

The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

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2025/2026 Academic Year

Dear Parent/Carers,

It is with great joy that we welcome you back to another exciting academic year at The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School. We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer break, and we are thrilled to see our school community come together once again to learn, grow, and thrive in a safe and nurturing environment. This year promises to be full of new opportunities, challenges, and achievements, and we look forward to working closely with you to support every child's journey.

In this letter, we aim to share important information about the year ahead, including key dates, school routines, and some essential policies and procedures that help keep our school running smoothly. As always, we encourage you to read this information carefully and reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Do continue to look out for the weekly Dates for the Diary, which will detail upcoming events for the next couple of weeks, including whether it is a Blue or Green Forest School week. Together, we can ensure a positive and successful year for all members of The Good Shepherd family.

Parents Evening Dates

Term 1

20th October 2025 3.30 pm onwards in school

23rd October 2025 3.30 pm onwards in school

Term 2

23rd March 2026 3.30 pm onwards in school

26th March 2026 3.30 pm onwards in school



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Saints' Special Feast Celebration Day

Each class has been allocated a Saint to represent them. On the Saints' special feast day, we would like to invite the children to come into school in mufti (non-uniform). Please see the list below for your child's class saint mufti day:

Class Name	Saint Name	Teacher	Saints Day Mufti
Nursery	Saint Joseph	Mrs Broughton / Mrs Hancy	Thursday, 19 th March 2026.
Reception (RA)	Saint Anthony	Mrs Bonner	Saturday, 13 th June we will celebrate on Monday, 15 th June 2026.
Year 1 (1N)	Saint Nicholas	Miss Reynolds	Saturday, 6 th December we will celebrate it on Friday, 5 th December 2025.
Year 2 (2P)	Saint Patrick	Mrs Miller	Monday, 17 th March 2026
Year 3 (3L)	Saint Lucy	Mrs Berrill	Saturday, 13 th December. We will celebrate on Monday, 15 th December 2025.
Year 4 (4C)	Saint Clare	Mrs Hover	Tuesday, 11 August. We will celebrate on Monday, 13 th July 2026.
Year 5 (5P)	Saint Paul	Mr Maye	Monday, 29 th June 2026.
Year 5 (5M)	Saint Michael	Mr Ali	Monday, 29 th September 2026.
Year 6 (6C)	Saint Christopher	Mrs Rainbow	Saturday, 25 th July. We will celebrate on Wednesday, 8 th July 2026.
Year 6 (6D)	Saint David	Mrs Richards & Mrs Maddison	Sunday, 1 st March. We will celebrate on Monday, 2 nd March 2025.

Mufti days at the end of each half term

There is a voluntary contribution payment on MCAS for the Mufti Days if you would like to contribute.

- [24th October](#) 2025
- [19th December](#) 2025
- [13th February](#) 2026
- [27th March](#) 2026
- [22nd May](#) 2026
- [17th July](#) 2026

Please find this handy link to our Term Dates [here](#) and our School Calendar [here](#), this has details of Term Times and Mufti Days.

We will also continue to celebrate special days like Odd Socks Day (Anti Bullying Week), World Book Day, Wear Yellow to support Children's Mental Health Week.

DT Payments

There continues to be a payment of £3 (£1 per term) on MCAS where Parents/Carers can make a voluntary contribution that will cover ingredients for Food Technology, I'm sure you will be delighted to see the delicious treats the children will be bringing home.

Trips

The following trips are planned and are now on MCAS for payment, you can find copies of the Trip Letters [here](#) the trips that are planned are as follows:

Year 6 Residential October 2025 letter [here](#)

Whole School Pantomime Trip December 2025 letter [here](#)

Reception Just Karen - details TBC

Year 2 Thinktank – details TBC

Year 3 Cadburys World & Abington Park Museum -details TBC

Year 4 Everton – details TBC

Year 5 – details TBC

Year 6 Duxford – details TBC

Reminders

A helpful reminder of some important School Documents for you to refresh yourself with at the start of the new School Year.

[Forest School Rota](#)

[PE Rota](#)

[Behaviour Policy](#)

[Uniform Standards](#)

[Attendance Policy](#)

[Our School Day](#)

[Helpful guidance for Parents/Carer regarding illness](#)

Term 1 [Menu](#) for Coombs Catering lunches and a [guide](#) on how to book lunches.

Thank you for your continued support as we settle into the new academic year. Our classrooms have been buzzing with activity, and it's wonderful to see such enthusiasm for learning. Attendance and punctuality remain a key focus for us, and we'd like to remind families that our school's expectation for attendance is **97%**. We ask that all children arrive ready to learn between **8:45 AM and 8:55 AM**, ensuring a smooth and productive start to the day.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Dodds

Headteacher