Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2026

Learning together as part of God's family

Be kind and respectful

Chair of Governors

Each year, the governing body elect a new Chair of Governors and this year, Mrs Dewey has taken on the role. Mrs Dewey has been on the governing body for number of years and been vice chair for the last three years.



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 will share any concerns they have 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.

Admission to Good Shepherd

Do you have family, friends, neighbours or work colleagues looking for a school place? If so, please tell them about Good Shepherd as a lot of people think we only accept Catholic children. Tell them that 'every day is open day' so they are welcome to come along at any time during the school day to find out more about our lovely school.

Starfish Malawi

Tristan from Starfish Malawi came in this week to deliver a whole school assembly on his recent visit to Malawi where a group of 9 volunteers went to Malawi to help with local projects, meet different link schools and share the Good News.

Afterwards, Tristan delivered workshops to Years 3, 4 and 5. He taught these classes about the different animals found in England and Malawi and also spoke more about his recent visit.

It was exciting to hear that the boxes of clothing we sent to Malawi in the summer term have now arrived after a very long boat journey.



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:	Alvin	Aubrey
Y1:	Arliya	Sara
Y2:	Isaiah	Mariam
Y3:	Joella	Gabriella
Y4:	Mahmoud, Ylan	Dasia
Y5:	Natan	Zofia
Y6:	Temmy	Juanita

Attendance and Punctuality



Now that everyone is settled back into school, here are just a few reminders:

Attendance—children are expected in school everyday unless they are extremely unwell. Please follow the link to read the NHS advice.

Is my child too ill for school? - NHS

Please note that holidays in term time are not permitted.

Punctuality—all children are expected in class at 8:40am and will be issued a late mark in the register if they arrive into class after this time.

School Council

Well done to the following children who have successfully been elected onto the School Council by their peers.

Y3	Jasmine, Luis Levi
Y4	Deniece, Festus
Y5	Osahuese, Zofia
Y6	Annaya, Azariah

Attendance



Our winning class this week is Year 2 with 99.4% 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

Lunch Menu

Please find attached the current lunch menu which runs on a three week cycle. Please encourage your child to have a school lunch every day as these are free to all children in Reception up to Year 6 and it also helps with our school funding.

Fr Con's Reflection



At the midpoint of this school week, we entered the season of AUTUMN – renowned for the beautiful colours from the trees – (although it increases the workload of Colm, as he seeks to prevent any slippage on the fallen leaves)

The 4 seasons given to us by God do bring a varied array of beauty. They reflect His beauty as Creator and as Providence for us.

We, meanwhile, must look after ourselves, and look out for one another, as we strive to always respond to God with a thankful heart.

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Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day