



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 4th July 2025

Learning together as part of God's family

Running Races

A really well done to all the children who took part in the running races earlier in the week. It was lovely that so many parents and carers came to cheer everyone on and well done to the parents and carers who also took part.



Visit From The Mayor

We were honoured to have a visit from Mayor Jason Perry this afternoon. The children were keen to ask him questions about his role. Here are some of the questions they asked him:



Please can you explain the difference between a Civic Mayor and an Executive Mayor?

How did you become the Mayor?

What do you do in your role as Mayor?

What is the hardest thing about being the Mayor?

What is your biggest priority as Mayor?

Do you have people helping you to support Croydon's green spaces?

Have you had any other jobs? If so, what?

What is going to happen to the Whitgift Centre?

What future plans for Croydon do you have?

Be kind and respectful

Recent RE Inspection

Thank you to all the parents who completed the parent questionnaire for the RE inspection last week. You will not be at all surprised to hear that your children did you all credit by behaving brilliantly and speaking confidently to the inspectors.

It was a chance to celebrate the Catholic life of Good Shepherd.

The report should be published just before the end of term which I will share with you straight away.

Aim High Summer Camp

I am pleased to announce that Aim High's Summer Camp is returning to Good Shepherd again this year and bookings are now open. The camp will run from 28th July to 22nd August 2025 9am-3pm.

As many of you know, the places fill up very quickly – often within just a couple of days – so we strongly recommend booking as early as possible to secure your child's place.

If you have a HAF voucher, please make sure to log in and book your free place as soon as possible on the holiday activities site.

If you would like book outside the HAF programme, it's £35 a day or £150 and you can book by emailing info@aimhighacademy.co.uk

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Aim High.

Most importantly – don't forget to sign up and secure your places early!

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: Chloe, Isaiah,	Chizaram
Y1: Amelia, Ryan,	Julia
Y2: Annette, Chidera,	Dasia
Y3: Benedict, Emma,	Haroon
Y4: Chrisean, Naila,	Esmerelda
Y5: Amelia, Oscar,	Washburn
Y6: Lin, Mohamad,	Funmi



Athletics News

A group of children from Y3-6 took part in an athletics competition this week with the other Catholic primary schools.

They did extremely well coming third overall and first out of the one-form entry schools, thereby winning the Small Schools' Cup.



Children from Reception to Y2 joined the other Catholic schools for a similar competition yesterday. They did very well, coming 4th overall. Particular mention to Vincenzo, Joseph and Jasmin who won their individual year group races.



Parent Webinar

There is another parent webinar on Wednesday at 7pm delivered jointly by Off The Record and Croydon Drop In. These are very informative sessions and highly recommended.

The theme this week is 'Supporting your young person's low-mood'.

Please click the link to register and receive the link <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/mhst-parentcarer-webinars-2674189>

Transition Session

Our next transition session is Friday 11th July.

Fr Con's Reflection

Tuesday of this week, July 1st, had a particular significance for our parish church (and therefore for our school too). It was the Memorial (or Feast) of the 17th century Irish martyr saint, Oliver Plunkett.



When our church was consecrated in June 1986, it was relics (pieces of bone) of St Oliver that were inserted into our main altar. (Every Catholic Church has pieces of bone of a Saint inserted into its altar. Moreover, for a church to be consecrated, it has to have been formally declared to be free of debt).

At the midpoint of the last century, the local Irish Catholic community were very active in the building of, first our school, and then (about 5 years later) our church.

Now, at the midpoint of 2025 and in the final month of the 2024-25 academic year, we beseech the intercession of St Oliver for our school family and all its undertakings.

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Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Day