



Welcome to

The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School





A Special Prayer

FROM
THE GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Gentle Jesus, compassionate and caring Good Shepherd, we place before You all parents whose children will begin school this September.

Strengthen them daily with Your love, and guide them with wisdom, patience, and peace as they prepare for this new chapter. Calm every worry and fear, and help them to trust that You walk beside their children each day.

Watch over every child as they enter new classrooms, make new friendships, and grow in confidence and understanding. Keep them safe from sickness, harm, and every danger. Fill their hearts with joy, kindness, and courage.

Bless parents with peace of mind and heart. Help them to support and encourage their children with love, and to recognise Your presence in both the ordinary and challenging moments of family life.

May every home know Your protection and care, and may these families experience Your saving grace and faithful guidance each day, as they journey toward the fullness of life and joy with You forever.
Amen.



Meet Our Team



Miss Emma
Admin & SEND Assistant



Miss Amy
Office Manager



Miss Catherine
Admin Assistant



Mrs Auburn
Family Support Worker



Mrs Thomas
SENDCo



Meet Our Team



Mrs Maddison
Class Teacher



Mrs Hawkins
Class Teacher



Mrs Ashby
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Dodds
Headteacher

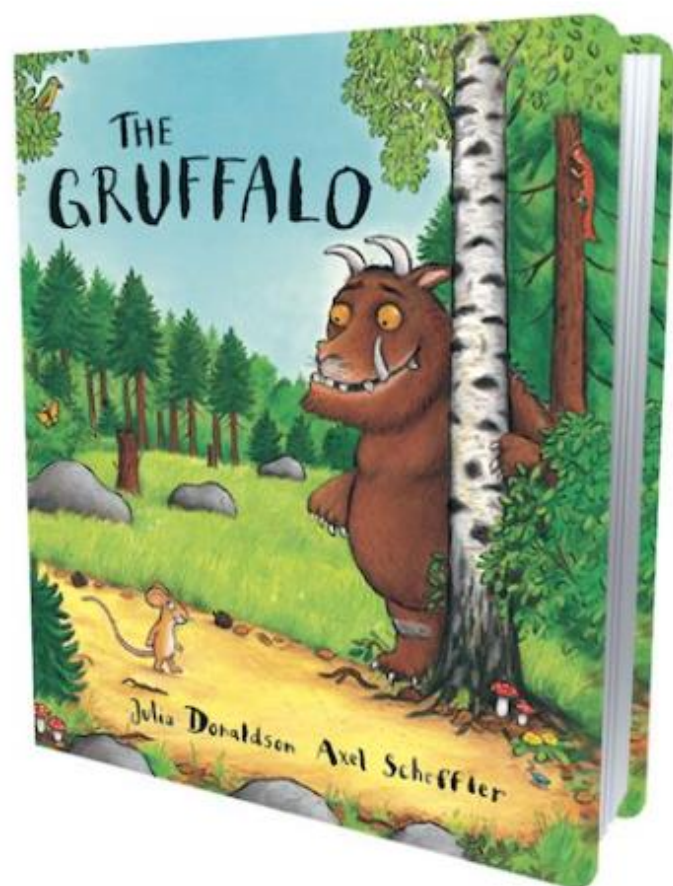


A message from Mrs Hawkins!





Mrs Hawkins and I have worked together for a long time!



My favourite book is The Gruffalo!

Hello,
My name is Mrs Maddison and very soon you will be starting Reception at The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School. I will be one of your new teachers and I can't wait to get to know you all!

I love to be outdoors, especially with my three children!



Our Safeguarding Team

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

If you have **any** concerns please contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Officers.

Alternatively, call the MASH Team on 0300 126 7000.

Mr Jamie Bray
Safeguarding Governor
Local Academy Committee (LAC)



Mrs Carmel Dodds
Head Teacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Natasha Maddison
Interim Deputy Head
Teacher
Safeguarding Officer



Mrs Nicolle Bonner
EYFS Lead
Practitioner
Safeguarding Officer



Mrs Una Auburn
Family Support Worker
Safeguarding Officer

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

- We build upon your child's nursery/pre-school learning and continue their journey towards the Early Learning Goals.
- We cover the seven areas of Learning using 'Development Matters' as our reference and have designed a broad and balanced curriculum. We share this with you both on our website and through weekly posts on Tapestry which is a secure online journal.
- Your child will have learning opportunities both indoors and outdoors including our forest.



