



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 16th January 2026

Learning together as part of God's family

Healthy Relationships

Relationships play a key part in every child's wellbeing. The NSPCC have some really interesting information and ideas on their website. Here are just a few:

- Praise children for demonstrating honesty, kindness, and respect for others.
- Give children opportunities to voice their opinions and encourage them to listen to other people's views.
- Help children understand that "no" means "no" and make sure they know who to talk to if they are ever uncomfortable with something they have been asked them to do.
- Work with children to resolve conflicts and help them understand how others might be affected.

[Promoting healthy relationships in schools | NSPCC Learning](#)

Free SEND Sports Festival

Croydon Council and Access Sport are hosting a SEND Sports Festival for children at New Addington Leisure Centre on Thursday 19 February.

There will be a range of inclusive sports taster sessions.

Parents or carers of children and young people wishing to attend the festival can [register their interest here](#). Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Be kind and respectful

Mrs Downing's SEND Bulletin

ELSA - Emotional Literacy Support Assistant

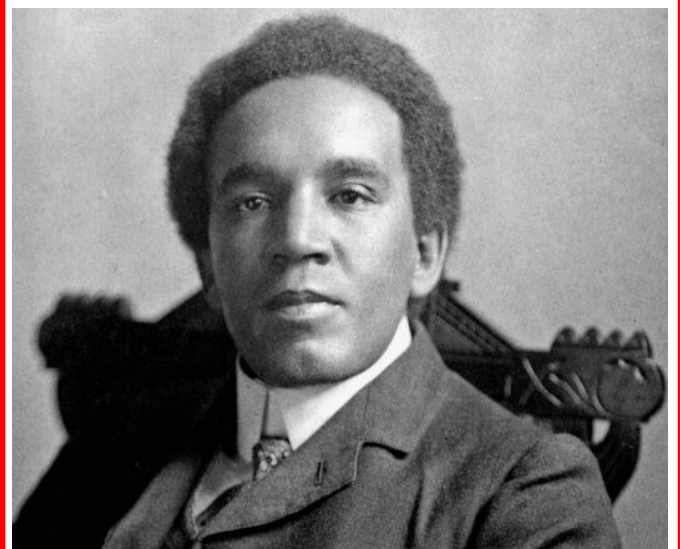
Mrs Hall our Pastoral Lead is a specialist teaching assistant who supports children with their well-being. From time to time your child may find it difficult to cope with life's challenges and experience some friendship difficulties which can make them feel lonely, anxious and sad.

Mrs Hall is a warm and caring person who wants to help your child feel happy in school and to reach their potential. She can help support your child to find solutions to any problems that they may face.

Please do talk to myself or Mrs Hall if you have any concerns about your child.

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

The children in Year 5 and Year 6 visited a fantastic exhibition at Croydon's Clocktower this week to learn all about Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, a Croydon-born classical composer.



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:	Kindness Award:
R: Taaliah, Jevani	Heran,
Y1: Joseph	Joshua
Y2: Rehmah	Joella
Y3: Mehliyah	Ryan
Y4: Brue	Jaaziel
Y5: Chrisean	Hosanna
Y6: Byron	Benjamin & Marvellous



Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)



FROGS Coffee morning/afternoon

Thank you parents, who joined us yesterday, your time and support means so much.

If you were unable to attend, our next meeting is on **Tuesday 10th February at 8.40am and 2.30pm.**

In the school breakfast hub, near the infants playground.

Mother's Day stall -Thursday 12th March and Friday 13th March.

We are now accepting donations for our stall. If you have unopened or unwanted gifts for women in good condition such as toiletries, perfume, books, stationery etc. that we can re-use as gifts for our stall, please donate them to us.

All donations should be given to the school office.

Attendance

Our winning class this week is Year 4 with 96.6% attendance - well done!



Christian Unity

Next week is a special week of prayer for Christian Unity. The 2026 theme is One Body One Spirit—this year's theme reminds us that the call to unity is a call to work for peace for all people everywhere.

[Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 - CTBI](#)

The website gives some wonderful suggestions of things to do each day.



School Lunches

Please find attached the weekly lunch menu which is also on the website. All children (except Nursery children) are entitled to a free lunch every day.

[School Dinners](#) | [Good Shepherd Primary](#)

Fr Con's Reflection



In terms of Liturgy, the Christmas season concluded last Sunday 11th January with the feast of the baptism of the Lord.

The Liturgical "quietness" of the next 4 weeks gives us the opportunity to reflect individually on the role of "quiet" in our daily lives – the need for a fitting measure of SILENCE and STILLNESS.

("NOTHING IS MORE LIKE GOD THAN SILENCE" wrote the mystic MEISTER ECKHART who died in 1328 on the 28th of this month January.)

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