



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 24th January 2025

Learning together as part of God's family

Pilgrims of Hope Launch Day

In school this morning, we launched our Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope year.

We reflected 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?

This is the prayer we said together this morning:

Dear God

During this jubilee year, we are taking action to build a fairer world. We are pilgrims of hope.

Amen



Mrs Bolton

Sadly, Mrs Bolton has made the decision this week to leave Good Shepherd. She is the longest-serving teacher at Good Shepherd and has been teaching in the school since 2008.

She will have taught the majority of the junior children and their older siblings. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

Be kind and respectful

Whitgift School

Year 5 spent four days of this week at Whitgift School and completed a variety of tasks including:

- Mandarin
- BSL (British Sign Language)
- Football
- Science (using Bunsen burners to heat difference elements/ materials to check for (irreversible changes)
- Computing (Microbits, Kahoot, programming robots & spheros)



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,	Eliora, Lydianne,
Y1: Isaiah, Oliver,	Jenneh
Y2: Nana, Sarah,	Freya
Y3: Annabel, Benedict, Nahla,	Haroon
Y4: Keziah, Princess,	Ariella
Y5: Kayden, Rashaad,	Oscar
Y6: Chinaza, Ibrahim	Kadiann



Respect Certificates

The School Council children recognised that not all children show respect at all times and so they came up with the idea of Respect Certificates. They have selected two children from each class who consistently show respect to all adults—well done for being such good role models.



R: Lydianne & Sophie
Y1: Junior & Rehmah
Y2: Israel & Petra
Y3: Carla & Vanessa
Y4: Ariella & Mateo
Y5: David & Elianna
Y6: Kacee & Temi

Y1 & Y2 Church Visit

The children loved their visit to church yesterday and found it really interesting when Fr Con explained what different things were in the church and why they were important.

Reduced Price Football Tickets

The Barclays Women's Super League is this weekend. Crystal Palace will take on Tottenham Hotspur at 14:00 on Sunday, 26th January at the VBS Community Stadium in Sutton.

There is a school discount of 25% on tickets for local schools, meaning children can get tickets from £3 and adults from £8.25.

Use the code CPFCWSCHOOLS at the checkout via the link below:

[\[Get Tickets Here\]](#) or scan the QR code on the attached flyer.

Fr Con's Reflection

Year 1 and 2 had a visit to the church on Thursday of this week- the objective being that they receive some more input on what Mass is all about. In the very setting itself, they will learn about the significance of the various aspects of the Church and the Mass- the Tabernacle, the altar, the lectern and much more.

Such a visit being mentioned here is a useful reminder to us that Mass is all about BEING rather than DOING. At Mass, we are being in the presence of Jesus as HE re-presents to God the Father, in sacrament form, His once-for-all self-sacrifice on Mount Calvary on the first Good Friday. Jesus is the great DO-er at every Mass, feeding us with His very Word and His very self in Holy Communion.



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Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Day