



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 8th May 2026

Learning together as part of God's family

May Procession

We celebrated a lovely May Procession on Tuesday to honour Our Lady. Thank you for all the beautiful flowers you sent in, the hall looks spectacular.



Be kind and respectful

SATs

With SATs week next week, I invite our school community to remember our Year 6 pupils in your prayers. We pray that they feel supported, stay relaxed, and remember that these tests are just one small part of their amazing journey. May they feel God's peace as they do their very best.

Mrs Downing's SEND Bulletin

Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA) for Parents & Children

Is your child struggling with school attendance linked to emotional needs? You're not alone—and support is here.

Sign up for an informative and supportive workshop focused on this. Hear from Croydon Educational Psychologist Nicola Tallis and a Croydon SENDIAS Advisor, who will guide you through:

- Understanding EBSNA
- Your legal rights
- School responsibilities
- Practical strategies to support young people

10:00am – 12:00pm on 14th May at Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Centre, SE25 6XX

This session is open to parents, carers, and young people looking for clarity, support, and practical tools.

Booking is essential – spaces are limited.

Booking form: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Z0cT7o0f_EePJQmRP5BjCA8vViggUI9EI95cbIQI3hJUM1JYS0FaUzU5S1FJUkxWTjdLWEVSQTNYVC4u&route=shorturl

Let's come together to better understand, support, and empower our young people.

Art Workshop



David Blandy returned to Good Shepherd yesterday to deliver another art workshop—the group had such a fun afternoon creating maps of imaginary places on the playground using chalk.

May Half-Term Holiday Camp

There are no free HAF programmes running in Croydon this May half-term. Active Future is offering a paid holiday camp at their Merton site in Mitcham, open to Croydon families.

When: Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th May

Where: St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School, Mitcham, CR4 1YG

Times: 10:00am – 5:00pm

Price: £27 per day

Ages: 4–12

Booking: [Active Future Croydon | Pebble](#)

See attachment for more details.

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:	Aidan R	Ayah
Y1:	Aliyah	Mariam
Y2:	Ivan, Jenneh	De Bruyne
Y3:	Nyah-Rae	Mikel
Y4:	Samuel	Mahmoud
Y5:	Oscar	Azariah
Y6:	Chisom	Aiden

Attendance

Our winning class this week is Reception with 99.3% 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: [Wraparound Care at Good Shepherd Catholic Primary | Pebble](#)

Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)



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 specific items (shared in last week's newsletter).

Good Shepherd Day

Children should wear a t-shirt in their house colour next Friday with their normal grey trousers/skirt—it is not a non-uniform day.

Fire Brigade

The Fire Brigade came to visit the infant classes this week. The children had an opportunity to try on some of the uniform, go inside the fire engine and have a go with the hose. They were also taught to 'stop, drop, roll' if they are caught in a building fire.



Fr Con's Reflection



On Tuesday of this school week, we had our annual May Procession from the school playground to the church.

Many flowers were brought in honour of Mary, Mother of God and Mother of each and all of us at the same time.

(Mary is "Queen of the May", as referred to in the hymn "Bring flowers of the rarest..." which is of anonymous authorship).

We rightly honour her as the highest honour of our human race.

Flowers from the procession will be retained in the school hall, close to Mary's statue.

Next week, may she intercede for all pupils sitting their "SATs" at this time- for she was tutor to the young Jesus.

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