



# NURSERY NEWSLETTER

## Advent 1 Half Termly Newsletter from your Nursery Team

Welcome to The Good Shepherd Nursery Academy. We hope you have had a wonderful summer! We are incredibly excited to spend lots of time with the children so we can have lots of fun and get to know each and every one. We have lots of exciting learning planned!

### Our top priority



Our first priority this half term is to help your child settle happily into our class. We will talk and learn about our whole school values

over the next few weeks. We are exploring the idea of who we are at The Good Shepherd and creating our Nursery community. We will continue to develop the children's listening skills. The children will join in with lots of songs and games to encourage them to become part of a team. We will also be looking at families. The children will talk about who they live with, where they live and what they like to do with their families. We will have a super time exploring the classroom both inside and out. They will be seeing new things, selecting their own resources and developing their playing skills to allow them to be confident learners.

### The rhymes we will be learning are:

#### Head, shoulders, knees and toes

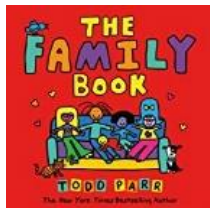
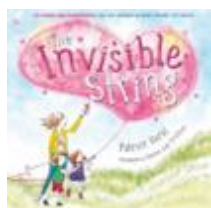
– we will explore tempo and adapt the song to include a variety of body parts.

#### 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 once I caught a fish

**alive** – we will explore the number aspect and also what other animals we might catch!



The key stories we will be learning are:



### Polite Reminders:

Make sure all clothing is labelled

Packed lunches have healthy options, no nuts and fruit is pre-cut

The children will be joining group sessions and developing their listening and concentration skills. They will be tuning into different sounds, rhymes and following instructions. The group sessions will include key texts, rhymes and other activities such as: using a parachute to zoom the animals into space, using Lycra (stretchy wetchy) to interact with its stretchiness and work as a team with lots of action songs and number rhymes with puppets!



## 'MYSELF'

All of our learning is underpinned by our Catholic Faith. Our first topic is 'Myself and Our World'. The children will know and understand the importance of their name and that God knows and loves them.

We will also be learning our nursery prayers and how to make the sign of the cross. As part of our project, **we would really like a family photograph for each child.** Please email a photograph to:

[nursery@goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk)

### Important dates for your diary:

Family photo deadline – 15th September 2025

Please note there may be some additional dates and information sent to you via **Arbor** which you will receive to the app or your email address that you provided when you filled in the starting school forms.

Christmas stay and play Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2pm