



St James the Great Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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

Friday 2nd October 2026



In this Sunday Gospel, the servants represent God's messengers - the Prophets - and the tenants of the vineyard represent the leaders of Israel at that time. Jesus told his story because some of the leaders were not listening to God's messengers.

In many ways we are like the 'tenants' in this world. The messengers that God sends today remind us that God has a plan for our lives. We are created for everlasting life and, for now, we are here to share, enjoy and develop what God gives to us in this life.

St Paul - "Let the message of Christ live in you."

Upcoming Events

Monday 5th October

Nursery - Library

Tuesday 6th October

Reception - Local walk

Year 6 - Parents

morning 9am - Annex

Reception - Open Day -

new intake Sept 2027

Year 4 - Local walk

Wednesday 30th Sept

Peckham Citizens

Parent session - Annex

After School Activities

THURSDAYS

Year 3 - Multisports Club

Catholic Social Teaching
Principal

'The Common Good'

Loving God,
May we always remember that by
serving people living in poverty, we
are loving and serving you.

Give us the wisdom to see the
structures which create poverty
and the passion to make a change

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Virtue

'Hope'

I trust that God's love has no
end and that He is at work in my
life and in the world.

*"Those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength. They
will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow
weary, they will walk and not
be faint."*

Isaiah 40:31

THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL

Unicorn Theatre Visit – KS2

Unfortunately, this week's planned visit to the Unicorn Theatre for our KS2 classes had to be cancelled.

Please rest assured that we are working to rearrange the visit for another date. We kindly ask you to bear with us while this is organised, and we will share the new date with families as soon as it is confirmed.

Thank you for your understanding.

Year 2 trip to the South London Gallery



**SOUTH
LONDON
GALLERY**



October the Month of the Rosary

Parents & Carers Please
join us in reciting one
decade of the Holy
Rosary each Wednesday
of October at 3.25pm at
the school playground
entrance. This is just as
the children line up
ready for collection at
the end of the day. Our
prayer will be for Peace.



**Year 5 and Year 6
pupils: Altar Serving**

A great way to be involved with the parish community - practise for all children existing servers and new Saturday 2pm at our church, St James the Great in Elm Grove.



Timetable Rockstars

Re starting on Monday 5th October with the first of this year's competitions. Please be ready to take part.



First Communion Class

Reminder (Year 3 children)
Come along to the 10:00am Mass on Sunday and get signed up with Ms Agnieszka

**TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER - PARENTS EVENING
from 3:40pm to 5:55pm**



Booking system

Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th October
SIBLINGS ONLY
please call the office between 10am & 2.30pm



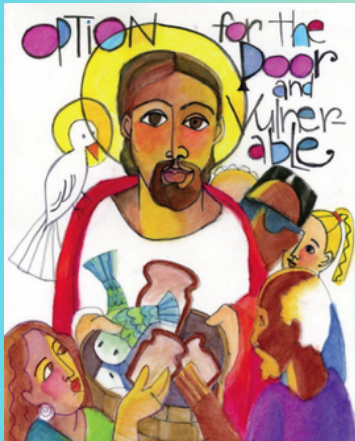
From Thursday 8th October
EVERYBODY ELSE
please call the office between 10am & 2.30pm

Alternately come directly to the office to book.

NURSERY: Please speak directly to Ms Nanu to book.

PAYMENTS – HELPING US GO CASHLESS

A reminder that payments for school uniform, Breakfast Club, Nursery fees, and Family Fund can be made by card at the school office. As we continue to work towards becoming a cashless school, we kindly ask parents and carers to use card payments wherever possible. For class activities, where a contribution is requested, please give this directly to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your cooperation and support.



Virtue we live by
HOPE
I AM HOPEFUL
when

I believe and trust that God will not give up on me.

I am positive about the future.

I don't give up on myself.

I have hopes and dreams that we can all work for a better world.

I pray to God placing my life in his hands.

I know God has a plan for me.

We believe in 'Options for the Poor'

The option for the poor reminds us of God's preferential love for the poorest and most vulnerable people.

God's love is universal.

He does not side with oppressors, but loves the humble.

"The spirit of the Lord is on me, for he has anointed me to bring the good news to the afflicted. He has sent me... to let the oppressed go free."

Luke 4:18

St James the Great Award

'Maths'

Year 1 - Zavell & Jael
Year 2 - Chisom & Starr
Year 3 - Soliyana & Taiwo
Year 4 - Daniel & Princess
Year 5 - Luke & Gabriel
Year 6 - Yemaryam & Jason

**Catholic Social Teaching Principal
'Options for the Poor'**

Year 1 - Sophia
Year 2 - Eliab
Year 3 - Lateefat
Year 4 - RJ
Year 5 - Isreal
Year 6 - Hannah

**Pupil Leadership
'School Council'**

Year 6 - Sapphire
Year 5 - Elnathan & Larelle
Year 4 - Patrice & Alayana
Year 3 - Daniel & Chidera
Year 2 - Xavier & Efeturi
Year 1 - Jael & Darasimi

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

500 Words Competition

Next week we will be sending out information about the BBC 500 Words competition, this is a great way to encourage children's writing and just as a small bit of encouragement, in the past we've even managed to get a trip to Buckingham Palace to meet the Queen because of it....so who knows what might happen when you give it a try!!!

