

# The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School


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## School Information for 2024-25

Dear Parents and Carers,

As some of you will be aware, today and tomorrow are Townwide School Transfer Days. Our Year 6 children are visiting their new secondary schools, we know they will have a fantastic time.

This morning, we have organised the children into their new class groups for the new academic year. The children will have the opportunity to work with new class teachers over the course of today and tomorrow.

In some cases, children will experience a change in classroom, building, playground, toilet facilities, teacher, support staff and even peer group. We would ask for your support in preparing the children for September.

In our assembly this morning, we focused on courage and change and how it helps provide us with experiences to grow in confidence and build resilience.

Teachers have realigned some of the classes with their knowledge of each child, their personalities and friendships to facilitate all children's learning requirements. We will be monitoring these changes over the coming weeks.

Please see the table below for the new academic year class structure.

		Class 1		Class 2
RA		Mrs Bonner		
1N		Mrs Miller (Mrs Delfino 1 day)		
2P		Mrs Tidman		
3C		Mrs Berrill (Miss Smith 1 day)		
Year 4	4L	Miss Smith & Mrs Maddison	4F	Mrs Rainbow
Year 5	5D	Mrs Hover (Mrs Dodds 1 Day)	5C	Mrs Richards (Mrs Hover 1 day)
6P		Mrs Jones		



### Website

www.olicatschools.org

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Our new Reception cohort have visited the school today for their Stay and Play session in the Forest!

Next year, we will continue to deliver a rolling programme of Forest school to all year groups.

Extra-curricular clubs will continue to be provided by RHINO sports coaches. This includes After School Sports Clubs as well as Kidz Club. These clubs are charged and must be booked via the Rhino website [here](#). There will be a number of places for children who fall into the Pupil premium category however they must also be booked with Rhino and are allocated on a first come first served basis.

If you think you may be entitled to Pupil premium, and have not yet applied please register using the following link [Free school meals and pupil premium | West Northamptonshire Council](https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium) ([westnorthants.gov.uk](https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk)).

There are numerous clubs taking place at school over the summer holidays. Rhino Sports Academy are taking bookings now via their website, [here](#).

Bradders Academy are also holiday a Sports Club on the school grounds, ore information can be found via their Facebook page, [here](#).

We also host Reynolds Academy of Irish Dancing at school. You can find out more via their Facebook page, [here](#).

We look forward to welcoming parents and families into school over the coming weeks for Meet the New Teacher sessions on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 3.30pm and Year 6 Leavers events. Please check the school website calendar, [here](#), for more information.

You will have noticed a few missing names on our new year staff list and it is with great regret, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Dougan, Miss Baggott and Mrs O'Key who are all off to pastures new and also to Mrs Smith who will be retiring. Mrs Smith has worked at our school for 23 years!

We will be saying goodbye to all these staff members in our final week of term. We would like to thank them for all their years of service and wish them every success in their new adventures.

With kindest regards,

*Mrs Carmel Dodds*

Head Teacher