



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 10th October 2025

Learning together as part of God's family

Attendance

Each week, we will now be celebrating the class who has the overall best attendance for that week. Our first winning class is Y4 with 97.5%.



They will be looking after the Attendance Cup in their classroom this week—well done.

Brain Rot Games

A number of children seem to be talking about brain rot games recently. Here are a few things parents should be aware of:

- Choose appropriate games by selecting games that are age-appropriate, educational, and have a clear purpose such as educational ones.
- Parents should monitor the content of games and set strict time limits.
- Encourage a wide range of activities, including outdoor play, creative hobbies, and reading, to help children develop a balanced lifestyle.

Times Tables Rocks Stars

Well done to Year 2 who were the KS1 champions this week with 3067 correct answers. A particular well done to Luis-Levi who scored 509 of them!

Harvest

Thank you for all the donations of packets and tins, it would be good if every child brought in at least one item. Monday is the last day to bring in non-perishable items.

Be kind and respectful

International Day

We had a wonderful celebration on Wednesday of all the countries the children come from—45 different countries!

If I have inadvertently missed off your country overleaf, please let me know so I can add it to my list, thank you.

Parent Support

It's a perfectly normal part of growing up for children to have angry outbursts at home from time to time. The NSPCC has put together some useful tips for parents on how best to manage these. [Anger management in children: how parents can help | NSPCC](#)

Mrs Downing's SEND Bulletin

It has been a good few weeks now since our Nursery and Reception children have been at school. They have all settled so well. However, if you think that your child is not quite meeting certain milestones please do speak to their class teacher or myself.

You may think that there is a delay with their fine or gross motor skills, their understanding, following instructions, their attention and focus, hyperactivity, speech and so forth.

It is important that you share your concerns with the school and the school with you. In agreement with each other I can refer your child to the paediatrician for a quick assessment. All of these referrals must be made before they turn 5 years old.

Please remember early identification and support is key.

Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

Teamwork

POLAND

NIGERIA

BELIZE

ZIMBABWE

TRINIDAD



UGANDA

JAMAICA

CYPRUS

ENGLAND

SPAIN

INTERNATIONAL DAY 2025

TANZANIA

FRANCE

MONTSERRAT

MALAYSIA

ESTONIA

ETHIOPIA

IRELAND

SLOVAKIA

COTE D'IVOIRE



BULGARIA

SIERRA LEONE

PAKISTAN

BARBADOS

BRAZIL

GERMANY

ANGOLA

PORTUGAL

CAMEROON

IRAN

GHANA

INDIA

KENYA

TONGA

WALES

IRAQ

UKRAINE

MARTINIQUE

GUYANA

REPUBLIC OF CONGO

VIETNAM



GUADELOUPE

USA

ROMANIA

SRI LANKA

NETHERLANDS



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: Gianna, Iyosayi,	Junior
Y1: Aliyah, Lydianne,	Olivia
Y2: Ademilewa, Jasmine,	Luis-Levi
Y3: Emilia, Ryan,	Deniece
Y4: Haroon, Marcan,	Jonathan
Y5: Keziah, Otiwaah,	Zhyan
Y6: David, Elianna,	Azariah



Tag Rugby

Well done to the children who represented Good Shepherd at the Catholic schools' tag rugby competition this week.

Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)



Non - Uniform Day and Light Party (disco)

To show that Jesus is the Light of the World, the whole school is encouraged to wear bright colourful clothes as this will be a non-uniform day on Tuesday 21st October (information attached). If you have paid for a ticket for your child, parents do not collect at 3:15pm but collect at 4:30pm instead.

Christmas Stall FROGS are now accepting Christmas Stall donations! Our first Christmas stall event is happening this December!

To help make this a success, we are kindly asking for donations in good condition that we can beautifully wrap as gifts for the children to choose and buy for their parents.

Donations are being now being accepted and will close on **Tuesday 2nd December**. Please drop any donations off at the school office e.g. candles, toiletries, small gift sets, books, mugs or anything else suitable.

World Teachers' Day

The staff had great fun on Monday seeing which children had dressed up like them for World Teachers' Day! All the children looked great, here are just a few:



Fr Con's Reflection



The rose, with its unique fragrance in its various colours, is the Queen of the flowers.

On Tuesday of this school week, October 7th, we had at Mass for the Memorial of OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY.

The 'Prayer of the Church' (or Breviary) for that day contained an extract from the 12th century Saint, Bernard. It concluded with 12 wonderful words about Our Lady, as follows:

"...THE FRAGRANCE WHICH MARY DRAWS FROM ABOVE SHE POURS GENEROUSLY ON US."

May we thank her in this Rosary month with a closer engagement with the Rosary, and its most oft-recurring prayer, the "Hail, Mary."

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Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Day