CUSP Curriculum

CUSP EYFS offer

The **CUSP Early Foundations** offer is presented in three parts:

- 1. Foundational knowledge:** what pupils should know and be able to do throughout the EYFS and how this will support their development and prepare them for Key Stage 1
- 2. Opportunities and experiences:** how this foundational knowledge can be learnt through play and through guided activities that will allow pupils to explore, experiment with and think hard about new and important concepts
- 3. Structured Story Time:** core texts that will introduce key language, ideas and themes that pupils will need to access the foundational knowledge, built into a framework that uses all that we know about effective literacy instruction

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CUSP EARLY FOUNDATIONS Literature Spine Reception Good Shepherd 26-27

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| Autumn 1 Curses Family and Friends | | I'm (almost) always kind - PSHE Links - Friendship - Kindness | What makes me a me? - Learning about self - Feelings - What makes people different | The Gingerbread Man - Traditional Tales - Repetition of language | |
| Autumn 2 Let's Celebrate! | | The Dark - Talking about worries/ what they are scared of - PSHE links | The squirrels who squabbled - Autumn / Seasons - Friendship - PSHE links | Pumpkin Soup - Autumn Links - Vegetables - Links to DT | Celebrations around the world - Winter - Christmas - Festivals |
| Spring 1 Places you could go! | Celebrations around the world Winter Christmas Festivals | Martha Maps it Out - Geography Links (local church walk/ forest map) | Mr Wolf's Pancakes - Pancake Day - Following Instructions - DT links | | Shu Lin's Grandpa - Community - Understanding others - Feelings |
| Spring 2 Egg or no Egg? | | Luna loves Art - Links to Art - Kandinsky, Mondrian, Yayoi Kusama - Primary and secondary colours | The wonder - Building imagination - Links to Art Curriculum Different jobs (people who help us link) - | Tad - Links to frogs spawn from school pond - Life cycles - Growing and Changing | Chicken Clicking - Internet Safer Day (7 th February 2024) - Computing Link |
| Summer 1 Once Upon a Time | | Mrs Noah's Garden - Growing and Changing - Seasons - Science links What makes plants grow? | Each Peach Pear Plum - Phonological awareness - Traditional Tale links | Anansi and the Golden Pot Kindness | |
| Summer 2 Sofia the Sloth-Stewardship | | Clean Up - Write a description of Beeth School litter picking - Science links - Community | Standing up to Racism - Anti- Racism | The Story Orchestra Science links | It's a No Money Day - Community Links to School's Difference Makers |

- Our EYFS curriculum is enhanced by quality texts which follows the Structured Story Time approach.
- We will continue with our MasteryNumber Program for maths whilst incorporating the Effective Maths Scheme followed by the rest of the school.
- We use WRInc. To teach systematic synthetic phonics.



A week in the life in Reception Class...



Forest School



Religious Education

We believe in
**caring for
God's gifts**

Stewardship



We have daily RE lessons where we learn about the Catholic Faith, Virtues to Live By, as well as different Faiths and cultures.

Our R.E. Scheme is called - RED, It has 6 Branches which are based on Scripture.



SEND

Following Jesus, The Good Shepherd, we nurture every pupil to flourish academically, morally and spiritually in a caring Catholic community that leaves no family behind.

Rooted in service and compassion, our school equips children from all backgrounds with the skills, confidence and kindness to succeed in secondary school and life, while meeting practical needs, celebrating culture and working in partnership with our parish and wider community so every child thrives.



Wrap-around Care

We operate a Breakfast Club each morning from
07.45 - 08.45.

The cost is £3.00 per day without breakfast or
£4.00 with breakfast.

Everyone is able to book via the 'My Child At
School' app (MCAS). Bookings must be made and
paid for in advance.

