

The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School


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School Information for 2025-26

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.

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

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

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

		Class 1		Class 2
Reception	RA	Mrs Bonner/Mrs Maddison		
Year 1	1N	Miss Reynolds/Mrs Tidman/Mrs Maddison		
Year 2	2P	Mrs Miller/Mrs Delfino/Mrs Tidman		
Year 3	3L	Mrs Berrill/Mrs Delfino		
Year 4	4C	Mrs Hover		
Year 5	5P	Mr Ali	5M	Mr Maye
Year 6	6P	Mrs Richards/Mrs Maddison	6C	Mrs Rainbow

Next year, we will continue to deliver a rolling programme of Forest school to all year groups which will continue to be delivered by Ms Dowling.

Extra-curricular clubs will continue to be provided by Rhino Sports Academy 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.



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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 also have a holiday Sports Club on the school grounds, more 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 next two weeks. On Thursday 17th July 2025 there is a Meet the New Teacher session at 3.30pm. We would like to give a huge Good Shepherd welcome to Mr Maye and Miss Reynolds who have joined us today for transition day. They will officially be starting with us in September and will arrange their 'Meet the Teacher' meetings when they start.

We also look forward to the upcoming Year 6 Leavers events. Please check the school website calendar, [here](#), for more information.

Miss Smith, our Deputy Headteacher, will be taking a one-year career break starting from September 2025. Miss Smith will be getting married in the autumn term, after which, she will be fulfilling a long-held ambition to travel and explore different parts of the world.

We fully support Miss Smith's decision to take this opportunity for personal growth and adventure, and we know that this experience will enrich her life in many positive ways. While we will certainly miss her presence in school, I am pleased to let you know that Mrs Maddison will be taking up the post of Interim Deputy Headteacher in her absence. As you can imagine, Miss Smith has been super organised and already been working closely with Mrs Maddison to ensure there is a seamless handover.

We wish Miss Smith the very best for this exciting year ahead and look forward to some regular updates from around the world. We will be welcoming her back in September 2026! re-energised and full of ideas from around the world!!

With kindest regards,

Mrs Carmel Dodds

Head Teacher