Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2026

Learning together as part of God's family

Be kind and respectful

Admissions



Don't forget to recommend Good Shepherd to your family, friends and colleagues. Every day is open day so they are welcome to visit on any school day.

Mrs Downing's SEND Bulletin

SEND Bonfire Night Event - Croydon Fire Station

Bonfire Night can be a challenging time for many, particularly for those with SEND.

Croydon Fire Station therefore will be holding their annual SEND Bonfire Night Event again this November on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th of November at 17:30 and 20:00 on both evenings. As with previous events, tickets are required, and these will be FREE and available HERE! Tickets will be accessible from Monday 19th October, giving time for families to be informed of the upcoming event.

Highlights of the event will include light displays, a UV house, a fully accessible fire engine, bubble tunnels and many more sensory activities.

If there are any further questions, or more information is required, please reach out to Daniel Foster: 07711 123046

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Cafod

The children listened to an interesting speaker from Cafod on Monday explaining how some schools around the world do not have access to running water. Years 4, 5, 6 followed this with special workshops.

During Advent this year, we will be raising money for Cafod to install taps in more schools so all children have fresh, clean water at school.

Polka Theatre

Reception, Year 1 and 2 had a wonderful trip to the Polka Theatre on Wednesday.

Croydon School of Performing Arts

A new branch of Croydon School of Performing Arts is opening at New Addington Leisure Centre. To celebrate the launch they are holding some free sessions.

Wednesday 11th November – Rec to Y3

- 4:30pm – Ballet
- 5:00pm – Street Dance
- 5:30pm – Musical Theatre

Thursday 12th November 2026 – Years 4-7

- 4:00pm – Ballet
- 4:45pm – Street Dance
- 5:30pm – Musical Theatre

Children are welcome to try one, two or all three classes completely FREE of charge, with no obligation to enrol afterwards.

If interested, please book a free trial by emailing newaddington@croydonschoolofperformingarts.co.uk

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	Jehovanie
Y1:	Aziah	Heran
Y2:	Marleigh-Mae	Aaliyah
Y3:	Junior	Sukaina
Y4:	Dara	Faustina
Y5:	Zeah	Aaron
Y6:	Anna	Princess

Advice Fair

There will be an advice fair in New Addington hosted by MP Natasha Irons on Saturday November 21st

There will be a large number of organisations offering expert advice including:

- Department for Work & Pensions
- Debt Today, Free Tomorrow
- Croydon Drop In & the Talkbus
- BME Forum
- Citizens Advice Croydon
- Croydon Healthy Homes
- The Family Centre
- Pride in Place Neighbourhood Board
- South West London Law Centre
- The Vine Foodbank

Please see the attached flyer for how to book a place.

School Lunches



Baguettes are now on offer every day along with hot meal options. Please see the attached flyer for which two baguette fillings are available on which day.

Attendance



Our winning class this week is Year 3 with 98.7% attendance - well done.

Fr Con's Reflection



This school week opened on ALL SOULS' DAY – a special day of prayer for the deceased – a day very closely linked to the opening day of November ('ALL SAINTS').

The next school week opens on NOVEMBER 9th – that day is the 10th anniversary of the 'New Addington – Sandilands Tram Tragedy in 2016'. 7 people were killed (5 of them were from New Addington).

61 other passengers were injured (21 of them seriously hurt, sustaining life-changing injuries).

On Monday especially, let us pray for these deceased and their bereaved families, and for the injured.

Tram Derailment Anniversary Service

Good Shepherd choir have been asked to sing at the service as people gather and again at the end. This is a great honour so please join us at the parade on Monday. We will start singing our hymns at 10:45am. I have attached the official press release.

Light Party

The children all enjoyed the Light Party this week!

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