



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 24th April 2026

Learning together as part of God's family

Our 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

May Procession

We will be holding our May Procession on Tuesday 5th May. It would be lovely if some of you could send your child to school with some flowers, either from your garden or the supermarket. There is no need for all children to bring in flowers as we will have too many! No lilies please as a member of our school community has a severe allergy to lilies.

Good Shepherd Day

Friday 15th May is Good Shepherd Day. All children need to wear a t-shirt in their house colours on that day. If you are unsure what house they are in, please check with the class teacher or the school office. You might want to check now that last year's t-shirt still fits your child as they'll also need it for sports day on 17th June. Thank you.



Be kind and respectful

Mrs Downing's SEND Bulletin

The summer term for many children is an exciting term, the weather warms up and often this can lead to a 'feel good atmosphere' in and around school.

However, for some children it can be difficult to maintain a positive outlook and anxiety can set in. Thoughts about testing, SATs, transitions and moving to secondary school can be overwhelming. This is all very common and at Good Shepherd we are aware of this. We carefully put lots of interventions and strategies into place. If you are concerned about your child, please do speak to us.

I have included some videos which might help you to recognise some behaviours shown by your child and have the confidence on how to best help them.

• Fight, Flight or Freeze: <https://youtube/HRpzaKpBuoA>

• Flipping Your Lid: <https://youtu.be/tMa8PWhVPK0>

• Grounding Techniques for Young People: <https://youtu.be/xCc-mpPCM6E>

• Silver Cloud: <https://actionforchildren.silvercloudhealth.com/signup/>

• Parent Talk: <https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/>

Attendance

Our winning class this week is Year Y2 with 98.7% attendance.

Please remember to book medical appointments **after** the school day.



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	Aziah
Y1:	Abigail	Nathan
Y2:	Adepa, Sukaina	Isabella
Y3:	Vincenzo	Owen
Y4:	Sienna	Nahla
Y5:	Keziah	Chrisean
Y6:	Washburn	Azariah

Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)



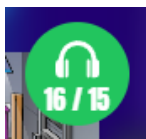
FROGS Coffee morning/afternoon

Our next meeting is on Thursday 30th April at 8.40am and 2.30pm in the hub.

We will be discussing our annual Father's Day stall, parent class representatives, our annual Summer Fair and other fundraising matters. Please do come along, if you're free.

Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)

Times tables homework is now on TTRS for each year group each week. Your child will only be able to access the set activity, and not the other games, until the required minutes have been completed. For example, the icon shows that this particular child has completed the required number of minutes for the week as the icon has changed from red to green.



Whole School Rockathon! - There will be a whole school competition starting today until next Thursday. There is a daily limit of 5 minutes for **everyone**. Please ensure your child does this everyday to help their class win.

Can they beat the staff? Please encourage your child to play for 5 minutes every day from today to help their class win!

Easyfundraising

I would like to encourage all parents to download the Easyfundraising app and place any online shopping orders through this to raise money for the school. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/good-shepherd-catholic-primary-and-nursery-school/?searchSessionId=1aabdb16-56f1-487e-b4cb-23f82ca53226>

Wraparound Childcare

Please book both the day before and not on the day. Here are the booking links:

Breakfast Club: <https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/good-shepherd-school-breakfast-club-standard-croydon-be61418b-5846-4192-9712-fa40a67bdfff>

Afterschool club: <https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/active-future-croydon-wraparound-care-at-good-shepherd-catholic-primary-croydon-eda5262e-25da-4157-9e8c-eef1211af72b>

Fr Con's Reflection



It is said of the early martyrs of the Catholic Church that they died upon the Cross of Christ - obviously, not that literal Cross—rather, Jesus' great example of self-sacrifice enabled them to sacrifice themselves in His name. Often, of course, they would have been martyred, other than by crucifixion.

On Thursday of this school week, we celebrated St George, patron saint of England. He was an early Christian martyr, yielding up his life on 23rd April 303. He was put to death, in the reign of the emperor Diocletian, for refusing to give up his Christian faith.

The word 'martyr', from the Greek, means 'witness'. We are all called to witness to our Christian faith. God will give us the strength to do this, in and through the Holy Spirit, and through the ongoing joy about Jesus, risen from the dead.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day