Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026

Learning together as part of God's family

Be kind and respectful

Don't Miss Out

If you are eligible for Targeted Free School Meals, the school will receive valuable additional funding. In addition, you will be eligible for:

- Free educational visits
- Reduced fees for extra-curricular clubs
- Free holiday clubs through the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme

All parents need to please check on the special checker to see if they are eligible if they have not already done so.

Please note that if you do not qualify for most benefits (also known as having 'no recourse to public funds'), your child may still be eligible.

Free School Meals Eligibility - FAQs for Parents & Carers | LGfL FSM

Extra-Curricular Clubs

I am pleased to announce that extra-curricular clubs are coming back this term. We have a lovely range of sporting and creative clubs on offer. A letter will be coming out shortly explaining which clubs will be provided each day and how to book your child a place.

There will be limited places available for each club so I recommend you book as soon as the letter is sent.



Year 6 Pupil Leadership 2026-2027

The children in Year 6 had to write a formal letter to me and present to their class on why they wanted to be on the leadership team and what skills they could bring to the role.

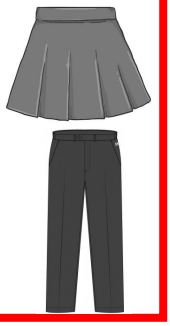
I am pleased to announce the Year 6 Pupil Leadership Team for this year are:

Head Boy & Girl:	Kyriacos, Keziah-Rose
Deputy Head Boy & Girl:	Chimdindu, Anna
Red House Captain:	Mateo
Blue House Captain:	Keziah
Green House Captain:	Hosanna
Yellow House Captain:	Bishoy
Lead School Councillors:	Annaya, Azariah
Lead Chaplains:	Esmerelda, Juanita, Mateo, Otiwaah, Marie



Uniform

Are you in need of school uniform? Please let the office know which items you are looking for. We have lots of uniform in good condition looking for new homes!



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:	Muna	Daniel
Y1:	Gianna	Yaqub
Y2:	Lydianne	Juana
Y3:	De Bruyne	Taliyah
Y4:	Emilia	Petra
Y5:	Nahla	Olawamiri
Y6:	Annaya	Josiah

Upcoming Dates

Thursday 24th September 8:50am	Y5 class assembly (parents welcome)
Friday 25th September	Individual photos
Thursday 1st October	Start of Black History Month
Thursday 1st October 8:50am	Y4 class assembly (parents welcome)

Free Family Learning Workshops

Mums, dads and other family members are warmly invited to go to the New Addington Centre (Library building) for free CALAT Family Learning workshops.

Explore creative activities to boost children's skills with letters and numbers!

Funky Phonics - Monday 28th September

Early Maths Matters - Monday 5th October

Educational Apps - Monday 12th October

Workshops run from 9.30 am - 12 noon, free tea and coffee from 9 am (adults only, no creche available).

To book your free place click here.

For more information, please email: familylearning3@croydon.gov.uk

Attendance



Attendance has been the best ever this week! Our winning classes this week are Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all with 100% attendance—amazing! A special mention also goes to Year 3 with 99.2% and Year 4 with 99.0% - 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



On Tuesday of this week, many members of our school family came to the church for the first Mass of the new school year.

The altar in a church is rightly referred to as the Table of the Lord.

When our pupils sit at tables in class, they can, in their hearts and minds, make a real prayerful connection between their tables and the Table of the Lord, the altar in church.

When I was at the then Junior Seminary at Mark Cross (Sussex) in the 1960's, we were directed to write A.M.D.G at the top left of any page of writing, before writing anything. This stood for the Latin "AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM" meaning "TO THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD".

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Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day