



St James the Great Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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

Friday 9th October 2026



Throughout the Bible the joyful images of weddings are often used to describe how much God loves us. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus was thinking of the Chose People, the people of Israel, but many of their leaders did not respond to God's invitation when Jesus came.

God's invitation is not just for certain people but for all of us, regardless of our past or present situation. God's banquet starts here on earth and continues right into Heaven.

St John Paul II - "The Gospel is an invitation to the fullness of life."

Upcoming Events

Monday 12th October

Reception - Library
Portrait & Siblings Photos

Tuesday 13th October

Reception - Parent session
9am

PARENTS EVENING

Wednesday 14th Sept

Nursery - Kelly Avenue
walk

EYFS & Y5 - Story Telling
Session

After School Activities

THURSDAYS

Year 3 - Multisports Club

THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL

SAFEGUARDING

Please **DO NOT** collect other parents' children without letting the class teacher know.

The end of the day can be very busy but it is important that we know who the children are leaving school with.

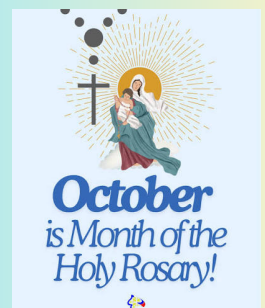
NURSERY

LIBRARY VISIT



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.



Catholic Social Teaching Principal

'Solidarity'

Loving God,
Help us to see the suffering of others and build up a world of love and solidarity.

As we go about our day and strive to walk with Jesus as people in solidarity, may we be reminded that we are the love of Christ, who is with us always.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Virtue

'Generosity'

I am generous.
I think of others and notice when they need help.

"You should give what you have decided to give, not grudgingly or because you are made to, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER
PORTRAITS & SIBLING

PHOTOS DAY

A reminder that Monday is individual portraits and sibling photo day! Please ensure all pupils come to school wearing their full school uniform and looking as wonderful as always, ready for their big smiles!



Timetable Rockstars

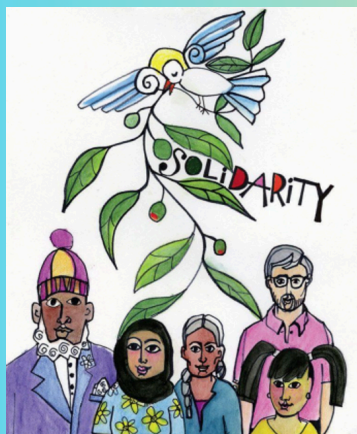
Re starting on Monday 5th October with the first of this year's competitions. Please be ready to take part.



TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER
RECEPTION CLASS
PHONICS PARENT SESSION
9AM

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
GENEROSITY
I AM GENEROUS
when

I notice when someone needs help.
I think of others before myself.
I give freely without need of reward.
I give more than what is expected.
I am willing to make sacrifices for other.

We believe in 'Solidarity'

Solidarity arises when we remember that we belong to each other.

We reflect on this in a special way at Mass.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognise Christ in the poorest."

Solidarity spurs us to stand side by side with our sisters and brothers, especially those living in poverty.



BBC 500 Words Competition
Deadline Friday 23rd October!
Calling all young writers!

Following last week's announcement, we are encouraging children to get creative and take part in the BBC 500 Words Competition! Please make sure your child brings their story entry into school by Friday 23rd October. We can't wait to read their wonderful stories! Who knows where their imagination might take them!

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.

Lost and Misplaced Uniform

With the unseasonably warm September weather, children have often been taking off their lovely new jumpers during the school day. As a result, we have had a few items go missing or accidentally go home with the wrong child.

Please could we ask all parents and carers to check their child's uniform, particularly the labels on jumpers, to make sure they have the correct items.

Please also remember to clearly label all uniform with your child's name, as this makes it much easier for us to return any lost items to their owner.

Thank you for your help!

St James the Great Award

'History'

Year 1 - Kendrick & William
Year 2 - Royce & Daniella
Year 3 - Taiwo & Karla
Year 4 - Emily & Elnathan
Year 5 - Alayna & Samuel
Year 6 - Banki & Raffaele

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'Solidarity'

Year 1 - Chigozie
Year 2 - Kenechu
Year 3 - Soliyana
Year 4 - Jeremy
Year 5 - Millie-Rose
Year 6 - Anthony

Pupil Leadership
'Catholic Life Committee'

Year 6 - Destiny & Hannah
Year 5 - David & Praise-Angel
Year 4 - Hesed & RJ
Year 3 - Noel M & Kehinde
Year 2 - Jayce & Daphne

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