# Good Shepherd Newsletter

**Friday 2nd October 2026**

*Learning together as part of God's family*

*Be kind and respectful*

## International Day



Our International Day is on Wednesday 8th October this year. Children are encouraged to wear clothes which reflect their heritage. It is always a wonderful celebratory day.



Classes will also have a drumming workshop on this day and parents are asked to pay £2.80 on ParentPay please.

## Clubs

Please ensure you have signed up for clubs by Wednesday 14th at the latest.

## Mrs Downing's SEND Bulletin




## Good Shepherd Supermarket

A polite reminder to parents that although we don't put specific prices on any food items that they take, a donation is greatly appreciated. The money raised is used to buy food to distribute to parents through Good Shepherd Supermarket just before school holidays. Basics such as rice, pasta etc will be available with the proceeds. Please give what you can.

## Harvest

We are starting our annual Harvest collection next week for the New Addington Food Bank. It would be wonderful if every child could bring in at least one item please.

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| rice | cereal | tinned vegetables |
| soap | shampoo | tinned fruit |
| pasta | toilet roll | toothpaste |




## 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.

*Respect* *Responsibility* *Determination* *Positivity* *Teamwork*

## Headteacher and Kindness Awards

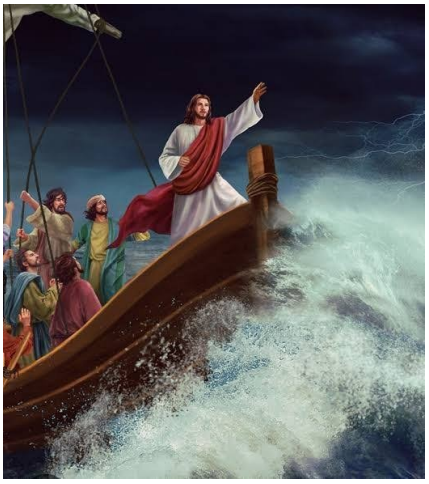
Well done to the following children who have worked hard, had great behaviour or have shown great kindness and thoughtfulness to others:




| | Headteacher Award: | Kindness Award: |
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| R: | Dior-Rose | Ayomi |
| Y1: | Aiden A | Junior |
| Y2: | Eliora | Joseph |
| Y3: | Sukaina | Daniel, Isabella |
| Y4: | Michelle | Israel |
| Y5: | Myra | Annabel |
| Y6: | Marie | Fiona |

## RE Day

On Wednesday, Good Shepherd hosted an RE day for 5 other schools. Sixteen children from our Y5 and Y6 also took part. Children focused on their faith through acting and craft activities. The children learnt how they were all unique in different ways and reflected on the wonderful gifts they have been blessed with. They used colourful beads to make their own decade of the Rosary and they also acted out the story of Jesus calming the sea.



## Croydon Harvest This Weekend

[Croydon Harvest featuring the Walnut Fair 2026 - Culture Croydon]

A free event in central Croydon.




## Attendance



Our winning class this week is Year 2 with 100% attendance - fantastic. A very well done to Year 3 also who came second with 99.2%.

## 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

Yesterday, Thursday, the month of the Holy Rosary arrived once more.

One "circuit" of the Rosary beads consists of 5 "Our Father" prayers, 50 "Hail, Mary" prayers and 5 "Glory be" prayers.

The "Hail, Mary" features the most because the Rosary was given to us by her – she who is the highest honour of the human race – Mother of God, and Mother of us all.

She is our great intercessor before God's Throne. As Jesus' tutor, in His "Primary" and "Secondary" years, she is our ideal "go-to" person, with any education – related prayer petition.

It is always "Through Mary, to Jesus". She always points to her son rather than to herself.

A "Hail, Mary", well said, is like a beautiful rose presented to her – (hence the name of this powerful prayer Devotion).

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