



# The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

9th June 2023

Issue 17

## 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

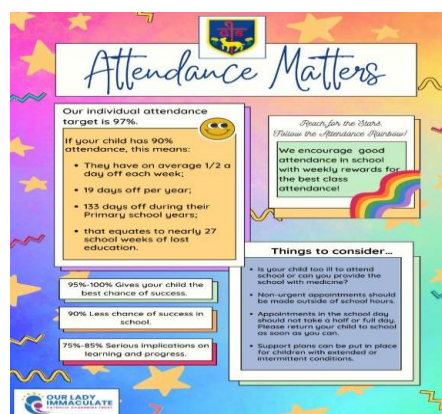


The Good Shepherd aims to encourage children, parents and carers to achieve the best possible levels of attendance in order to take full advantage of the learning experiences available to them. The school will continue to offer an environment in which children feel welcomed and valued.

Congratulations to **3L** for getting attendance for this week! Our whole school attendance for this week is **94.4%** 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



RA

92%

1N

96%

2C

93%

2P

90%

3F

91%

3L

98%

4C

95%

5B

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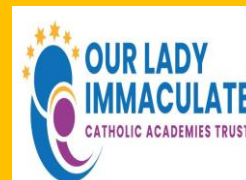
97%

6D

91%



## GOOD NEWS STORIES



### 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:

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



St Andrew's Mental Wellness Programme for Schools

Thank you to all the parents/carers and staff who attended the session on Thursday. We had brilliant feedback and thank everyone who took the time out of their day. We hope to offer more workshops into the next academic year. If there is a subject of particular interest to you and your family please speak to the office or Mrs Auburn.

**Reminder from Mrs Maddison about our school PE kit. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school PE on their PE days.**

- Pale blue polo t-shirt
- Black or navy plain sport shorts
- Black or navy plain jogging bottoms/leggings
- Navy jumper (no hoodies)
- Plimsolls or trainers



### Summer Ready

Please make sure children come in with sun cream, sun hats and a bottle of water each day.

### SITE SAFETY



**No  
Smoking  
or Vaping  
on these  
premises**

Can we remind parents/carers that there should be NO SMOKING/VAPING in or around the School Grounds.

A cigarette was put out in a bin this evening and caused a small fire. Thanks to the quick action of staff this was put out with minimal disruption.

### Year 6 Walkathon

Year 6 completed their sponsored walkathon, they had a fab time walking up through town. They even managed to stop by the Cathedral to have a motivational chat and a glass of squash with Father Mark, at the end of the walk they enjoyed a picnic on the Racecourse with and played some fun games with Mr Joe.

Thank you to Year 6 students and their family and friends for getting behind this sponsored event. Thanks extend to Mrs Jones and the parent/carer helpers who made this event possible. They were successful in raising a good amount of funds for their end of year activities



### A Successful Forest School Open Morning

We had a very successful open morning for children due to start Pre-School in September. It was so lovely to see so many faces there and our pre-school team enjoyed meeting parents and children. We are going to run a couple more of these events. Please do look out for the dates on our social media. Thanks to Mrs Bonner, Mrs Hancy and Mrs Broughton.



## A FEW IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP (full letter [here](#))

### JUNE

21<sup>st</sup> – 2023/2024 Reception intake Parents Afternoon  
 26<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Residential  
 28<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 trip  
 30<sup>th</sup> – School Closed Teacher Training

### JULY

7<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 sleepover  
 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 trip  
 20<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Leavers Assembly  
 21<sup>st</sup> – Last day of term & mufti

### LATES

We are sadly experiencing lots of late arrivals. If you arrive at school late you will be asked why you are late and this is then logged in the register and the minutes late recorded. After a certain number of late arrivals we will start issuing letters to parents/carers.

### WEEK B

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.



### 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

Monday PM – 1N

Tuesday PM – 4C

Wednesday PM – RA

Thursday AM- 5P

Thursday PM- 3L

Friday PM -2P



Gregory 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016      Gazzah 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Blessing 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2013      D'Nel 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015

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

Juwel 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Olivia 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Guy 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Jakub 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015

### 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 6D

SWIMMING SESSIONS start on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023.



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