

The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School


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School Information for 2026-2027

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		
Pre – School	N2	Mrs Tidman / Miss Smith		
Reception	RA	Mrs Hawkins /Mrs Maddison		
Year 1	1N	Miss Reynolds		
Year 2	2P	Mrs Miller		
Year 3	3L	Mrs Bonner		
Year 4	4D	Mrs Berrill		
Year 5	5C	Mrs Rainbow		
Year 6	6P	Mr Maye	6M	Mrs Richards (Mrs Richards is part time we will be able to share the teacher who will be job sharing with her soon)

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.



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We look forward to welcoming parents and families into school over the next two weeks. On Wednesday, 8th July 2026 (**Year 2 Mrs Miller only**) Thursday 9th July 2025 there is a Meet the New Teacher session at 3.30pm.

As we come to the end of another successful academic year, Mrs Dodds and the whole school community would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs Maddison for her hard work, commitment, and dedication during her time as Interim Deputy Headteacher. We are truly grateful for the care, leadership, and support she has shown throughout the year. We thank her for living out the values of our Roman Catholic school through her service, compassion, and faith.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Hover, Mr Ali and Mrs Hancy, and we thank them all for their valued contributions to our school community. We wish them every happiness and success in the future and keep them in our prayers as they begin their next chapters. We are delighted to share that Miss Smith, our Deputy Headteacher, will be returning after her one-year career break, which began in September 2025. From September, she will be teaching our reception class and will be known by her married name, Mrs Hawkins. We look forward to warmly welcoming Mrs Hawkins back to our school family.

With kindest regards,

Mrs Carmel Dodds

Head Teacher