



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 21st November 2025

Learning together as part of God's family

Time Tables Rock Stars

Y3-6 have done amazingly well this week in the national competition. We came 59th out of 4356 schools and 6th out of the London schools— what an incredible achievement!



Clubs

Please be advised that there will be no more clubs this term and no clubs next term. Parents can book a place at Active Future wraparound care which runs Monday-Friday 3:15-5:45pm

Mrs Downing's SEND Bulletin

Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) Project

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Hall, our Pastoral Lead will soon be a fully trained ELSA support worker at Good Shepherd and will start working with children in December.

ELSA sessions are timetabled for individuals. They will support your child with their self-esteem, friendship skills, resilience, managing emotions and bereavement .

We know children learn better and are happier in school if their emotional needs are met, and that when children's emotional and cognitive energy is focused on their personal and interpersonal difficulties, their capacity to concentrate on learning new information and skills is reduced.

If you think that your child would benefit from this highly recognised and proven programme please come and speak to me.

Be kind and respectful

Nursery and Reception Places

Do you know of any families looking for a place for September or maybe even sooner? If so please ask them to come for a visit and complete a form to apply for a place at Good Shepherd School.

Christmas Bazaar

Come and support the church Christmas bazaar tomorrow 11:00-3:00pm and listen to our choir sing. We'll be singing at the very beginning to welcome everyone and get them in the Christmas spirit.

Clothing Sale

Next week is the last chance to bring in donations for our sale of pre-loved clothes on Thursday 27th November at 2:30pm in the school hall. Items from 50p.

Art Project

A group of children took part in an art project on Tuesday led by an artist. They had great fun working with the artist, David Blandy.



Attendance

Our winning class this week is Year 5 with 99.4% attendance - well done!



Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

Teamwork

Headteacher and Kindness Awards

Well done to the following children who have worked hard, had great behaviour or have shown great kindness and thoughtfulness to others:

Headteacher Award:

R: Aaron, Aidan R,
Y1: Joseph, Year 1,
Y2: Junior, Luis-Levi,
Y3: Isabella, Juewel,
Y4: Ari'ah, Vanessa,
Y5: Ariella, Hosanna,
Y6: Judah, Marvellous,

Kindness Award:

Heran
Nolan
Julia
Nathan
Benedict
Jeremy
Benjamin, Daniel,
Messie



Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)

FROGS Coffee morning—Thank you parents and carers, who joined us at our recent coffee morning/afternoon. If you were unable to make our meeting this time, our next coffee morning, will be on Thursday 15th January at 8.40am and 2.30pm in the Hub. All are welcome, please do come along if you're available.



Christmas Raffle—Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday 1st December and available to buy in the mornings only. There are two raffles, one for adults and another for children. Each raffle ticket is £2.00 and prizes are on display in the office if you wish to view them. Prize winners will be announced on Friday 12th December.

Christmas Event

A Very Croydon Christmas is a weekend full of free music, street theatre, craft workshops, and fun across Croydon Town Centre on 5th/6th/7th December.

A Very Croydon Christmas - Culture Croydon

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Christmas Stall donations—There is still time to donate items in good condition for our upcoming Christmas stall. Please give them to the school office. We are also looking for wrapping paper, ribbons, bows etc.

Alternatively, if you wish to make a monetary donation, please do speak to a FROGS team member and we will happily discuss this with you.

Christmas Stall—We are excited to announce that our first Christmas Stall will be running on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th December! Children can bring in money to purchase a variety of gifts for their family and friends.

Please ensure any money sent in with your child is labelled clearly and given to their class teacher. Thank you for your continued support. Friends of Good Shepherd

Fr Con's Reflection

This coming Sunday, 23rd November is the Solemn Feast of CHRIST THE KING.



(It points to the 2nd Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ in glory, upon the clouds of Heaven. This Sunday opens the 34th and final week of Ordinary Time in the Church's Calendar. (Each year, Ordinary Time is either 33 or 34 weeks, depending on the date of Easter, which itself is determined by the moon and the tides.)

So the Church's year always concludes about 1 month before the end of the earthly calendar on the 31st December. Let us never cease to esteem Jesus Christ Our Lord, the Word of God, through whom everyone and everything was created, in the loving will of God the Father.

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**
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Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day
A reminder, no school on Monday