



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 27th March 2026

*Learning together as part of God's family*

## Drumming

The children enjoyed more drumming workshops again yesterday.



## Our New Social Media Accounts

Here are the links to Good Shepherd's new social media pages on Facebook and Instagram. Please like and follow to see what our wonderful children are doing.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1AB7Q9AgEZ/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

[https://www.instagram.com/goodshepprimary?igsh=NG0wbmJrZ2F5cW1q&utm\\_source=qr](https://www.instagram.com/goodshepprimary?igsh=NG0wbmJrZ2F5cW1q&utm_source=qr)

## Holiday Club

Free Easter HAF holiday club places are still available to book now.

Spaces are limited and filling quickly, so we encourage families to book as soon as possible.

[View the brochure](#) and follow your link from Holiday Activities to book:  
[www.croydon.gov.uk/holiday-activities-and-food](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/holiday-activities-and-food)

If you have any issues with booking, please contact: [support@holidayactivities.com](mailto:support@holidayactivities.com)

For those who would like to book a place at Good Shepherd's holiday club, please email [info@aimhighacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@aimhighacademy.co.uk) or WhatsApp 07904313603

*Be kind and respectful*

## Catholic Social Teaching Awards



Well done to the following children who have worked hard to follow the Catholic Social Teaching principles:

<i>Everyone is special</i>	Oscar Y5	Byron Y6
<i>Thinking of everyone</i>	Ayah R Lily-Kay Y1	Ylan Y3
<i>Taking part</i>	Junior Y2	Faustina Y3 David Y6
<i>Everyone should have a say</i>	Levi Y4	Annaya Y5
<i>Caring for God's gifts</i>	Junior R Nolan Y1	Gabby Y2 Daniel Y6
<i>Putting people most in need first</i>	Olivia Y1 Sukaina Y2	Fiona Y5
<i>Showing we care</i>	Amelia Y2	Freya Y3 Zennia Y4
<i>Sharing fairly</i>	Joseph R	Esther Y3 Mariyam Y4
<i>Being peace-makers</i>	Sara R Sadie Y1	Dasia Y3 Adam Y4 Makamona Y6

## Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)

Easter Egg Competition—Thank you and well done to all our competition participants.

Also, a special thank you to the Co-op in New Addington and Morrisons in Croydon for their support with providing us with Easter eggs.

## Parent Governor Elections

Thank you to both parents for standing for election to become a parent governor.

The successful candidate, by a very close margin, is Sharlyne Abramsamadu.

## Mass Times at Good Shepherd Church

### The Sacred Triduum

Thursday 2nd April—Holy/Maundy Thursday:  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm.

Friday 3rd April—Good Friday:  
Service of the Lord's' passion at 3pm.

Saturday 4th April—Holy Saturday:  
Easter Vigil at 8.30pm

Sunday 5th April—Easter Sunday:  
8.30am Mass & 11am Mass

[Home – Good Shepherd Catholic Church](#)

## Messages

Please ensure that you let your child know before school who will be collecting them or if they are going to after school club. Thank you.

## Mobile Phones

Please read about an important change regarding the use of mobile phones within Good Shepherd. Starting from September, pupils will no longer be permitted to bring smartphones onto school premises. This may help you to make an informed decision about the right time to introduce a phone to your child and the type of phone you opt for.

There has been extensive research about the importance of promoting positive social interactions at a young age and the potential risks associated with smartphone use.

Parents whose children attend schools where smart phones are already banned, sometimes opt for an AirTag type of device which can be placed in a child's bag. This is a Bluetooth-enabled tracking device connected to the parent's phone used to track their child's whereabouts.

If parents are adamant they want their child to carry a phone, they will be permitted a more basic mobile, often referred to as a 'brick' or 'simple' phone. They enable phone calls and texts but lack internet access, social media apps, and other features that can harm well-being. Thank you for your understanding.

## Attendance

Our winning class this week is Year 3 with 99.4% attendance.



A big well done to the 57 children who have had 100% attendance this term and to the 60 children who have 97-99% attendance. This represents 61% of our school community—excellent, keep it up!



## Fr Con's Reflection

This final school week before the Easter holiday(s) is "lit up" in Liturgy terms by the Solemn Feast of 25<sup>th</sup> March- THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD. - the great event of young Mary of Nazareth being visited by the Archangel Gabriel.



She would conceive the Son of God through the overshadowing from the Holy Spirit. His name would be JESUS meaning 'GOD SAVES'.

His death on Mount Calvary on the first Good Friday would absolutely triumph over the phenomenon of death, that had entered the world due to Original Sin (the disobedience of Adam and Eve).

His death was triumph, due to His Glorious Resurrection on the 1<sup>st</sup> Easter Day.

(We notice that March 25<sup>th</sup> is 9 months ahead of Christmas Day!)

Meanwhile, we draw near to Easter, preceded in Holy Week by the Mass of the Lord's Supper and the triumph of Good Friday.

MAY EVERY MEMBER OF OUR ALL-ROUND SCHOOL FAMILY ENJOY A BLEST, JOYFUL, SAFE AND RESTFUL EASTER BREAK FROM SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

**School reopens on  
Tuesday 14th April**

*Have a lovely Easter,  
Mrs Day*

