



St. Peter's Primary School



Education Resources

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March to April 2025 Newsletter

Busy Start to Term 2

The children have been offered the opportunity to experience a range of events during the months of January and February 2025 including World of Work Day and Multi-Cultural Day. Some P6-7 children enjoyed playing in a friendly Basketball Tournament hosted by St. Peter's Primary School in collaboration with Neilsland Primary School. The children of Rooms 4, 5 and 6 were delighted to welcome so many guests to the school 'Caring for Climate Coffee Morning' which aimed to showcase learning for sustainability and help our school community to consider ways in which we can care for our world. Many thanks to all families who attended the Coffee Morning in support of our children and to all who offered very generous donations of raffle prizes. The event raised the excellent sum of approximately £314 which will be allocated to purchasing digital technologies.

Pupil Voice

During the month of March, a variety of children across P1-7 have participated in a range of 'Pupil Voice Consultations' based on the themes: Reading Award Initiative, Inclusion, UNCRC Rights and Digital Education. The feedback from the children is general positive and shows clear development in relation to the School Improvement Plan priorities for session 2024-2025.

Climate Change Conference 3

A group of children from the Eco Committee will attend the South Lanarkshire Council Climate Conference Day, on Friday 28 March 2025, in Hamilton Palace Grounds.

P1 Health Checks

P1 health checks will be conducted by the Health Service on Friday 7 March 2025 in the morning. These routine health checks include measuring the child's height and weight.

World Book Day

World Book Day is scheduled for Thursday 6 March 2025. On this date, children can bring a book and comfy cushion from home to school to enjoy reading for enjoyment experiences in their classes. The children will be offered opportunities to participate in reading focused experiences and activities which seek to encourage engagement and exploration of reading. A reciprocal reading opportunity is planned for children in Primary 7 to read to the Primary 1 children of Neilsland Primary School and for the Primary 7 children of Neilsland Primary School to read to the Primary 1 children of St. Peter's Primary School to encourage shared reading experiences within the community towards achieving the Reading Schools Award. We also thank our Scotland Reads Programme mentors who regularly support a number of children to enjoy reading in school.

Football Tournament

Good luck to our P5-7 Football Team who will be participating in their next tournament at Jock Stein Sports Centre on Wednesday 12 March 2025. Parents are welcome to attend to cheer them on from the sidelines. The team are hoping for a few more goals in this event. In addition, a selection of Primary 5 children will participate in a Football Tournament Event at Neilsland Primary School.

Access to website, email , ParentsPortal , X and Blue Sky is recommended for receipt of regular updates!

P1-7 Class Excursions / Residential Adventures

The school has funded £100 towards travel costs for each class from Rooms 1-5 to support the children to participate in class excursions based on interdisciplinary learning topics. This has enabled classes to attend venues at maximum costs of £5 in line with our Cost of the School Day Policy. The school has contributed £500 to subsidise travel costs for the Primary 7 residential excursion to Dalguise Outdoor Centre. As a result of feedback from the children following the Dynamic Earth excursion, children will not attend on site shops during the excursions.

The selected excursions and associated dates are:

14 March 2025 - Room 4 to Summerlee Museum of Industrial Life

21 March 2025 - Room 1 to David Livingstone Centre

24 March 2025 - Room 3 to Summerlee Museum of Industrial Life

2 April 2025 - Room 5 to Whitelees Farm

28 to 30 April 2025 - Room 6 to Dalguise Outdoor Centre

Many thanks to individual families who donated monies anonymously or families who contributed to fund raising groups to help reduce costs to families for excursions. These were very kind gestures which are much appreciated by the school.

Holy Sacrament of First Reconciliation

We wish the children receiving the Holy Sacrament of First Reconciliation, on Tuesday 1 April 2025 at 6.30pm, every best wish for their special occasion and hope they experience peace and forgiveness.

P1 Assembly

Please note a change of date, to Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at 2.30pm, for the Primary 1 Assembly. We apologise for any inconvenience. This change is due to the rescheduling of dates of other events which involve the Primary 1 children.

Talent Show

Reminder to children who wish to participate in the Talent Show, on Thursday 3rd April 2025, to prepare their performance for audition on Wednesday 19 March 2025. Any children requiring costumes or music can bring these items to school for their audition and Talent Show.

Online Platform Change

Following recent guidance from South Lanarkshire Council, the school will only use X for urgent alerts or information. The school is currently seeking to set up the recommended Blue Sky account to offer similar communicative functions. Once the alternative platform has been explored, information will be offered to parents/carers and hopefully 'Showcase Weeks' can be resumed. Photos have been taken by the classes due to present X Showcase Weeks in February and March for upload at a later date once an alternative platform is established.

