

The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe that another year has gone by and we are saying goodbye to another group of wonderful year 6 children.

So much has happened this year! In September, we launched a brand-new Curriculum and we are now beginning to notice how well the children are articulating their knowledge across all year groups.

We have had some really successful school trips including The Space Centre, Northampton Shoe Museum, Conkers, Warwick Castle, Duxford Imperial War Museum, Ten Pin Bowling, visits to our local area and of course the Year 6 Residential. We have enjoyed regular attendance at St Aiden's Church, performed at the Multi Faith Service and Becketfest, and visited Thomas Becket to see a production of Matilda the Musical.

In school, we have had workshops from the NSPCC, Maths Workshops from Mr Numbervator, Parenting sessions with Lightbulb, a Viking Day, and a workshop from a Hindu Dance Company not forgetting the hatching chicks in reception and school sleepovers.

We have had successes in many sporting events led by Mrs Maddison, and subsequently, The Good Shepherd have been awarded Gold in School Games Mark Awards!

Last week, we had Bishop David in school to celebrate Mass with the whole school. Whether it was their first Mass in school or last, each and every one of the children blew us away with their engagement in the celebration, all students participated in the service with such reverence and respect.

We are so grateful that the children have had the opportunity to enjoy and be part of such special moments throughout this school year.



A few parents have been asking what they can do with their child over summer to ensure their learning continues. Having spoken to the children, we have launched the [Good Shepherd Summer Reading Challenge](#)! There are some amazing prizes to be won when we return in September. There is a book swap in the Office if you wish to donate and or borrow books for the summer, we encourage people to do this if you can.

Well done to all of our year 6 children this year who have really pushed themselves out of their comfort zone. Some of the children have made significant progress from where they were last year which shows how much hard work and determination they have shown. For some, it was the achievement of going on the residential for three days, staying away from home overnight and throwing themselves into a range of outdoor activities. After this year, I think we are confident that this group of children can achieve anything they put their minds to and we wish them every success in their brilliant futures. We will miss them dearly!

On that note, we say goodbye to Mrs Maule on Friday. Mrs Maule has been with us for seven years and is a big part of our Good Shepherd Family. We thank Mrs Maule for all the wonderful experiences she has given our children over the years and wish her every success in her future endeavours.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support this year and to all the Staff who have made these experiences a reality. A big thank you to our OLICAT Trust and our Local Academy Committee as well as our PTA (FROGS).

A number of Parents and Carers have asked if we will have an early finish on Friday in line with local Secondary Schools. We have agreed that we will open our gates at 1.15pm for collection at the classroom door at 1.30pm or you can collect at 3.15pm from the School Hall.

Have a wonderful summer break, see you all on Wednesday 6th September!

God Bless,

Mrs C Dodds
Headteacher