



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 4th April 2025

Learning together as part of God's family

Holy Week Prayer and Liturgy

Different classes have been leading Prayer and Liturgy for the school this week, retelling the last few days of Jesus on Earth.

The Year 1 class led a wonderful Palm Sunday with lots of palm waving. Our Year 4 class re-enacted Jesus washing the Disciples' feet and the Last Supper, whilst the Year 3 class led the school in Stations of the Cross.



Cafod World Gifts

The money collected in the Cafod collecting tins was counted this morning—we have raised £60—this will provide three families with chickens, along with the training to help look after them, so they can produce eggs to eat or sell. This is a life-changing gift to these families and demonstrates how we are living out the Catholic Social Teaching principle of putting those most in need before ourselves.

Football Club

Coach Sean is starting up a football club at Good Shepherd. Please click on the link and complete the form if you would like your child to participate.

Monday 6-8pm (KS2), Thursday 6-8pm (KS1), Saturday 10-12pm

In addition, there is a possibility of holiday activities.

This is a form for parents to fill out to gather numbers of interest:

Be kind and respectful

Catholic Social Teaching

At the end of each term, we award special certificates to children who have worked hard to follow one or more of the Catholic Social Teaching Principles.



Well done to the following children:

Everyone is special	Lily-Kay Rec De Bruyne Y1	Sienna Y3 Kayden Y5 Mya Y6
Thinking of everyone	Luis-Levi Y1	Vanessa Y3 Bishoy Y4
Taking part	Anne-Sophia R Jenneh Y1 Devarsh Y1	Narai Y2 Sabrina Y5 Johan Y6
Everyone should have a say	Zhyan Y4	Raphael Y6
Caring for God's gifts	Nolan Rec Sukaina Y1 Deniece Y2	Benedict Y3 Anna Y4 Imoleayo Y5 Kacee Y6
Putting people most in need first	Adepa Y2 Jaaziel Y3	Keziah-Rose Y4 Rashaad Y5
Sharing fairly	Israel Y2	

Farewell

We said a farewell to Mr Gray and Miss Sharkey today and wish them well. The children presented cards and gifts in our Celebration Assembly.

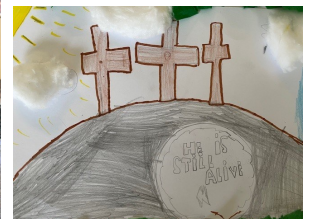
Respect Responsibility Determination Positivity Teamwork



Easter Gardens

Children have created wonderful Easter Gardens this week, some representing Good Friday whilst others represented the resurrection on Easter Sunday - I have been so impressed!

Today, the junior children completed a Stations of the Cross Challenge designed jointly by the Chaplaincy Team and School Council.



PE Kits

After Easter, we will be trialling children coming into school in their PE kits on PE days. However, so that pupils still look neat and tidy, it is essential that children come in the correct PE kit:

Navy shorts (NOT cycling shorts)

Red t-shirt with badge (purchased from Hewitts)

Trainers (children CANNOT wear school shoes)

Plain navy tracksuit (NOT leggings)

Please note that children may not wear their jumpers/cardigans on PE days or tights.



PE Days in summer term

Monday	Y1, Y2, Y3, Y5
Tuesday	Y1, Y2, Y6
Wednesday	Rec, Y4
Thursday	Rec, Y3, Y6
Friday	Y5

Please note that if your child is taking part in an after school club which requires PE kit, then they must come to school in their full school uniform and change into their PE kit after school.

Winners

Thank you to FROGS for organising the Easter egg competition and to Mr Conneely for selecting the winners. The 24 winners all received an Easter egg today.

The FROGS team also put together a wonderful hamper and Miss Butler pulled out the winning ticket, the winner is Azariah!

Wraparound Childcare

Reminder—it's not too late to book in for wraparound childcare which starts after Easter with Active Future. The sessions will include crafts, sports, games and a snack. Please click on the link to book.

<https://shorturl.at/n8cgz>

Attendance

Well done to children with 100% attendance—55 children have received a certificate and badge.



Fr Con's Reflection

We break up this Friday with a quarter of 2025, and two-thirds of the school year, behind us.



Plenty of opportunity, then, in the next fortnight to heartfully and silently thank God for His graces bestowed during all these past months.

After this fortnight, we will have reached the 'Sacred Triduum', consisting of:

HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY EVENING (COMMEMORATING THE LAST SUPPER).

GOOD FRIDAY 3PM (THE CRUCIFIXION AND DEATH OF JESUS).

HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT (EASTER VIGIL) LEADING TO EASTER SUNDAY. (All 3 days forming one unbroken Liturgy).

May every member of our all-round school family have a blessed, restful and joyful "time-off".

If you need to contact the office, please email or telephone **01689 841 771**
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Wishing you a happy Easter
School reopens on Wednesday 23rd April
Mrs Day