



# Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 17th January 2025

*Learning together as part of God's family*

*Be kind and respectful*

## Times Tables

It has been wonderful to see how the junior children in particular are getting more accurate and faster in answering their timetables questions on Times Tables Rock Stars. In September, Good Shepherd was 29th in Croydon in terms of speed and accuracy and now we're 4th. What an amazing improvement! Practice makes perfect so please keep encouraging your children to practise on the TTRS programme.

## Holiday Club

Aim High will be providing a holiday club again on 14th-17th April. More details will be sent out in the newsletter nearer to the time.

## Reminder of Dates Spring 1

Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 8:55am	Y2 class assembly (parents welcome)
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 9:00am	Talent Show (parents welcome)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 8:55am	Y5 class assembly (parents welcome)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Start of Children's Mental Health Week
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Own clothes day in support of Children's Mental Health Week
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 3:15pm	School closes for half term
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	School closed for pupils Inset Day 4

## Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee

Pope Francis has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope", and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis.

Although the 2025 Jubilee Year has already begun, there is an official launch day for schools next Friday which we will be celebrating.

Pope Francis has asked us to celebrate this year with a deep faith, lively hope and active charity. This means he wants each one of us to celebrate this year by trusting in God, looking forward with hope, and showing love to others through kind and caring actions.

Pope Francis is inviting us to renew our hope, a hope which comes from knowing that God loves each one of us, whoever we are.

Pope Francis asks us to be signs of hope for others, by putting Catholic Social Teaching into action through caring for our common home and supporting our sisters and brothers who are experiencing war, hunger or poverty.

In school, we will reflect on:



How do we listen to the Word of God?

How can we be a pilgrim?

How can we come together and respond to God's call?

*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: Aliyah, Anne-Sophia, Damary-Deon,	Olivia
Y1: Israel, Rehmah,	Junior
Y2: Adepa,	Faustina
Y3: Carla, Ola, Zennia,	Jonathan
Y4: Temioluwa, Zarah,	Annaya
Y5: Aniyah, David,	Rashaad
Y6: Daniel, Emike, Ethan,	Lin



## Timings

Please remember to bring your child to the school office if they are late. Any child arriving after 8:40am needs to be marked in the register and select their lunch option at the office, thank you.



## Talent Show

Thank you for supporting your children in preparing for their talent show auditions. Lots of children auditioned and not all were able to be selected to take part in this year's show.

The Talent Show will be at 9:00 on Wednesday 29th January (please note the change of day/time due to a clash).

## Spare Clothes

From time to time, children are sent home in spare clothes from school due to accidents etc. Please remember to wash and return these as our supplies are getting low.

## Wraparound Care

Good Shepherd are hoping to launch wrap-around care each day from Easter. This will be provided by an outside company and so we are waiting for all the correct paperwork to be in place. More details are in the attached letter.

## Fr Con's Reflection

On Monday of this week, the Catholic Church entered ORDINARY TIME once more. Each year, it accounts for 33 or 34 weeks of the 52-dependant on the date of Easter- which is itself determined by the moon and the tides.

Easter (Sunday) is late, this year; (April 20<sup>th</sup> ). The Holy Season of Lent begins on March 5<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday).

That day, EXTRAORDINARY TIME, "takes up the reins" again.



So, January and February give us 2 clear months of Ordinary Time in 2025 - quieter time, in terms of Liturgy. Such quieter Liturgical time gives an opportunity for spiritual reflection and relaxation - additional time to feel one's way into the new calendar year - perhaps some scope to consider 1 or 2 realistic resolutions.

Spring is just around the corner so encourage your children to look out for crocuses and snowdrops as they pass people's gardens.



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*Have a lovely weekend*  
*Mrs Day*