



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 19th December 2025

Learning together as part of God's family

Happy Christmas!

Dear Good Shepherd Families,

This Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the source of all love. May His blessings shine upon you, bringing peace, love, joy and hope.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!



With best wishes from Mrs Day and the Staff of Good Shepherd.

Mrs Downing's SEND Bulletin

Final Message for the Festive Period

Remember...

Christmas doesn't have to look the same for every family, and it is okay to create a Christmas that works for you. Remove all the pressures coming from others and think about what your child or children love and need. Christmas can be very overwhelming for neurodivergent children. It is okay to cancel plans if your child is struggling or say no to invitations/social gatherings. When the world outside gets brighter, louder, busier and less predictable (even if all those things are very exciting and fun) it is important that our homes are a place of calm for our children.

Remember, always be led by the needs of your child and not the expectations and opinions of those around you!

Merry Christmas everyone!

Be kind and respectful

Holiday Club

There will be a holiday club as usual at Good Shepherd over Christmas. This year, it is on 29th, 30th and 31st December.

This free to children eligible for means-tested free lunches.

Please book a place by emailing info@aimhighacademy.co.uk

KS1 Nativity

The Year 1 and year 2 children performed a wonderful Nativity for their families this week.

It is always heart-warming to see children take to the stage for their annual Nativity performance and wonderful to see their confidence and enthusiasm.



Admissions

Do you have any family or friends looking for a place in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 2? Or are they looking for a place in September? Please ask them to speak to the school office once we reopen in January. You may need to let them know that we welcome children of all faiths and none, as many people still think we only accept Catholic children.

Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

Teamwork

Catholic Social Teaching Awards

Well done to the following children who have worked hard to follow the Catholic Social Teaching principles:



<i>Everyone is special</i>	Grace Y1	Ryan Y3 Kayden Y6
<i>Thinking of everyone</i>	Yaqub Rec	Ar'iah Y4 Juanita Y5
<i>Taking part</i>	Abigail Y1 Isabella Y2	Zarah Y3 Fiona Y5
<i>Everyone should have a say</i>	Juana Y1	Rashaad Y6
<i>Caring for God's gifts</i>	Amara Rec	Samuel Y3 Natalio Y4
<i>Putting people most in need first</i>	Jasmine Y2	Kezia Y6
<i>Showing we care</i>	Aliyah Y1 Ryan Y2	Marcen Y4 Josiah Y5
<i>Sharing fairly</i>	Taaliah Rec	Washburn Y6
<i>Being peace-makers</i>	Aidan R. Rec Joella Y2	Dara Y3 Gabriella Y4 Keziah Y5

Thank you

A big thank you to the FROGS Team for everything you do to support Good Shepherd. You do an amazing job and are very generous with your time —Thank you.

The Staff of Good Shepherd

Attendance

Our winning class this week is Year 3 with 99.7% attendance.



A big well done to the 60 children who have had 100% attendance this term and to the 65 children who have 97-99% attendance—excellent, keep it up!



KS2 Carol Service

Well done to all the children in the juniors and thank you to everyone who joined us in church yesterday for our service reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas.



Special Visitor

A very special visitor took time to visit Good Shepherd this week. It was lovely to see the excitement on the children's faces when they saw him and he gave them all a present.



Fr Con's Reflection

We all know, or can imagine, the sheer joy that a newborn brings to his or her parents, grandparents and sibling(s).



Every advent/Christmas, we can multiply that to infinity and look and think Heavenwards, at God's great love for us in having sent His Only Begotten Son for our Salvation and Redemption. God knew we were infinitely worth saving and redeeming, for we had been created in His very Image and Likeness.

Blessings and best wishes to one and all for a joyous Christmas. (May there be many newborns and very young 'infants' destined to become our future pupils here).

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**
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Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Day