



St John's Catholic Primary School

Friday 14th March 2025



Inspired by the account of Jesus' temptation in the desert, assembly this week invited children to explore the Jubilee themes of slavery and freedom through the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



Father in Heaven,

May the faith you have given us,
in your Son Jesus Christ,
and in the the Holy Spirit,
reawaken hope in us.

May your grace transform us
and your glory shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
be with us, as Pilgrims of Hope,
so we may spread the joy and
peace of Jesus throughout the Earth.

To you our God,
be glory and praise forever.

Amen

This term, our school assemblies are all about learning how to care for each other, inspired by Catholic Social Teaching. These teachings help us understand how to treat everyone with kindness and fairness, both nearby and around the world.

This week, our Year 3 class led an assembly on the principle '**Option for the poor and vulnerable**'. This principle is all about looking out for people who need extra help. It reminds us to care for those who have less and make sure they're not left behind. It's about being kind, fair, and making the world a better place by helping those who need it most! The children shared the Gospel of Matthew (25:31-46) to remind us that being kind and helping others is really important to God.

As we continue to explore these teachings this term, let's think about how we can help create a community that lives out these values, making sure that everyone is included, cared for, and treated with kindness. Whether it's sharing with a friend, helping someone who is struggling, or showing kindness to a new person at school, every small act of love makes a big difference.



Each week, a different class will present another principle for us to explore together, click the link to explore further at home:

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/catholic-social-teaching#2wzqiCwEvTiUhz73yW7qCC>



What Brings YOU Hope? - RE Homework Project

This special year, called the Jubilee Year 2025, we are all thinking about being Pilgrims of Hope. A pilgrim is someone who goes on a journey, and a pilgrim of hope is someone who brings love, joy, and faith everywhere they go. But what does it mean to have hope?

Hope is something that helps us believe that good things are coming, even when times are hard. It helps us keep going and trust that God is always with us.

For a special homework project, children were asked to make a poster to show what brings them hope.




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Dear Parent/Carer

Southwark's Easter of Food and Fun, 2025

We are delighted to inform you that this Easter, the council will once again be hosting Southwark's Easter of Food and Fun from **7 April 2025 to 17 April 2025**.

The council is partnering with local holiday club providers, Leisure Centres (Camberwell, Peckham and Elephant and Castle) and the Damilola Taylor Centre to provide an exciting programme for children and young people in our local communities. Free places are available for children between the ages of 4 and 16, who are eligible for free school meals.

The programme aims to give local families access to free, healthy food and fun activities over the Easter holidays. Each programme will provide:

- free, healthy and tasty food
- fun physical activity sessions
- a wide range of other activities to suit different ages and personalities
- opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and families

Details about the programme are available at www.southwark.gov.uk/foodandfun

We encourage you to register your child/children to make sure they have an enjoyable and memorable holiday period. Please visit www.eegu.org/southwarkfoodandfun to book a place.

To book a place at Damilola Taylor Centre, please visit <https://forms.office.com/e/QA1v8J0x6n>.