



ADVENT 2026

Nursery Newsletter

Welcome to The Good Shepherd and to Nursery! We hope you have all had a fantastic summer. We are delighted to meet your little ones and we are so excited for the year ahead!

Our team



Your Nursery team is: Mrs Dickinson, Mrs Kitching, Mrs Kiralyne, Mrs Wood and Miss Farrelly.

Our Curriculum



Overview of curriculum areas

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. 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.

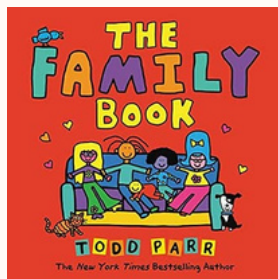
We will have a super time exploring the classroom both inside and out. They will be seeing new things, selecting their own resources and developing their playing skills to allow them to be confident learners.

The 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!

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.



Our key texts this term are are:



Follow us on social media: we post updates and photos on our social media accounts so consider following us to stay in the loop.

You can find us on Facebook and on Instagram.

Reminders and Behaviour

Please ensure all belongings and items of clothing are labelled, as we play both inside and outside throughout the day so lots of children take their jumpers and cardigans on and off. This really helps a smooth return of all items.



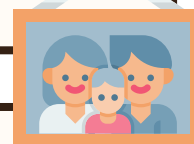
Our aim is for all children to enter the Nursery door independently at the start of the day. However, if your child is not quite ready for this, please help then hang their coat up together and then say goodbye. We appreciate your cooperation to ensure everyone is safe entering the building.

Lunch reminder – please ensure pack lunches have no nut products and food such as grapes are cut in preparation to eat.



Family photo request

We are going to create an 'Our family' display and book for the children to read. Please send a family photo in by Monday 21st September 2026 to nursery@goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk



Diary dates



Throughout the year, we have four special events that we love parents to be involved in. These have always been a great success, and we can not wait to celebrate and have fun with you! Please add the following dates to your diary!

- Christmas stay and play: Friday 4 December 2026 at 2.30pm
- Easter extravaganza: Thursday 18 March 2027 at 2.30pm
- Sports day Tuesday 25 May 2026 at 2.30pm
- Wheelgate family trip Thursday 15 July All day



Helping your child at home

In Nursery, we complete weekly homework. The children will take it in turns to bring home our class pet teddies! Your child will come home with an extra bag that will include a teddy and a challenge. Please keep the homework teddy for one sleep. This helps ensure everyone gets a turn.

Meet the Advent 1 homework teddies:

- Prayer Bear – To write a family prayer for us to read together in Nursery
- Peter Rabbit – To practise how to put on your coat, a good rabbit never gives up!
- Story bears – A teddy with a bedtime story to enjoy (using the pictures for clues)
- Puzzle the teddy – A teddy with a maths challenge
- Show and tell – Select a special item from home to show your friends and use a loud and proud voice.