



# The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Issue 16

## Virtues to Live By

*"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10*

PERSISTENCE  
& RESILIENCE

KINDNESS

HONESTY

SERVICE



The Good Shepherd aims to encourage children, parents and carers to achieve the best possible levels of attendance in order to take full advantage of the learning experiences available to them. The school will continue to offer an environment in which children feel welcomed and valued.

Congratulations to for getting attendance for this week! Our whole school attendance for this week is Fingers crossed for a better week next week. Check out the stars below to see your child's class attendance. Let's reach for those attendance stars.

HERO

HERE EVERYDAY READY ONTIME

**Attendance Matters**

Our individual attendance target is 97%.

If your child has 90% attendance, this means:

- They have an average 1/2 a day off each week;
- 19 days off per year;
- 133 days off during their Primary school years;
- that equates to nearly 27 school weeks of lost education.

**Things to consider...**

- 95%-100% Gives your child the best chance of success.
- 90% Less chance of success in school.
- 75%-85% Serious implications on learning and progress.

**Reach for the Stars. Follow the Attendance Rainbow!**

We encourage good attendance in school with weekly rewards for the best class attendance!

• Is your child too ill to attend school or can you provide the school with medication?

• Non-urgent appointments should be made outside of school hours.

• Appointments in the school day should not take a half or full day, please return your child to school as soon as you can.

• Support plans can be put in place for children with extended or intermittent conditions.

**OUR LADY IMMACULATE**

RA

79%

1N

96%

2C

97%

2P

93%

3F

94%

3L

95%

4C

96%

5B

96%

5P

94 %

6D

90%

## New secondary school in September?

### Free course for parents

- Changes and challenges
- How best to support your child
- Where to find advice

COURSE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

**NEXT**

Supporting your Year 6 child's transition to secondary school

Free online courses of 3 weekly evening sessions, starting  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm-8.30pm**

Details and book at:

[northnorthyants.gov.uk/adult-learning](http://northnorthyants.gov.uk/adult-learning) (Search 'Next')



St Andrew's Mental Wellness Programme for Schools

## SAVE THE DATE

8<sup>th</sup> June 2023 2.15 pm Parent/Carer Workshop. Please see full details of the event on the website [here](#) and you can read Mrs Dodds letter [here](#). We would encourage as many parents/carers to attend this event as possible.

## YEAR TWO Secret Agent Training!

A big thank you from Mrs Dodds to Mrs O Key, Mrs Berrill and their team for all the hard work guiding the year 2 team through their Special Agent missions to a fabulous party ! Whether this included providing breakfast, supervision or teaching in the lead up to we are extremely grateful and it was evident the children rose to the challenge and they really blew us away.



## YEAR 5 SLEEPOVER 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Save the date



## Coronation Picnic



It was so nice to see so many families enjoying the Picnic it was made even nicer with the sun making an appearance for us. Thank you to all the staff and FROG volunteers for all the help in organising the afternoon, lastly thank you to all the parents, carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles brothers, sisters and friends who came to celebrate with us.

It was a lovely way to start our Half Term, we hope you all have a great week off and we will see you all on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 8.45am.



## Forest School Open Morning



Wednesday, 7th June 2023 9.30-11.30!

For children due to start Pre-School in September, come and have a look at our Forest School space, look around our Pre – School setting and meet our amazing team.

Please see full details on the website [here](#) .



## CURRENT COVID-19 ADVICE

You can see the latest advice on our website by clicking this [link](#)

We encourage children not to attend school with the following symptom's.

High temp, Continuous cough and loss or change in sense of smell.

**Public Health Agency**

### Scarlet fever Signs & symptoms

The symptoms of scarlet fever are non-specific in early illness and may include:

- sore throat,
- headache,
- high temperature,
- nausea and vomiting.

After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, generalised pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture.

Anyone who thinks they or a child may have it should contact a GP for a proper diagnosis and appropriate treatment.

