



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 9th January 2026

Learning together as part of God's family

Places at Good Shepherd

Do you have any family or friends looking for a place in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 looking for a place now or in September?

Please ask them to speak to the school office. You may need to let your friends and family members know that we welcome children of all faiths and none - many people still think we only accept Catholic children.



Childcare

Do you need regular or occasional childcare? Does your child enjoy playing games and sports?

Please read the attached information about wraparound care at Good Shepherd provided by Active Future.

Mrs Downing's SEND Bulletin

Speech and Language

Our new speech and Language therapist from Better Days will be visiting Good Shepherd this term. They will be contacting families whose children have EHCPS to introduce themselves and to get consent to work with your child.

If you are concerned about your child's speech, language or understanding please come and speak to me so that we can get further support.

Be kind and respectful

Screen Time

Please click on the link below for an excellent guide to support parents in helping their children. It includes:

- ♦ How to manage screen time
- ♦ Useful conversation starters with children about their online lives
- ♦ Checklists
- ♦ How to access support

['What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives | Children's Commissioner for England](#)

Good Shepherd's Got Talent!

Auditions on Tuesday 13th January

Start practising!

If you need me to play music for your child, please ensure they have the name of the song and the artist on the list in their classroom by Monday morning.

Sadly, not everyone who auditions will be chosen to take part in the Talent Show on Tuesday 27th January.



Attendance

Our winning classes this week are Year 2 and Year 4, both with 95.2% 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: Gianna
Y1: Olivia
Y2: Daniel
Y3: Nana
Y4: Carla
Y5: Jeremy
Y6: Messie

Kindness Award:

Joseph
Aliyah
Amelia
Annette
Zeah
Mateo
Elianna



Family Power-Up! Learning with Letters and Numbers – FREE WORKSHOPS

Free interactive workshops for parents and carers focusing on supporting children's learning.

- 16, 23, 30 January 2026 at CALAT Centre in New Addington Library.
- Free refreshments from 9 am. Workshop: 9.30 – 11.30 am.

To book a place, please email
familylearning3@croydon.gov.uk

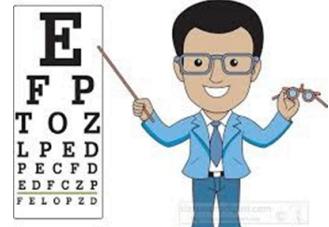
Details are on the attached flyer. If you have any questions, please email:
samuel.knight@croydon.gov.uk , Tel: 0208 726 6000 Ext: 28224

Free Family Hubs in-person and online training events

Please visit [Event List: All Croydon Family Hubs](#) to see the wide range of courses on offer for free.

Dentist and Optician Check Ups

Please ensure you take your child for a dental check up and an eye sight test if they haven't been recently. These are free for children.



New Year's Resolutions

Do you have an afternoon once a week to volunteer at Good Shepherd? We are looking for parents and carers who could help with reading or simple maths games.

If you would like to help, please come and speak to me to find out more about the role. For parents looking for a paid job in a school, volunteering an excellent way to start.

Fr Con's Reflection

On Tuesday of this week the school attended church, for the Mass of Epiphany on its traditional date of 6th January.



It sounds like the conclusion of the Christmas season, as it is the date of the visit of the 3 Wise Men to the Bethlehem stable.

Yet, in terms of Liturgy, it is this coming Sunday, January 11th, that marks the close of the Christmas Season- the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

For us, this illustrates the great close connection between a person's date of birth and date of Baptism.

A blest and happy New Year to one and all.

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone 01689 841 771 office@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk

*Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Day*