St James the Great Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday 13th November 2026

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us to use our talents well. When Jesus told this parable, the 'talent' he was speaking about was a sum of money - a weight of silver or gold. In our time, the word 'talent' describes the special qualities or abilities which people have.

The marvellous thing about human beings is that everyone has a special talent, something unique, which only that person can contribute to the world. If we think of the talents which people around us have, instead of thinking of their faults, it helps to make the world a more joyful and encouraging place.

Upcoming Events

Monday 16th November

Reception - Library

Year 5 - South London Gallery

Tuesday 17th November

Reception - 9am parent session

Wednesday 18th November

Reception&Nursery - Open Day

Nursery - visit to our Parish

Peckham Citizens - Parent session - 2pm to 3pm

After School Activities

THURSDAYS

Year 6 - Multisports Club

Children MUST be picked up by an adult at 4.30pm

Catholic Social Teaching Principal

'Stewardship'

Loving God,
We give thanks for your gift of creation.
May we be good stewards of the earth's resources and always remember the link between our environment and poverty.
Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Virtue

'Thankfulness'

I am grateful for all I have and praise God for all He has given me.

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; His love endures forever."
Psalm 106:1

THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL







Children across the school have been learning about the significance of Remembrance Day and why we take time to remember those who have served, sacrificed and lost their lives in service of our freedom

On Wednesday 11th November at 11am we came together as a school community for a special Remembrance Assembly, taking part in the two-minute silence to reflect and remember. It was a thoughtful and meaningful opportunity for children to consider the importance of peace, gratitude and remembrance.

We are particularly proud to share some of the wonderful artwork produced by the children across the school. These pieces reflect the care, thought and understanding that have gone into this week's learning.

Year 6 have also played an important part in our Remembrance activities by helping to raise funds through the sale of poppies and other Remembrance items. We are very grateful for their efforts and for the generosity of our school community. The collection has been sealed and will be officially counted, after which we will be able to share the total amount raised.

We will remember them.







Parish website:www.stjamesthegreatpeckham.org

Year 4 Residential Trip – Stubbers

We would like to thank all parents who have already made their payments. A gentle reminder that the next instalment is due on Monday 14th December.
Thank you!

Tuesday 17th November Reception Class

'Literacy at home' - Parent session at 9am

Virtue we live by THANKFULNESS

I AM THANKFUL when



I can say thank you to God.
I take time to appreciate the awe and wonder in God's creation.
I show God I am thankful to Him by cherishing the gifts of His creation.
I am thankful for all the gifts in me and around me.
I count my blessings every day and remember to praise God for them.
I know that all I have is a gift from God.

We believe in Stewardship

In the first pages of the Bible we read how God created the sun and the stars, the water and earth, and every creature.

We believe Christ is the redeemer of all creation.
In 2015, Pope Francis brought together decades of Church teaching in the encyclical, Laudato Si'. In this deeply influential letter, Pope Francis invites everyone on the planet to consider how our actions are affecting the earth and the poorest people.
Everything is interconnected, and all of creation praises God.
It is our Christian vocation to care for creation.

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!

Year 6 Residential Trip – Isle of Wight

We are excited about our upcoming Year 6 residential trip to the Isle of Wight!
An initial information meeting for parents will take place on Tuesday 24th November at 8:30am in the school's main hall.
We encourage all Year 6 parents to attend, as we will be sharing important information about the trip and answering any questions you may have.



How we will remember? Book of Remembrance

This will be open for writing the names of loved family members and friends every Friday in November from 8:40 until 8:55.
Adults and children are welcome to come into the school hall for this.
The Book is then presented at the Sunday Mass offertory each week.



St James the Great Award

'PHSE'

Year 1 - Amirah & Ire
Year 2 - Samuel K. & Sophia
Year 3 - Chloe & Aliyah
Year 4 - RJ & Brina
Year 5 - Matthew & Anna
Year 6 - Jason & Aya

'Stewardship'

Year 1 - Charlotte
Year 2 - Chidera E.
Year 3 - Josiah
Year 4 - Keira
Year 5 - Ebube
Year 6 - Emma

Pupil Leaders

'Reading Buddies'

Year 6 - Korede, Hannah, Aya & Yemaryam
Year 5 - Amira & Eliana

'Play Supporters'

Year 4 - Millie-Rose
Year 6 - Marcel

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