I hope that the whole school community can continue to work in quality partnership for the benefit of all children and families. If you have any queries please contact the office on 01698 281277.

Yours Sincerely

CL Mullen

Headteacher

Calendar Dates and Parental Engagement Opportunities

Learning Showcases

- 12.09.24 Rm 1 at 2.20pm
- 31.10.24 Rm 6 at 2.20pm
- 13.02.25 Rm 4 at 2.20pm
- 24.04.25 Rm 5 at 2.20pm
- 05.06.25 Rm 3 at 2.20pm

Class Assemblies

- 11.10.24 Rm 4 at 2.20pm
- 29.11.24 Rm 3 at 2.20pm
- 24.01.25 Rm 5 at 2.20pm
- 02.04.25 Rm 1 at 2.20pm # Change
- 17.06.25 Rm 6 at 2.20pm

Class 'X' Twitter Showcase Weeks

#Currently suspended - new platform being explored

- 19.08.24 Rm 1 P1 Starting School
- 26.08.24 Rm 3
- 16.09.24 Rm 4
- 07.10.24 Rm 5
- 21.10.24 Rm 6
- 04.11.24 Rm 1
- 18.11.24 Rm 4
- 02.12.24 Rm 5
- 09.12.24 Christmas
- 13.01.25 Rm 3
- 03.02.25 Rm 6
- 24.02.25 Rm 3
- 03.03.25 Rm 1
- 17.03.24 Rm 4
- 03.04.25 Talent Show
- 28.04.25 P7 Residential
- 06.05.25 Rm 1
- 02.06.25 Rm 5
- 17.06.25 Rm 6 Leaver's Celebrations

Leavers' Celebrations

- 23.10.24 Leaver's Celebration Meeting at 4.30pm
- 28.04.25 P7 Dalguise Outdoor Activity Centre
- 17.06.25 Leavers' Mass
- 17.06.25 Leavers' Assembly
- 18.06.25 P7 Celebration Meal / Activity # Change

PTA Meetings - Provisional Dates

- 18.09.24 AGM Conference Room at 5pm
- 02.10.24 First Meeting of New Group at 5pm
- 27.11.24 Conference Room at 5pm
- 05.02.25 Conference Room at 5.15pm
- 07.05.25 Conference Room at 5pm
- Date of Shorts and Shades Disco tbc

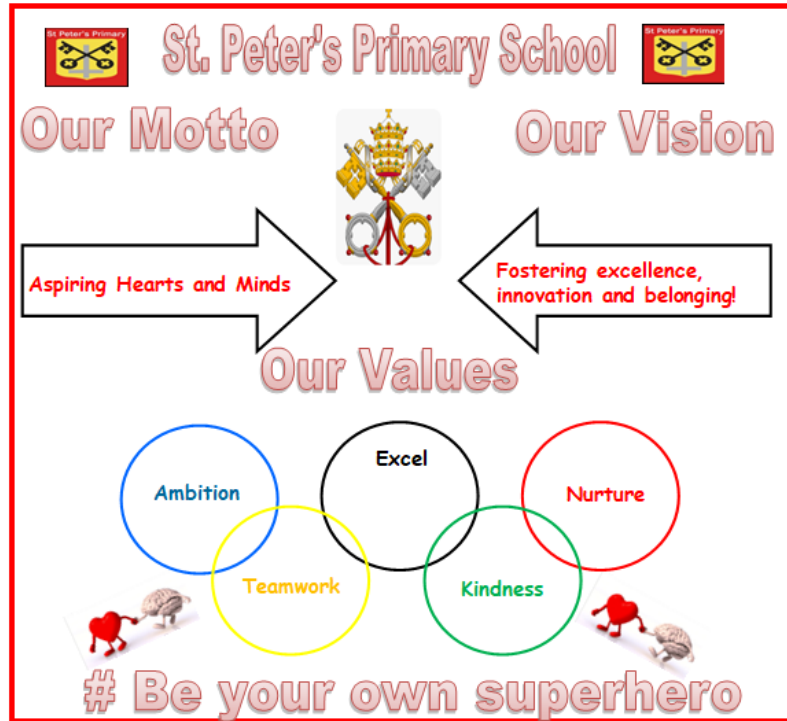
Faith Life - Provisional Dates

- 06.09.24 First Friday Mass at 10am
- 08.09.24 Our Lady's Birthday Class Charities
- 12.09.24 P1 Blessing at 2pm
- 11.10.24 Mass Month of Mary at 10am
- 01.11.24 All Saints Mass at 10am
- 06.12.24 Advent Mass at 10am
- 20.12.24 Christmas Celebration Mass at 10am
- 07.02.25 New Year Mass at 10am
- 11.02.25 Reconciliation Meeting at 6pm
- 11.02.25 Communion Meeting at 6.30pm
- 11.02.25 Confirmation Meeting at 7pm
- 05.03.25 Ash Wednesday at 10am
- 01.04.25 Reconciliation at 6.30pm
- 17.05.25 First Holy Communion at 10am
- 10.06.25 Confirmation at 7pm
- 20.06.25 End of Term Thanksgiving Mass 10am

