



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 5th June 2026

Learning together as part of God's family

First Holy Communion

A special prayer for our children making their First Holy Communion on Sunday as they take this important step on their faith journey:



On your First Holy Communion

From this day on, may the truth of God's word grow strong in your heart and may the gentle love of Jesus fill your life now and always.

Amen

Mrs Downing's SEND Bulletin

HOW TO REDUCE MY CHILD'S SCREEN TIME WITHOUT BATTLES?

Reduce your own screen use

Children copy what we model.



Create screen-free routines

Predictable rhythms reduce arguments and negotiation.

Don't just take away - replace

Children need something engaging to move towards.



Start small

Tiny changes are easier than dramatic bans.



Make real life more appealing

Books, crafts, bikes, baking, dens, music, games.



Expect pushback at first

Habits take time to change.



Keep phones out of bedrooms

Especially at night.



Use family screen rules

Not constant case-by-case decisions.

Protect boredom

Boredom is often where creativity begins.



Focus on connection

Children need attention more than entertainment.



Be kind and respectful

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ms Stephenson on the birth of her son during half term—we wish them both well.



Sports Day

Wednesday 17th June

9:00am Reception, Year 1, Year 2

1:30pm—Year 3, 4, 5, 6

All children should come to school in their PE kit wearing a t-shirt in their house colour.

Please come along and support!

We will also have our running races (including parent races!) on Wednesday 1st July at 9am.



Uniform

The Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026 is introducing a limit on the number of branded items schools can require. For this reason, from 1 September 2026, children will not be required to wear a red PE t-shirt with a logo and should wear a plain white polo shirt for PE instead.



All children are expected to wear

- ◆ Grey jumper/cardigan with logo
- ◆ Red rucksack with logo
- ◆ Good Shepherd tie (Y3-6 only)

Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

Teamwork

Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)



Non-Uniform Days Thank you to all families for supporting our recent non-uniform days.

We are delighted to share that they were a great success and helped raise valuable funds for our upcoming Summer Fair.

FROGS Coffee Morning/Afternoon A big thank you to all the parents who attended our recent coffee morning and afternoon. It was wonderful to come together, share ideas and discuss our fundraising activities and events planned for the remainder of the term.

Father's Day Stall Our Father's Day Stall will take place on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th June. Please send your child's money in a named envelope and hand it to their class teacher before the stall day. Gifts will be available from £2.00.

Summer Fair The countdown is on for this year's Summer Fair! Tickets are available now via ParentPay. All payments must be received by 11:00am on Tuesday 23rd June.

Adults – Free

Children under 2 years – Free

Children aged 2 years and over – £5

The ticket price includes entry, a wristband and access to all games. Food, drinks and raffle tickets will be available to purchase separately on the day.

Please note: All children from Nursery to Year 6 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Entry will not be permitted without an adult.

Summer Fair Stalls We are offering table spaces for anyone wishing to showcase their talents, sell products or promote a business at the Summer Fair.

GS Parent Stall: £20

Friend, Family or Business Stall: £30

Please collect a stall application letter from the school office and return the completed form by Wednesday 10th June. As this is a fundraising event, any additional voluntary monetary donations are greatly appreciated.

Summer Fair Helpers Needed We are looking for GS volunteers to help at the Summer Fair on Friday 26th June.

We need:

Game Managers (10)

Set-Up and Clear Away Team Members (10)

Raffle Ticket Sellers (3)

If you, a family member or a friend can help, we would love to hear from you.

Parent Class Representatives update Thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest as a Parent Class Representative. Representatives are now in place for Reception and Years 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and have already begun engaging with parents.

We are still seeking representatives for Nursery and Year 2, and would also welcome additional volunteers for Reception, Years 1, 5 and 6, as we aim to have two representatives per class.

If you are interested, or if you did not receive the original letter, please collect a form from the school office and return it with your contact details as soon as possible. Thank you,

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:	Ariya	Gianna
Y1:	Marleigh-Mae	Lily Kay
Y2:	Sukaina	Daniel
Y3:	Owen	Tricia
Y4:	Jonathan	Mahmoud
Y5:	Azariah	Anaezi
Y6:	Imoleayo	Daniel



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>

New Addington Carnival

Good Shepherd are taking part in the New Addington Carnival Procession on Sunday 14th June at 12:00—come and join the fun! A permission letter was sent to Y3-6 this week. Our theme this year is the World Cup.



Our Social Media Accounts

Please like and follow to see what our wonderful children are doing:



Good Shepherd Catholic Primary and Nursery School



@goodshepprimary

Attendance

Our winning class this week is Year 3 with 97.5% attendance - well done.



Fr Con's Reflection

This Sunday is the Solemn Feast of CORPUS CHRISTI.



14 children of our parish (7 boys and 7 girls) will make their FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (at our 11am Mass). 8 of the children are from our school. So, we extend our congratulations to:

VINCENZO, NYAH-RAE, MIKEL, TRICIA, CHIDERA, NATHAN, FREYA, NANA (all in Year 3)

and to their parents and siblings.

Receiving Jesus in Holy Communion is the closest we can be to Him on this earth, and He to us.

St. Maximillian Kolbe, patron saint of one of our classrooms, famously said that if angels could envy anything, of humans, it would be Holy Communion.

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