We currently take the following childcare
vouchers:

- Care4 (60448865)
- Fideliti (MRS1000)
- Computer Share



Rhino Sports Academy

Rhino Sports Academy are a local Sports Coaches offering enriching after school clubs for schools!

Rhino operate Kidz Club Monday to Friday
<https://rhinosportsacademy.co.uk/good-shepherd/>
Club runs from 3.15-5.15pm each day. 1 hours is charged at
£8.00 and 2 hours £12.50

They also offer different sports clubs each day of the week
- currently children can enjoy Gymnastics, football,
basketball, performing Arts and Multi-Sports.



School Dinners

Our school dinners are provided by Coombs Catering, they are cooked fresh on site.

They are ordered and paid for online via our MCAS app. Meals have to be ordered before school.

If you do not book a hot meal, please provide a packed lunch.



School Uniform

Uniform is purchased online or in store from Stevensons:

Stevensons

40 - 42 Abington Square,

Northampton

NN1 4AA

Telephone: 01604 635828

To purchase uniform online, will need to register with them by going to the website: www.stevensons.co.uk/the-good-shepherd-catholic-primary-school-northampton

Our Uniform Policy can be found in your Information Pack as well as on our website.



Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

All children in reception, year 1 or year 2 are automatically entitled to free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

You can apply for the Pupil Premium which provides your child's school with additional funding to support them. If you are in receipt of certain benefits please apply. For more information please visit the Local Authority website below:

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/help-cost-going-school/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium>



Tapestry



The Great Pet Sale

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Observations Children Reflections Reports Tracking - Memos Activities Documents Booking CPD

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Notes

This week we have been enjoying reading The Great Pet Sale by Mick Inkpen. In the book a boy visits a pet shop and the rat is desperate for him to choose him to buy and he is only 1p! In the book, there is a locked green door. The children had a guess what animal could be behind the door and then made their own page for the book that they illustrated and labeled. We then carried on reading the book and found out it was a Komodo Dragon for 25p! Each animal cost a different amount of pennies, so we used 10 frames to place the correct amount of pennies on. The children were able to do this without counting using their subitising skills and the concept images they had in their head for each amount. Some children further challenged themselves by showing what 25p would look like and were able to explain that 25 is two finished tens and five of the next ten! They also began to explore how many pennies they would need to buy more than one animal. In phonics, the children had great fun looking at mythical creatures, where we mixed to animals together and gave them a new name by mixing their two names together. For example an animal with a cats head and pigs body would be a cuf. C for cat is for pig! The children were excellent at using their phonic decoding skills to complete this challenging activity. We also had a pet shop in our role play area, which the children enjoyed making signs for and paying for their chosen pet. We talked about the things an animal needs, such as food, water, bedding and also how different animals have different needs. For example my gecko lives in a vivarium because geckos are from hotter countries.



Home School Communication

We communicate with parents and carers in a range of different ways, this includes regular letters/e-mails home about important information and special events. Please follow us on our social media pages!



my **childs**at **school.com** ✓



www.TheGoodShepherdCatholicPrimarySchool.org.uk

Your Admission Pack

You will have received an e-mail with details of how to complete your electronic admission forms via My Child at School (MCAS).

If you have not yet signed up to MCAS, please see the School Office Team today.

Before your child starts school, we will need all forms to be completed and we will need to have a copy of your child's ID.



When will my child start school?

Group 1 - 08:45-12.00 Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Group 2 - 08:45-12.00 Thursday 3rd September 2026

Everyone - 08:45-13:30 Friday 4th September 2026

From Monday 7th September 2026 - Full Time - 08:45-15:15

*There will be some exceptions, some children may need longer to settle or time to make the correct provisions.



Stay & Play

You will receive a letter in your pack today detailing your Stay & Play information.

Stay & Play sessions will take place on School Transfer Day -
Monday 6th July 2026.

It is a wonderful opportunity for you and your child to spend some time in the Early Years environment with our lovely team!



Setting Visits

After half term, members of our team will visit your children's current settings to learn more about your child.

Please can you let us know what nursery/pre-school/childminder your child currently accesses and what days/times they are there to help us plan.



Thank you for joining us
today!

Do you have any
questions?

