow school and classroom rules.

I speak politely to everyone.

I listen to others.

I praise others for their good conduct.

I respect and look after my own and other people's belongings.

We believe in 'Dignity of Work & Participation'

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.

Ms Nanu and Sian have been talking with our EYFS parents about the importance of language development in the early years. During the 'Meet the Teacher' session on Tuesday, Ms Nanu shared how we support children's language development in Nursery through everyday activities and interactions, using pictures to give parents an insight into the children's experiences.



Parents were also given a free book to enjoy reading with their child, along with helpful tips and ideas to support language development at home.

Information was also provided about where families can access further support through Sunshine House if they have any concerns about their child's speech and language development.



FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM

Families who are eligible for Free School Meals can access free, brand-new school uniform, including shirts, polo shirts, trousers, and shorts while stocks last.

Uniform will be available at drop-in sessions at:

Ann Bernadt Centre

29 Chandler Way, London SE15 6DT

Dates: Tuesday 22, Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 September

Time: 10am-1pm

No appointment or referral is needed, and you do not need to bring anything with you. Each child can receive up to 2 of each item, subject to availability.

For more information and the latest updates, please visit:

[Southwark Council - Free School Uniform](#)

Please note: Our school's jumpers, blazers, skirts and ties are unique to St James the Great Catholic Primary School and therefore still need to be purchased directly from the school. The free uniform offer does not include these items.



PE & SWIM KITS

Thursdays - PE kit

Year 1 to Year 6

PE kit

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

Fridays Dance lessons - PE kit

Year 3 to Year 6

SWIM kit

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

Fridays - SWIM kit

Year 3 & Year 4

TOWEL

St James the Great Award

'Art'

Year 1 - Sophia & Joanna

Year 2 - Daniel & Mary

Year 3 - Joshua A & Nana

Year 4 - Matthew & Michelle

Year 5 - Larelle & Amira

Year 6 - Yemaryam & Hannah

Catholic Social Teaching Principal 'Dignity of Work & Participation'

Year 1 - Leo

Year 2 - Jasmine

Year 3 - Chidera

Year 4 - Santiago

Year 5 - Alex

Year 6 - Patrick

Pupil Leadership 'Lunchtime Helpers'

Year 6 - Korede, Aya, Sapphire & Sultan

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