



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 9th May 2025

Learning together as part of God's family

May Procession

We held a wonderful May Procession led by the Chaplaincy team who also performed a little playlet of the Annunciation.



Thank you for sending your child with flowers. It was a lovely way to honour Our Lady.



Be kind and respectful

VE Day

Two visitors spoke to the whole school about their memories of VE Day. The children loved hearing their stories about the evacuees who lived with them, the blackout, doodlebugs, air raid shelters and school life during the war. The children had prepared some questions in advance and were interested to hear about how they felt when they heard the news that war in Europe had ended and how they celebrated VE Day with their family.



One of the visitors had even put together the weekly food ration which the children didn't think contained very much to eat!



Ten children attended the flag-raising ceremony at the Town Hall. We were the only school to attend and so the children felt very special that the Civic and Executive Mayors, various Councillors and other dignitaries spent so long chatting with them afterwards.



The whole school then enjoyed a VE Day picnic on the field.

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: Chizaram, Isaiah,	Lily-Kay
Y1: Devarsh, Tianah-Grace,	Adepa
Y2: Emilia, George,	Tricia
Y3: Anaiah-Jay, Haroon, Jonathan, Ola,	Zofia
Y4: Annaya, Chimdindu,	Daniel
Y5: Atanas, Sefaah,	Uriel
Y6: Erin, Lin,	Eleana



Good Shepherd Day

Next Friday will be our annual Good Shepherd Day—our special school feast day. The children will be taking part in lots of Pilgrims of Hope activities during the day.

All children should come to school in a red/ yellow/green/blue t-shirt representing their house colour. This is not a non-uniform day and the t-shirt replaces the white shirt/polo shirt. Children should wear their grey trousers/ skirt and grey cardigan/jumper as normal.

If you are unsure of your child's house colour, please check with your child's class teacher and not the school office, thank you.

Starfish Malawi

Thank you for your generous donations of water bottles, books and money this week. I know that our link school in Malawi will be very grateful and am sure they will send us a photo once the shipping container arrives.

Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)



Circus Pazaz If you have not yet bought your tickets to Circus Pazaz, the payment link is live on Parent Pay.

All children attending the circus must be accompanied by a paying adult.

There are 2 sessions, 3.30pm and 5.30pm, on Thursday 12th June 2025.

Adults: £10

Children (aged 2 and over): £7

Children (UNDER 2) Free (if sitting on a lap)

If you know of anyone within the local community who would like to attend and does not have access to Parent Pay, please see poster with QR code to purchase tickets.

Father's Day FROGS are kindly asking parents if you can look at home, or ask friends or family for men's items such as unworn ties, gift sets, pens etc, which we can re-use and gift on our Father's Day stall on Wednesday 11th June. All we ask is that it is in good condition. All donations to the school office.

Fr Con's Reflection



On Thursday of this week (8th May), Britain marks the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (V.E. day) - the end of World War 2 on May 8th 1945.

It is important that we remember the ultimate sacrifice made by so many - very many gave up their lives at or about the age of 18 - what today would be stated end of schooling at Secondary level.

We will not ever be called to make such a dramatic self-sacrifice. Yet, we are all called to make certain sacrifices in life, and we will be only too aware of these.

'Sacrifice' comes from 2 Latin words: 'SACRUM' and 'FACERE' - meaning "to make holy." Jesus made the ultimate self-sacrifice.

HE SHOWED US THE WAY. HE IS THE WAY (TRUTH AND THE LIFE).

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Day