



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 10th July 2026

Learning together as part of God's family

Our Social Media Accounts

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



Good Shepherd Catholic Primary and Nursery School



@goodshepprimary

Important

Please note that school closes for the summer holidays at 1:15pm next Friday (17th).

Mobile Phones

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

Uniform

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



All children are still expected to wear:

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

Please note that we would welcome parents donating their old red PE t-shirts to the school. The reason for this is so we can lend them out to children for sporting events and stand out from the other schools.

Be kind and respectful

Mental Health Workshops

Every class was lucky enough to receive a mental health workshop earlier this week which were very well received. Our thanks go to Coram Life Education for providing these.

School Council and Chaplaincy Team

The School Council and Chaplaincy Team had a wonderful visit to the Houses of Parliament last Friday to thank them for their hard work.

'Passport to Play' at Oxygen

For £35 per child for an unlimited number of visits, children can bounce in Open Play sessions all day, explore and climb Soft Play, or enjoy a calmer, more relaxed experience with our SEN Peaceful Play Passport.

<https://oxygenactiveplay.co.uk/passport-to-play/>

Fire Station Charity Open Day

You are invited to the Fire Station Charity Open Day at Croydon Fire Station, 90 Old Town, CR0 1AR on the 31st of July 2026 11:30-16:30

There will be lots of fun activities such as an inflatable assault course, face painting and a photo booth. There will also be demonstrations and from the Fire Brigade, Ambulance and Police. Food and drink will be available to purchase.

Unfortunately, there is no parking available on site but it is only a 10 minute walk from the tram stop at Reeves Corner. There will be a small charge for some activities which will go to the Firefighters' Charity.

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:

R: Smitwaah
Y1: Nolan
Y2: Ryan
Y3: Samuel
Y4: Mariyam
Y5: Keziah
Y6: Year 6

Kindness Award:

Yaqub
Chizaram
Daniel
Dasia
Ari'ah, Mahmoud
Princess
Judah

Year 6 Production

Year 6 performed the Jungle Book this week for the whole school and later for their parents and carers—they were brilliant!



The Jungle Book



Fr Con's Reflection

As we know, the Men's Football World Cup now has its final 16, from the 48 nations in at the beginning.



It is surely impressive to see so many players making religious gestures, in and around the field of play. (Most common, in this respect, will be the blessing of the self i.e. the making of the sign of the Cross, most commonly preceded by the touching of the pitch - in addition to praying for victory for their side, players doing this must surely have in their minds and hearts, the avoidance of injury).

In any event, such prayerful gestures are a very good witness in what is an increasingly secular society, across the nations.

May these gestures bring home to all children the abiding significance of the Christian "sign of the Cross", well made.

Prizegiving

Well done to the following children who received certificates this week:

	Pupil of the Year	Respect	Responsibility	Determination	Teamwork	Positivity
N	Theo	Jordan	Daniel	Dior-Rose	Christopher	Alvin
R	Ayah	Aidan R	Aziah	Arlayah	Sara	Aaron Junior
Y1	Damary-Deon	Mariam	Joshua	Elora	Keturah	Sadie
Y2	Augustine	Amelia	Ademilewa	Ivan	Sukaina	Junior
Y3	Narai	Dara	Zarah	Faustina	Samuel	Tricia
Y4	Osahuese	Annabel	Ari'ah	Emma	Gabriella	Zeah
Y5	Naila	Christable	Hosanna	Juanita	Otiwaah	Temmy
Y6	Atanas	Joy	Rashaad	Ronelle	Ivanna	Olamide

Attendance

Our winning class this week is Year 5 with 99.2% attendance - well done.



*Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Day*