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2026/2027 Academic Year

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you everyone for your continued support in the beginning of the 2026/2027 Academic Year.

In this letter, we will 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 week 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

Tuesday, 20th October 2026 3.30 pm onwards in school

Thursday, 22nd October 2026 3.30 pm onwards in school

Term 2

Tuesday, 16th March 2027 3.30 pm onwards in school

Thursday, 18th March 2027 3.30 pm onwards in school

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 Date
Pre – School	Saint Joseph	Mrs Tidman	Friday, 19th March 2027.
Reception (RA)	Saint Anthony	Mrs Hawkins & Mrs Maddison	Sunday, 13th June 2027. **We will celebrate on Friday,11th June 2027.**
Year 1 (1N)	Saint Nicholas	Miss Reynolds	Sunday, 6th December 2026. **We will celebrate on Friday, 4th December 2026.**
Year 2 (2P)	Saint Patrick	Mrs Miller & Mrs Richards	Wednesday, 17th March 2027.
Year 3 (3L)	Saint Lucy	Mrs Bonner	Sunday, 13th December 2026. **We will celebrate on Friday, 11th December 2026.**
Year 4 (4A)	Saint Anne	Mrs Berrill & Mrs Richards	Monday, 26th July 2027. **We will celebrate on Friday, 2nd July 2027.**
Year 5 (5J)	Saint Jude	Mrs Rainbow	Wednesday, 28th October 2026. **We will celebrate Friday, 23rd October 2026.**
Year 6 (6M)	Saint Michael	Mr Ali & Mrs Richards	Tuesday, 29th September 2026. **We will celebrate on Friday, 2nd October 2026.**
Year 6 (6P)	Saint Paul	Mr Maye	Tuesday, 29th June 2027

Mufti days at the end of each half term

If you can, we would appreciate everyone contributing towards our Mufti Days. Payments can be made via MCAS, under the School Shop section, by selecting **Mufti Days**.

- Friday, 23rd October 2026
- Friday, 18th December 2026
- Friday, 12th February 2027
- Thursday, 25th March 2027
- Friday, 28th May 2027
- Friday, 16th July 2027

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 £4on 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 July 2027 letter here

Whole School Pantomime Trip December 2025 letter here

Information regarding all other year group school trips will be shared by October half term.

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

Uniform Standards

Attendance Policy

Our School Day

Christmas Performances

Performances will take place at 2:00 p.m., and each child may have two people attend to watch them.

Monday 7th December: Y6

Tuesday 8th December: Y3, Y4 & Y5

Wednesday 9th December: Y1 & Y2

Thursday 10th December: Reception

Friday 11th December: Pre-School

School Lunches

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 **96%** We ask that all children arrive ready to learn between **08:45 and 08:55**, ensuring a smooth and productive start to the day.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Dodds

Headteacher