Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2026

Learning together as part of God's family

Be kind and respectful

Good Shepherd Supermarket

Our wonderful Good Shepherd Supermarket is back every Wednesday from 2:30pm. Parents are invited to select items they can use and make a donation (card only, no cash please).

Curriculum Information

Please take a look at the curriculum information for your child's new year group on our website.

Curriculum | Good Shepherd Primary

There are year group curriculum maps for some subjects as well as whole school curriculum maps for reading, writing and maths.

Uniform





If anyone is in need of school uniform, please email the office with a list of items you are looking for and we will have a look to see if we have the right size. We have lots of uniform in good condition looking for new homes!

Start of the Year Mass

We are celebrating our start of the year Mass on Tuesday at 9:15am in the church. All parents and carers are welcome.

Do we have your up-to-date details?

Please speak to the office if your home address, email address or mobile number has changed over the summer holidays. Please also ensure we have the correct medical information about your child.

Start of Year Meeting

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Start of Year meeting yesterday. We haven't held a meeting like this before and had an excellent turnout—I hope you found it helpful.

Mrs Downing's SEND Bulletin

Another week over already! Time really is flying. Already the children are feeling tired.

Getting sufficient sleep has been shown to benefit memory, learning, attention, mood, behaviour and physical health.

Is your child getting enough sleep? How many hours does your child need?

Age 3—5 years:	11 - 13 hours
Age 5—9 years:	10 - 11 hours
Age 10—11 years:	9 hours

It is important to create a good sleeping environment for your child. Their bedroom should be calm, dark, quiet and cool. Do not allow your child to watch TV or play computer games whilst falling asleep. These activities stimulate children and therefore do not promote sleep. Please give warning time for the putting down of tablets and phones. We want all our children to come to school ready to learn and to do their best as part of God's family. Please encourage and praise children with additional needs when they follow your instruction and remember to explain the "why" behind their bedtime routine.



If there are any parents who would like to talk to me or need any top tips for a good bedtime routine please let the office know!

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:	Jehovanie	Jordan
Y1:	Aaron Junior	Ayah
Y2:	Keturah, Lily Kay	Damary-Deon
Y3:	Luis Levi	Devarsh
Y4:	Deniece	Nyah-Rae
Y5:	Vinnie	Mahmoud
Y6:	Keziah-Rose	Marie

Croydon Drop In (CDI).

There are two free parent-led interventions for families:

Parent-Led Anxiety Intervention (Ages 5-11)

Supports parents and carers in learning practical strategies to better understand anxiety, build their child's confidence, develop coping skills, and support them in facing their fears in a gradual and supportive way.

Parent-Led Common Behaviour Intervention (Ages 2-8)

Focuses on understanding behaviour, strengthening parent-child relationships, promoting positive behaviour, and developing practical strategies to manage challenging behaviours effectively.

Please see attached flyers for more details.

Television Opportunity

South Shore TV (makers of D.I.Y SOS amongst others) are casting the first series of a brand-new food show.

They are looking for families from across the UK who would like help with their food bills by learning new cooking habits which save time and money. If you are interested, please see the attached Food Show flyer.

Attendance



Our winning class this week is Year 1 with 100% attendance - amazing!

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



August, each year, is a very strong month relating to Mary, Mother of God, Mother of the Church and Mother of us all.

September follows in a very similar vein. Its 8th day is when the Church celebrates her birthday – September 8th is 9 months on from December 8th, the Solemn Feast of her Immaculate Conception.

September 15th is the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. On that day, the school will be joining the parish for Mass in the Church – the 1st Mass of the new school year.

As Mary was Jesus' tutor during his childhood and adolescence, her intercession is invaluable, for parents to seek on behalf of their child(ren) in a new academic year. This is done by the prayer of the "Hail, Mary".

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