



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 3rd July 2026

Learning together as part of God's family

Be kind and respectful

Windrush Day

I attended a wonderful flag-raising ceremony in Croydon with the Year 5 class to celebrate Windrush Day. We were the only school present and were made to feel like VIPs by both the Civic mayor and the Elected mayor as well as the local Councillors. We were also given an impromptu tour of the Council Chambers afterwards.

I received a lovely letter this week thanking us for attending:

Dear Good Shepherd Catholic Primary & Nursery School,

I hope this email finds you well. On behalf of Croydon BME Forum, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to you and your Year 5 students for attending the Windrush Day flag raising ceremony.

Their presence added so much to the occasion. We believe it is incredibly important for young people to learn about the history and legacy of the Windrush generation – not only to understand the past but also to appreciate the diverse and vibrant community we live in today.

We would love to continue this connection and hope to see Good Shepherd Catholic Primary & Nursery School at future events. Please do pass on our thanks to the Year 5 students and their teachers for joining us.



Coffee Morning Invitation

We warmly invite all parents to join us for a coffee morning on Friday 10th July from 9:00am to 10:00am.

Mrs Downing and Mrs Hall will be in attendance, alongside the Friends of Good Shepherd, who will be there to welcome everyone and offer refreshments.

The Talk Bus will also be present, offering advice, support, and guidance for those who may find it helpful. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Attendance

Our winning class this week is Year 5 with 98.7% attendance - well done.



Starfish Malawi Raffle

Y4 will be selling raffle tickets for the next two weeks to raise money for our link school in Malawi.

Children in Y4 will go around each day (until Wed 15th) to sell the raffle tickets priced at £1 per ticket. The draw will be held on Thursday 16th July.

There are 5 prizes:

- Flip out voucher
- Laser quest voucher
- Swimming voucher
- Interactive football game
- Crystal Palace goodie bag

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MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

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:	Jevani	Sara
Y1:	Nolan	Juana
Y2:	Favour	Ivan
Y3:	Festus	Nyah-Rae
Y4:	Anaiah-Jay	Annabel
Y5:	Azariah	Temmy
Y6:	Chisom	Ameliah

Our Social Media Accounts



Good Shepherd Catholic Primary and Nursery School



@goodshepprimary

Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)



Thank you from Friends of Good

Shepherd (PTA) A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Summer Fair such a great success!

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers, school staff, Year 5&6 children, parents, carers, for your time, hard work and to those who hired stalls at the fair.

Also, New Addington Fire brigade (White Watch), JP Clement & Louise, Tesco's Orpington, Purley, Primo Caffè, Blooming Lovely florist, David Lloyd, Dominos, Kidspac, Mrs Hall's mum and Ms Woodley's friend for your donations, prizes and support.

We are incredibly grateful and we couldn't have done it without all of you.

Together, we raised **£832.32** for our school, which will help enriching opportunities and resources for our children.

Coffee morning together with Good Shepherd and Talk bus: Friday 10th July, 9am -10am

Summer Holidays

There are several attachments to this newsletter, please take time to look at these for free and paid events which must be booked beforehand:

Holiday clubs, Swimming classes, Fencing sessions, Drumming sessions.

Athletics

The infants did very well this week in the inter-school competition showing great enthusiasm.

The juniors surpassed themselves in their competition maintaining the trophy by coming first out of the four small schools and second out of all nine schools, narrowly missing 1st place by 3 points. They also came back laden with medals for their individual events—watch out Team GB, Good Shepherd athletes will be looking for places in the 2032 Olympics!

1st place	14
2nd place	3
3rd place	2

New Addington's First World Cup Player

Aaron Wan-Bissaka, a former Good Shepherd pupil is now a World Cup player for the Democratic Republic of Congo. He is thought to have become the first player from New Addington to play in the World Cup and played against England on Wednesday!

Fr Con's Reflection



On Tuesday and Wednesday of this school week, we reached the exact midpoint of this calendar year.

It is a moment for having a genuinely thankful heart towards God for His blessings and protection – and for achievements made so far, this year.

At the same time, it is a moment for expressing our faith and hope in Him, for all that lies ahead in the second half of 2026.

With a humble and prayerful mindset, we can have great confidence in Him, indeed.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day