



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Thursday 12th January 2026

Learning together as part of God's family

Be kind and respectful

No School Tomorrow

Tomorrow is a staff training day and there is no school for children tomorrow.

Mrs Downing's SEND Bulletin

**10 things every child with
AUTISM
wants you to know**

I'm first and foremost a child. AUTISM is just one aspect of my character.

Ordinary sights, sounds and touches or everyday life that are normal to you can be painful for me.

It isn't that I don't listen to you...it's just that I can't understand you.

I like routines because I know what to expect.

Don't compare me with other children...I'm special in my own way.

It's hard for me to tell you what I need, when I don't know the words to say it.

Be patient and consistent, I learn better when you tell, show and do things with me.

Focus and build on what I can do rather than what I can't do.

I want to be with others but I don't know how.

Love me unconditionally because I promise I'm worth it.



Timetables Rock Stars

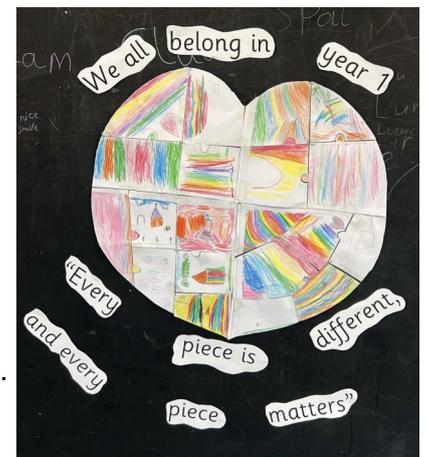
Last Friday, there was a special competition, NCPCC Rocks, for one day only. Children were encouraged to complete this at home—thank you to everyone who took part.

Of the 4,011 schools who took part in this competition, Good Shepherd came 38th!



Children's Mental Health Week

All classes have been talking about and completing work on how they belong and how they can make others feel as if they also belong.



Breakfast Club

After half term, there will be a charge for every child who attends breakfast club.

Children must be booked a place at Breakfast Club on the Pebble portal

£2 per child per day for FSM (eligibility tested) children

£4 per child per day for all other children (Rec to Year 6)

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:	Yaqub	Arliya
Y1:	Amen	Aliyah
Y2:	Emeda, Jenneh	Jasmine
Y3:	Chidera	Joemiah
Y4:	Aria'h	Ademide
Y5:	Keziah-Rose	Bishoy
Y6:	Sabrina	Aniyah



Attendance

Our winning class this week is Year 4 with 96.7% attendance - well done!



Year 4 have won the weekly attendance cup more times than any other class since we started in October. During our Celebration Assembly today, we found out from Year 4 their top tips for having such excellent attendance:

- ◆ Setting your alarm every day so you get to school on time
- ◆ Getting plenty of exercise at break time and lunchtime
- ◆ Going to bed on time so you get enough sleep
- ◆ Eating healthily

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening is coming up shortly after half term:

Tuesday 3rd March and Thursday 12th March

Lent

Lent starts on Wednesday. Here are some ideas of things you could do at home with your child(ren):

Lenten Calendar: Use a printable calendar with daily suggestions for prayer, giving, or giving up something.

Sacrifice Jar: Put tokens in a jar for small sacrifices (e.g., giving up dessert).

Stations of the Cross: Create or follow child-friendly Stations of the Cross.

Grow a Seed: Plant seeds in an eggshell or container to symbolise new life.

Giving Jar: Fill a jar with money saved from giving something up, then donate it to Cafod.

Acts of Kindness: Perform daily secret acts of kindness, like leaving notes or helping with chores.

Share Meals: Share food with a neighbour.

Bishop Gerard Bradley

In Fr Con's reflection last week, he spoke of Bishop Bradley's commissioning at St George's Cathedral earlier this month.

Tomorrow is a staff training day where the staff will be listening to the bishop presenting on themes linked to Catholic education.



Fr Con's Reflection

A blest, joyful and safe half-term to one and all! Please note Mass times for the coming Wednesday, 18th February, as it is Ash Wednesday- the opening day of the HOLY SEASON OF LENT; - 9.15AM AND 8PM



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Have a lovely half term
Mrs Day