Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 4th September 2026

Learning together as part of God's family

Be kind and respectful

News and Reminders

A warm welcome back to all our Good Shepherd families, and a special welcome to our new Nursery children and those who have joined in other year groups. I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday. It has been an absolute joy seeing the classrooms filled with smiling faces. This week, we have been exploring how we can 'let our light shine' by celebrating our God-given talents and ensuring we do our very best every day.

There will be a start of the year meeting for **all** parents in the hall on Thursday 10th September at 8:45am, please ensure you come along.

Uniform: Thank you for ensuring your child has returned to school in the correct uniform. Please ensure all cardigans, jumpers, and school rucksacks are clearly labelled with your child's name to prevent mix-ups.

A reminder that the school gates open at 8:30am and all children need to be sitting in their class bat 8:40am. Water Bottles should be brought in every day, be named and should be reusable rather than single-use plastic.

Good Shepherd Supermarket is returning! Food items will be available for parents to collect on Wednesdays from 2:30pm starting next week. This is mainly fruit and vegetables but often includes other items as well. Financial donations by card are welcome as we use the money collected in this way to buy food items to distribute ahead of holiday periods. Thanks to the FROGS team for volunteering to support this each week.

PE days for the autumn term:

Y1 – Mondays, Tuesdays
Y2 – Tuesdays
Y3 – Thursdays
Y4 – Mondays, Thursdays
Y5 – Mondays, Fridays
Y6 – Mondays

Please ensure your chid wears their PE kit to school on these days - navy shorts, navy joggers, navy sweatshirt, white polo shirt, trainers (no cycling shorts or leggings please).

Mrs Downing's SEND Bulletin

A very warm welcome back to all of our families new and old. As the special needs coordinator as well as the deputy head, it is important to know that every child is special and unique. The whole school community plays a vital role in supporting pupils with special education needs (SEND). By working together, we can ensure that all students have the opportunity to thrive.

If you have any questions about your child's progress or are experiencing struggles at home I am here to listen to you. Other areas may include social and emotional needs, learning difficulties, speech and language delays, physical development, poor focus and concentration and challenging behaviour. I am always here to help and support you so please do book an appointment at the office to see me. Please do not wait. Remember we are all on this journey together. If you child has been feeling anxious or worried about returning to school remember this is ok and all perfectly normal.

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:
Rec	Aubrey	Hannah
Y1	Aiden R	Jevani
Y2	Tyler-Dean	Chizaram
Y3	Ararat	Tiana-Grace
Y4	Mohamed	Juewel, Tricia
Y5	Adam	Jhenae
Y6	Jeremy	Esmerelda

News and Reminders Continued

Does your child have asthma? If so, you can download a Child Asthma Action Plan free from Asthma & Lung UK and take it to your GP or Practice Nurse for them to fill in with you. https://www.asthmaandlung.org.uk/conditions/asthma/child/manage/action-plan

Allergies – allergies are very common amongst children and for this reason, no party bags, sweets, drinks or other treats may be given out. Thank you for your understanding.

Photographic Permission – all children should have received a paper copy of a letter this week confirming whether you give permission for your child's photograph to be used on our website, newsletter and social media. Please complete this and return it next week so the office do not need to chase you up.

Dates for your diary – please see the attached date list for the academic year so you know when your child's assembly and nativity is as well as non-uniform days.

Attendance



Our winning class this week is Year Y1 with 97% attendance - well done.

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://bit.ly/4gh5pAm

Afterschool Club: https://bit.ly/4vcxL3m

Fr Con's Reflection

Hopefully, all members of the school family enjoyed a relaxing and restful six weeks.

Monday of next week, 7th September 2026, is the 1st anniversary of the canonisation of the boy saint, Carlo Acutis. He died from leukaemia, aged 15, on 12th October 2006. He had a great affection for video games, and has become known as their patron saint. His first love, however, was for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament (the Holy Eucharist).

From September 3rd to September 22nd inclusive, our side-chapel will be accommodating 8 display boards, relating to miracles of the Holy Eucharist in history.

The side-chapel door will remain open for the viewing of these by any class on any given school day.

Similarly, viewing will be possible on the way home from school. TO ONE AND ALL: HAVE A HAPPY, BLESSED & SUCCESSFUL NEW ACADEMIC YEAR.

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**

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Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day