



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 13th March 2026

*Learning together as part of God's family*

## Good Shepherd Holiday Camps

Aim High are running Good Shepherd's Holiday Camps again.

These are free to children eligible for means-tested free school meals. If you need any help booking a place, please speak to the office staff.

7th April to 10th April

(Tuesday to Friday)

20th July to 13th August

(Monday to Thursday)

21st December to 24th December

(Monday to Thursday)

Please see attached information for how to book your child onto the holiday camp.

## Mrs Downing's SEND Bulletin

Next Week is Neurodiversity Week.

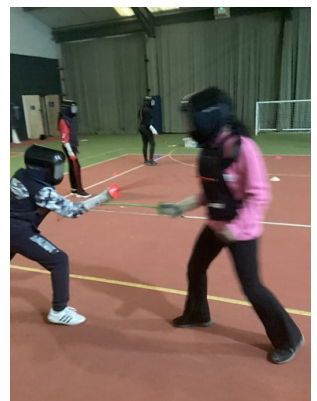
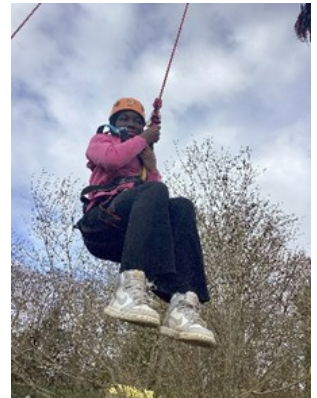
This is an opportunity for us to all gain further insight and understanding around all of our differences. Depending on how our brains are wired, we think, move, process information and communicate in different ways.

Neurodiversity is an umbrella term used to describe alternative thinking styles such as Dyslexia, DCD (Dyspraxia), Dyscalculia, Autism and ADHD. But regardless of labels, neurodiversity is about recognising those who think differently. This is something that should be celebrated and an opportunity to remember that we are all made in God's image.

*Be kind and respectful*

## School Journey

Year 6 had a wonderful time at PGL this week on School Journey.



The children in Year 5 will be looking at lots of photos in the next few weeks to get them ready for their trip next year!

*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:

	<b>Headteacher Award:</b>	<b>Kindness Award:</b>
R:	Taaliyah	Aidan R
Y1:	Tyler-Dean	Joseph
Y2:	Sukaina	Oliver
Y3:	Ylan	Isabella
Y4:	Mahmoud	Levi
Y5:	Ariella	Juanita
Y6:	Kayden, All Y6	Rashaad



## Parents' Evening

Please ensure you make an appointment to see your child's class teacher if you did not attend the recent Parents' Evening.

## Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)



Mother's Day Stall Thank you to everyone who supported the Mother's Day Stall this week, either by donating gifts or by sending their child in with some money.

School Book Fair This year's school book fair will be on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March from 3.15pm until 4.15pm open to all year groups.

Parents of young children are kindly asked to accompany their child when visiting the book fair on these days.

All books which are on display can be purchased on the day by scanning a QR code and using debit/credit card to pay. Only the books which are displayed on these days can be purchased, we cannot order anymore or any other books.

We are still looking for parental help so please volunteer to help.

We look forward to seeing to there.

## Attendance

Our winning class this week is the Reception class again with 99.4%% attendance - well done!



## 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.

## Good Shepherd's Social Media

We're increasing our online presence so we can share more good news stories. Please let the school office know if you do not wish your child's image to appear on our new Instagram and Facebook pages (or on the website or in our weekly newsletter).

More details to follow.

## Fr Con's Reflection

This coming Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, is 'LAETARE' Sunday. ('Laetare' means "Rejoice!"- from the Latin).



It is also MOTHERS' DAY. ('Laetare' and Mothers' Day always coincide on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent- the middle Sunday).

Mary, Mother of God, was Jesus' tutor in his young and formative years. We pray to her now for all mothers in our school family:-

"HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, AND THEIR MOTHER, PRAY FOR THEM NOW AND ALWAYS. AMEN."

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