Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2026

Learning together as part of God's family

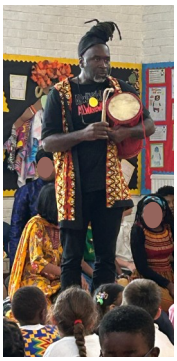
Be kind and respectful

International Day

The children all looked fantastic on Wednesday—it's a wonderful celebration of everyone's cultural heritage.

All classes received drumming workshops too. Every child had a drum and concentrated brilliantly to copy all the rhythm patterns. Please ensure you have paid for this on ParentPay, it's not too late to do this if you haven't done so already. Whilst I am always on the lookout for free opportunities and grants, it isn't always possible and being able to offer some of these opportunities is only possible with parental contributions.








Outdoor Play



This autumn and winter, children will be playing outside at breaktime and lunchtime even if it's drizzling a little. When children stay inside all day it has a big impact on their concentration and the quality of their learning in the afternoon so please ensure your child comes to school every day with a waterproof coat which has a hood.

Holiday Club

For the first time, Croydon's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme will be running during the October half-term holiday, offering children free activities and a nutritious meal.

Bookings opened yesterday.

Aim High will be holding a holiday club at Good Shepherd again. Parents of eligible children will receive an email or text containing a voucher from Holiday Activities. You will receive your unique code once you have claimed the voucher and then book a space.

The previous supermarket holiday voucher scheme has now ended following the end of the government's Household Support Fund. Families experiencing financial hardship can now apply for support through Croydon's Crisis and Resilience Fund

Open Afternoon

Next Friday (16th), there is an open afternoon from 2:30pm for parents where you can visit your child's classroom to see their work. If you are visiting more than one class, please go through the playground and not inside the building for safeguarding reasons. Teachers will not have an opportunity to speak to parents at this event as they will be teaching but parents evening is immediately after half term on 5th and 10th November and you can ask questions then.

Clubs

Don't forget to sign up for clubs on ParentPay as 1pm Wednesday is the deadline.

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	Muna
Y1:	Esther	Amara
Y2:	Sadie	Amen
Y3:	Augustine	Jasmine
Y4:	Nathan	Adepa
Y5:	Jaaziel	Ari'ah
Y6:	Avaeyah, Princess,	Anna, Esther

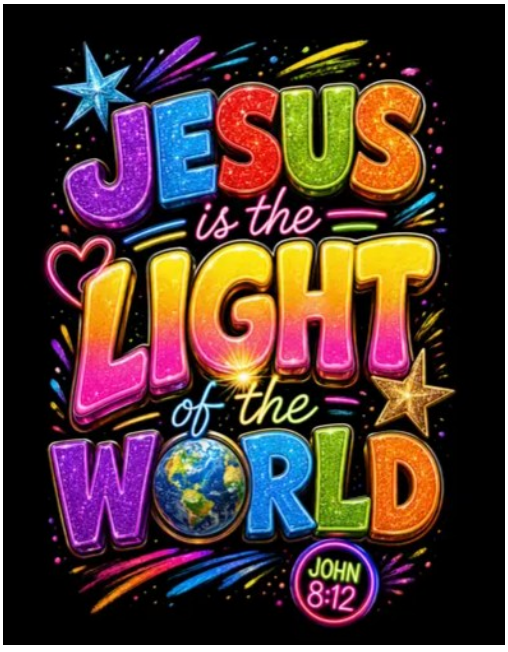


Light Party

Our annual Light Party is returning after school on Wednesday 4th November—more details to follow.

For our new families, the Light Party is a school disco where children wear light or bright-coloured clothes to represent that Jesus is the Light of the World.

There will be three options again: an infant disco, a junior disco and a quiet activity.



Attendance



Our winning class this week is Year 2 with 100% attendance - excellent!

Admissions

Don't forget to recommend Good Shepherd to your family, friends and colleagues.

Fr Con's Reflection



On Wednesday this week, our school celebrated International Day.

Being October 7th, it coincided with the Memorial of OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY – the Mass of that day in the Church's Calendar.

There are different styles of rosary beads. Arguably the most colourful would be the 5 continents set – 5 different colours, each of 10 beads:

GREEN for AFRICA; RED for THE AMERICAS; WHITE for EUROPE; BLUE for OCEANIA (AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND etc); YELLOW (OR GOLD) for ASIA.

When we reflect on the number of nations reflected in our school family, we encounter an array of cultures, customs and religious faith and practice.

All are covered by the embrace of Jesus, the Good Shepherd which is the self-title He employs in John's Gospel, e.g. Chapter 10 verse 16 which reads:

"AND THERE ARE OTHER SHEEP I HAVE THAT ARE NOT OF THIS FOLD, AND THESE I HAVE TO LEAD AS WELL. THEY TOO WILL LISTEN TO MY VOICE, AND THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE FLOCK, AND ONE SHEPHERD."

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Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day