



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 6th March 2026

Learning together as part of God's family

Be kind and respectful

Enhanced Learning Provision

We are consulting parents about opening an Enhanced Learning Provision at Good Shepherd in September. This will be a class for children with an EHCP for diagnosed moderate learning difficulties. This has the advantage that we would receive additional funding from the Local Authority. If you would like to share your thoughts, please put them in the box in the lobby by Friday 27th March 2026.

Mrs Downing's SEND Bulletin

You may have heard on the news some important changes for children with SEND.

The department of Education are consulting on proposals to reform the special education needs and disabilities system. This closes 18th May 2026.

The changes aim to improve help and support for children and young people with SEND across the [0 to 25 years system](#).

The DFE would like to hear from everyone who has an interest in the reforms including:
children, young people and families
teachers and leaders
schools and trusts

The consultation process can be found here:-

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/send-strategy-division/send-reform-putting-children-and-young-people-firs/>

[Every child achieving and thriving](#) outlines the reforms to the schools and SEND system in England.

The DFE have also written shorter, simpler documents that [summarise the schools white paper and SEND consultation](#) for parents and those working in the sector.

World Book Day

Thank you for sending your child into school yesterday in such good book character costumes! Here are just a few.



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: Junior	Sara
Y1: Lydianne	Sadie
Y2: Favour	Sukaina
Y3: Nathan	Samuel
Y4: Jaaziel	Haroon
Y5: Avaeyah	Zarah
Y6: Marvellous	Ademilola, Imoleayo, Oscar



African Drumming Workshop



Years 3-6 enjoyed a fantastic drumming workshop last week.



Attendance



Our winning class this week is Reception with 100% attendance.

Celebrate Family Activity Pack for Lent

The new CELEBRATE Family Activity Pack for Lent includes creative ways to help families grow close to God during this season. There are engaging ways to count down the days in Lent, reflective prayer and discussion, craft, games, books and movies to help families draw close to God.

CELEBRATE has also created a Lent game this year—Journey to Easter Joy - which encourages children to focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lent.

The resources are free to download but have a suggested donation of £3.

Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)

Our Mother's Day Stall is on Thursday 12th March and Friday 13th March. Gifts available from £1.50 to £5. Don't forget to send money with your child.



Can you help at the Book Fair please on Mon 16th and Tues 17th March 3.15pm-4.15pm?

Fr Con's Reflection



In world terms, we have seen the month of March open with a dreadful war across the Middle East. So many of its nations are impacted, suffering bombing and retaliating in some measure. Other nations from far away are offering logistic support on some level.

Clearly this latest war will, globally speaking, dominate the 2nd half of this Holy Season of Lent-(its 1st half having concluded with this coming Monday- 9th March).

So, at this midpoint of Lent, let us pray earnestly for World Peace. This is the primary Intention, for which Our Blessed Lady has pleaded with us to pray her Most Holy Rosary.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day