St James the Great Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday 23rd October 2026



Some of the leaders gathered together. One of the leaders was an expert in the law and asked Jesus a question to try and catch him out. "Teacher," he said, "which is the greatest commandment in God's Law?" Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and the first commandment. But there is a second commandment like it, that is: 'You must love your neighbour as yourself.' All the teaching of the Law and the Prophets follows from these two commandments."

From the Gospel of Matthew 22:34-40

Upcoming Events

Monday 2nd November
Reception - Library

Wednesday 4th November
Y4,5&6 - Mountview workshop

PECKHAM CITIZENS PARENTS SESSION - ANNEX

After School Activities

THURSDAYS
Year 6 - Multisports Club **STARTING THU 5TH NOVEMBER**

Catholic Social Teaching Principal

'Dignity'

Loving God,
We believe that every person is created in your image and that all life is sacred.
May we work to end poverty and injustice so all people can live life in dignity.
Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Virtue
'Prayer'

I grow in friendship with God through prayer.

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."
Jeremiah 29:12

THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease – Reminder to Parents

We would like to remind parents that hand, foot and mouth disease is currently circulating. Please check your child for symptoms, including a high temperature, sore throat, mouth ulcers and a rash or blisters on the hands and feet.
If your child is unwell, please consult your GP and remember to contact the school office to report your child's absence.
We kindly ask parents to remain vigilant and encourage regular handwashing to help prevent the spread of infection.
Thank you.

St James the Great Church – 45 Elm Grove, Peckham Rye

October month of the Rosary at 9:30 am every weekday and at 9:30 am Sundays at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

THE MANNA SOCIETY

HELPING WITH THE HARVEST

Thank you for helping us make this year's Harvest Collection another success!



Year 6 Multisports Club

Our Year 6 Multisports Club will begin on Thursday 5th November and will run every Thursday until the Christmas break.

The club will finish at 4:30pm. As it will be dark by this time, we kindly remind parents that all children must be collected by an adult and will not be permitted to walk home alone.



LAST DAY OF THIS HALF TERM IS TODAY FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER PICK UP AT 3.30PM

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR ONE WEEK.

BACK TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER



Year 6 Secondary School Application

A gentle reminder to parents that the deadline for your secondary school application is fast approaching.
31st October 2026
It is an online process, please use the link below:
https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/



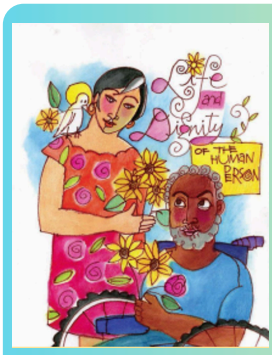












Virtue we live by
PRAYER
I AM PRAYFUL
when

I spend time with God.
I listen to God.
I rest in His presence.
I tell God I love Him.
I grow in friendship with God.
I pray from the heart.

We believe in 'Dignity'

We believe every human person is made in the image and likeness of God.
This is a gift that we all share as fellow human beings; we are all infinitely loved by our Creator.
God is present in every human person, regardless of religion, culture, nationality, orientation or economic standing.
Each one of us is unique and beautiful. We are called to treat every person and every creature with loving respect.







The Southwark Junior Citizenship Scheme is a vital program for Year 6 pupils in Southwark, aimed at preparing them for the challenges of secondary school. The scheme includes workshops with local agencies such as TfL Citizens, London Fire Brigade, Metropolitan Police Service, Southwark Council Road Safety Team, and Money Ready.

CLOCKS GO BACK THIS WEEKEND!

A little reminder that the clocks go back one hour this Sunday, 25th October, at 2am, marking the end of British Summer Time. Don't forget to turn your clocks back and enjoy an extra hour in bed!



FAMILY FUND

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed!
If you haven't yet, please do so at the school office!

St James the Great Award



GOLD STAR

Year 1 - Leo
Year 2 - Eliab
Year 3 - Joyce
Year 4 - Reynard
Year 5 - Jerome
Year 6 - Korede

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