**Step A: What to look for**

High temperature  
Swollen glands  
Sore throat  
Muscle aches

Rash feels like sandpaper

**HM Government** **NHS**

**CATCH IT.  
BIN IT.  
KILL IT.**

Please see the latest update from **Public Health West Northamptonshire Council** [here](#)

## Dates for your Diary

Every other week we send a Dates for your Diary out. In here will be term dates, mufti days, school trips etc ...If you need to refer to this during the week you can find it on the website. You can also find key dates on the school website [HERE](#).



## PE DAYS

CLASS	PE DAY
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Tuesday
3F (Mrs Rainbow/Mrs Delfino)	Thursday
3L (Miss Dougan/Mrs Maule)	Thursday
Year 4	Monday
5B (Mrs Maddison/Miss Smith)	Wednesday
5P (Mrs Richards/Mrs Rainbow)	Tuesday
Year 6	Wednesday

No earrings or jewellery should be worn during PE lessons. Earrings will need to be taken out, they cannot be covered with a plaster. Please ensure that all PE kit is clearly labelled. Hair on PE Days hair must be tied back securely

## WEEK A

All children must dress appropriately for Forest School long trousers, long sleeves, closed toe shoes and a coat. A hat and gloves are a good idea. We will go to the Forest except in high winds or thunder and lightning. Be ready for Forest School even on days it is raining. Always bring a change of footwear.

Please check [here](#) for full Forest School dates.

Tuesday – 4C Mrs Hover

Wednesday –RA Mrs Miller

Thursday-5B Miss Smith/Mrs Maddison

Friday -6D AM Mrs Jones AM

2C PM Mrs O'Key PM



Gregory 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016

Blessing 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2013

Mara 24<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Lewis 25<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Riley 25<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Taiya 28<sup>th</sup> May 2013

## A Birthday Prayer

Heavenly Father, We praise you for all your gifts to us. In a special way, we thank you. Bless our birthday child always in your love. Bless us too, Holy Father, and this food with which we celebrate. Help us all to praise you and give you glory Through Jesus Christ our lord.  
Amen.





## ABSENCE

If your child cannot attend school due to illness, please leave a message on our school absence line on the morning of the first day and each subsequent day of absence. You can also log your child's absence via MCAS

When leaving a message on the absence line please.....

- LEAVE CHILDS NAME
- LEAVE CHIDS CLASS
- LEAVE REASON FOR ABSENCE



## Our School Day

Please can we remind all Parents/Carers that our School day begins at 8.45 am and ends at 3.15 pm. You can see a full breakdown of the day [here](#). Breakfast Club is bookable through MCAS and Rhino Sports Club or After School Club is bookable [here](#) . If your child is not booked into these clubs you will be called and expected to collect them. Can we also ask that you drop and collect the children promptly.

## SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

If you have a safeguarding or welfare concern our Family Support Worker Mrs Auburn can be contacted by email on [Familysupport@thegoodshepherd.northants.sch.uk](mailto:Familysupport@thegoodshepherd.northants.sch.uk) or by phone on 01604 714399.

You can also speak to our other Safeguarding Officers – Mrs Dodds (Head Teacher), Miss Smith (Deputy Head) Mrs Bonner (EYFS Lead) and Miss Baggott (SEN Support).

If you are concerned about a child's safety or welfare please call MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) on 0300 126 7000. In an emergency, or if you believe a child is in immediate danger, left alone or missing, call 999.

Please remember to check our website for all handy information.

Click here for the [calendar](#)

Click here for [The Parent Zone](#)



cash is not accepted

Please remember we cannot accept any cash in school. Payments must go through MCAS.



Please remember that we are a Nut Free School.

At the Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School we promote the Gospel Values Jesus taught us. Please make sure as parents you lead by example inside and outside of school. NO verbal abuse towards staff or between parents will be tolerate

## Reminder!



If your child is diagnosed with either measles, shingles or chicken pox please notify the school immediately. We currently have children in school that have suppressed immune systems and cannot be exposed to these illnesses. Thank you for your co-operation.

## SWIMMING CLASS 5B

SWIMMING SESSIONS 5B Have a one final lesson

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023.



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