



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 21st March 2025

*Learning together as part of God's family*

## Neurodiversity Week

We have been celebrating our differences this week and recognising our individual strengths as part of Neurodiversity Week.

## Farm Trip

A group of children enjoyed a wonderful morning at Christmas Tree Farm this week.



## Year 2

Our Year 2 class visited Addington Heights last week to sing songs and bring the residents some joy. Earlier this week, they performed brilliantly at the Fairfield Halls in front of a very large audience.



*Be kind and respectful*

## Big Walk and Wheel 2025

Monday is the start of the Big Walk and Wheel 2025. This is the UK's biggest inter-school walking, and scooting challenge. It will last for two weeks and finish on 4 April 2025.

We are asking all children to walk or scoot to school as often as possible during the next two weeks. If you live too far from school to be able to walk, please consider getting off the bus a stop or two earlier so children do part of the journey on foot. This is one of the many ways in which we can encourage children to care for God's planet.



## Book Fair

Thank you to all the families who bought books at this week's book fair. The school gets a commission on sales to buy additional books so every little bit helps when school budgets are so tight.

A message from Ms Stephenson:

Thank you very much to all the parents that helped with the book fair.

I definitely would not have been able to have done it without you.

Ms Stephenson.

*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: Eliora, Nolan, Sadie,	Kamai
Y1: Isaiah, Jasmin, Ollie, Peter,	Adepa
Y2: Festus, Ryan,	Owen
Y3: Ademide, Vanessa,	Ola
Y4: Alde, Chrisean,	Fiona
Y5: Ameliah, Sabrina,	Byron
Y6: Daniel, Mya,	Lin



## Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)



Mother's Day stall Our Mother's Day stall will be on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th March (am).

Easter egg competition Our Easter egg competition is now open for Nursery to Year 6.

A blank A4 sized Easter egg template has been given to your child, with instructions. If you have lost or not received a template, please ask at the office.

Each entry is 50p, please attach the 50p to the completed template.

All entries due back by Monday 31st March.

Circus Pazaz The payment link for circus tickets is now live on ParentPay.

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

Please ensure you book the correct session.

Everyone is welcome.

## Easter Holiday Club

Aim High will be holding a holiday club at Good Shepherd again for 4 days during the Easter Holidays, from Monday 14th to Thursday 17th April 9:00-3:00pm.

Over 75% of places have already been filled so call 07904 313603 or email [info@aimhighacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@aimhighacademy.co.uk) to book a place as soon as possible.

## Free Family Fun this Easter

CALAT are offering free family sessions during the Easter holidays in different locations across Croydon, including New Addington. These sessions must be booked in advance on [www.calat.ac.uk/easter-family-fun](http://www.calat.ac.uk/easter-family-fun)

## Fr Con's Reflection



On the last day of this school week, it can be truly announced: SPRING HAS SPRUNG! (March 21<sup>st</sup>).

On Tuesday of next week, March 25<sup>th</sup>, we have the Solemn Feast of THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD- (celebrating the visit of the Archangel Gabriel to young Mary of Nazareth, informing her that she had been especially chosen by God, as mother to His Son).

This announcement heralded the Incarnation- God becoming human in the Person of His Only Begotten Son, for the Salvation and Redemption of humankind.

The Incarnation is the greatest event that could ever happen in human history- God, who is Absolute Spirit, becoming 100% human, added to His being 100% divine. May we always retain absolute wonder at the magnitude of this great.

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