St James the Great Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday 6th November 2026



Jesus said, "The Kingdom of Heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lapms and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The sensible girls took extra oil so they would be able to fill their lapms, but the foolish ones did not. The bridegroom was late, and they fell asleep. When the bridegroom arrived, they woke up and the wise bridemaids refilled and lit their lamps and went to the wedding hall with the bridegroom, and the door was closed. But the lamps of the other bridemaids were almost empty, so they went off and try and get some more oil. They arrived much later but couldn't get in to the wedding because the door was already locked."

Upcoming Events

Monday 6th November
Nursery - Library
Year 4 - South London Gallery

Wednesday 11th November
Y5&EYFS - Story telling

Thursday 12th November

Heights and weights

Friday 13th November
Y4,5&6 - Mountview Theatre

After School Activities

THURSDAYS
Year 6 - Multisports Club
Children MUST be picked up by an adult at 4.30pm

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

Welcome back!

We hope everyone had a wonderful and restful break. It's great to see our pupils return full of energy and ready for an exciting new half term of learning, creativity, and fun as we head towards the festive season!



Harvest Collection – Thank You!

A big thank you to all our families who generously contributed to our Harvest Collection for the Manna Centre. The donations have now been received, and the Centre has sent a lovely message of thanks to our school community. Your kindness and generosity will make a real difference to those in need.

"Many thanks to St James the Great Catholic Primary for your Harvest Festival gifts once again this year. The food that we have received will be used throughout the next twelve months to provide meals to some of the most disadvantaged members of our society.
The work we do here is a practical and compassionate response to poverty and homelessness. Without the continuing generosity of our supporters, we would be unable to continue our work. "

Mountview 'Frozen' Workshop

This week, we were delighted to welcome visitors from Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts in Peckham, who delivered a special workshop inspired by Disney's Frozen. The children had a wonderful opportunity to explore the magical world of musical theatre, using their creativity and imagination. A big thank you to the Mountview team for bringing a little Frozen magic to our school!









Parish website:www.stjamesthegreatpeckham.org

Year 4 Residential Trip – Stubbers

We are looking forward to our upcoming Year 4 residential trip to Stubbers! Instalment letters have been sent home, and we would like to thank all parents who have already made their payments. A gentle reminder that the next instalment is due on Monday 9th November.
Thank you!



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.

REQUESTING A LETTER FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Please parents and carers note that if you need a letter confirming your child attends our school we will need you to request this to us in writing, confirming the details below:

- **For whom the letter is for (Home office,**
- **council etc.)**
- **Child's full name, date of birth & what class**
- **they are in**
- **If you'd like both parents names or not (full**
- **name/names need to be specified)**
- **Confirmation of home address**

Allow 48hours for the letter to be ready and please note that a reasonable administrative charge will be asked.

FAMILY FUND

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

Let's Support Josiah!

Josiah is currently competing in the London Winter BMX Series, which consists of six rounds. He has stepped up a level and is now racing against 9–10-year-olds! Round 2 will take place this Sunday 8th November at Burgess Park BMX Track, at approximately 11:30am. It would be lovely to see some familiar faces cheering him on from the sidelines! Round 3 will take place at Brixton BMX Track in Brockwell Park.

We wish Josiah the very best of luck!



Poppies

On sale after school.

Remembrance Weekend

We often take for granted the freedom that we enjoy in our country.
Freedom comes at a cost and next Wednesday at 11am, on the 11th day of the 11th month there will be a two minute silence of respect.
It is Armistice Day.
On Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday – we remember again all those men and women who sacrificed their lives in two world wars and subsequent conflicts for the good of our country and the preservation of freedom.

St James the Great Award

The Achievement this week is class based. The children noted below have returned to school wiling and eager to get off to a flying start!

'Class Based'

Year 1 – Liam & Sophia
Year 2 – Kenzo & Chisom
Year 3 – Lateefat & Taiwo
Year 4 – Aseeda & Miguel
Year 5 – Gabriel & Praise
Year 6 – Sultan & Joseph

Pupil Leaders

'Register Monitors'

Year 6 – Emma & Aryana

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