



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 1st May 2026

Learning together as part of God's family

Be kind and respectful

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

Mobile Phones

A reminder that from September, pupils will no longer be permitted to bring smartphones onto school premises.

New Charges

Parents and carers will now be charged £10 per passport, DLA, Home Office letter or other letters/forms to reflect the additional time it takes members of staff to complete these.

May Procession—5th May

Please send your child to school with some flowers if possible on 5th May. 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.



Mrs Downing's SEND Bulletin

As parents we all worry about our children, this is totally natural, after all they are our 'babies'.

However, sometimes we can feel so anxious and concerned when it comes to our child and we just don't know where or who to turn to.

This is a reminder that we are here to listen and to talk, to discuss, offer advice or to signpost should you require this.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with either Mrs Hall our Pastoral Lead or myself the Special Needs Coordinator and Inclusion Manager. We are always here to work together and to support each other and remember no concern is too small.

Parental Conduct

A reminder that parents and carers must not approach children or parents about incidents which have occurred. Always speak to a member of staff.

Medication

Staff are permitted to administer medication to children only in very particular circumstances. Parents must meet with me beforehand to seek permission and must complete the relevant paperwork. Please do not send your child into school with medication unless these two steps have been taken. Thank you for your understanding.

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:	Amara	Arliya
Y1:	Theo, Lily-Kay	Year 1
Y2:	Tiana-Grace	De Bruyne
Y3:	Narai	Ylan
Y4:	Zennia	Zofia
Y5:	Mateo	Keziah-Rose
Y6:	Aniyah	Indiyana

Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)



FROGS Coffee Morning/Afternoon

Thank you parents for coming to our fundraising meeting yesterday. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 4th June at 8.40am and 2.30pm in the hub.

All parents are welcome to come.

Non - Uniform Day

We have two upcoming non-uniform days in aid of our Summer Fair in June:

Friday 22nd May—please bring in £1.

Tuesday 2nd June—please bring in the following:

- Nursery - Pack of napkins
- Reception - Cakes
- Year 1- Chocolates
- Year 2- Biscuits
- Year 3- Sweets
- Year 4— Pack of paper plates
- Year 5 –Multipack of crisps
- Year 6 - Multi-pack of soft drinks

Parent Class Representatives

Parent class representatives have now been chosen for the following year groups.

Reception, Y1, Y3, Y5 and Y6.

However, we still have vacancies for class representatives in Nursery, Y2 and Y4.

Attendance

Our winning class this week is Year 6 with 98.8% attendance - very impressive!



Wraparound Childcare

Please book both breakfast club and after school club 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



This school week ends on May 1st. In Catholic terms, May is the month of Our Blessed Lady, Mary Mother of God. Very appropriately, May opens with the Commemoration of St. Joseph, the Worker.

Traditionally, May represents the beginning of the examinations season.

In all levels of study, recourse in prayer can be made to our Blessed Lady, who was Jesus' tutor in His childhood and adolescence.

Joseph, as we know, correspondingly coached Him in carpentry skills.

We pray that students of all levels of study will prayerfully approach Mary and Joseph, and duly benefit from their Heavenly intercession.

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**
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Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend, Mrs Day
SCHOOL CLOSED ON MONDAY