Planned School Events

- 08.09.24 Our Lady's Birthday Food Bank
- 23.09.24 Climate Week
- 07.10.24 Challenge Poverty Week
- 28.10.24 Care Experienced Week
- 31.10.24 Hallowe'en Games
- 01.11.24 UNCRC Coffee Morning 11.30am
- 08.11.24 Photographs
- 11.11.24 Anti-bullying Week
- 14.11.24 Parents' Evening
- 21.11.24 Science Day led by Mr Milwain
- 10.12.24 Christmas Nativity / Show
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- 13.12.24 P 1, 2 and 3 Party
- 16.12.24 P6 and P7 Party
- 17.12.24 P4 and P5 Party
- 19.12.24 Flu Immunisations
- 30.01.25 World of Work Day led by Miss Keatings
- 07.02.25 Multi-Cultural Day led by Mr Tarrier
- 11.02.25 Safer Internet Day
- 27.02.25 Caring for Climate Coffee at 9.15am
- 06.03.25 World Book Day
- 03.04.25 Talent Show led by Mrs Wilson
- 29.04.25 New P1 Induction 1 at 1.45pm
- 08.05.25 New P1 Induction Lunch at 12pm
- 14.05.25 Health Day led by Mrs Kane
- 21.05.25 Parents' Evening
- 29.05.25 New P1 Induction Day 2 at 1.45pm
- 12.06.25 Sports Day led by Mr McSorley
- 13.06.25 House Treat
- 17.06.25 Leaver's Celebrations
- 18.06.25 Fun Day led by Mrs Goudie
- 19.06.25 Class Transition Switch Day
- 20.06.25 End of Term Mass at 10am
- 20.06.25 Awards Ceremony (children only)

Our New Vision Values and Aims



In St. Peter's Primary School we aim to:

- foster excellence and achievement by setting high standards and expectations for learning, progression and engagement.
- offer motivating and challenging learning, play and social experiences which provide opportunities for learners to excel, succeed and achieve in learning, life and positive destinations.
- inspire learners to demonstrate ambition, aspiration and commitment to achieving success in their personal learning journey, wider interests and contributions to a sustainable global society.
- nurture learners to build attachments, self-esteem, confidence and resilience through creating a safe environment in a culture of care, positive relationships and quality health education.
- promote belonging and inclusion through offering a range of opportunities and experiences for involvement in the life of the school and wider community, celebrate our unique identity and diversity and respect children's rights.
- identify and meet learners' needs through well-planned learning experiences, targeted support intervention and quality partnerships with parents/carers, families and linked agencies.
- to develop leadership and voice opportunities at all levels and participate effectively in teamwork to build capacity, encourage empowerment and drive innovation.
- model faith life values by demonstrating kindness, compassion, mutual respect, tolerance, integrity, empathy and care for others in partnership with our families, school and parish community.



Health and Safety Update

PE Health and Safety Notice

For health and safety, children with longer than shoulder length hair should have their hair tied up for PE, unless for any medically specified reason (informed to the school by parent/carer). It is advised that earrings are not worn on PE days. If it is not possible to remove stud earrings, they should be taped up for PE. All drop or loop earrings must be removed for participation in PE and physical activities. All other jewellery should be removed for PE lessons. All children should wear appropriate indoor shoes (plimsolls) when participating in PE indoors. Children will not be permitted to wear Crocs, boots, high heeled typed shoes, slippers or shoes with no covered heels as indoor shoes or for PE due to the safety risk to children. Indoor shoes should be shoes that are not worn outside to reduce wear damage to floors and carpets. In addition, we encourage children not to wear false nails to school. Children will not be permitted to participate in PE, Muga or Trim Trail activities whilst wearing false nails (this includes any type of nail augmentations e.g extensions which are not the child's natural nail) due to the risk of harm or injury.

Traffic Management Health and Safety Notice

Families are reminded that children are asked to exit the school via the pathways provided. As part of our Traffic Management Systems, children should not cross the car park. It is hugely important that adults collecting children also observe this rule to ensure the children are supported to follow the safety rules. Vehicles blocking or parking at emergency or main gate exits or out with parking bays or the drop off zone will be asked to move their vehicles to a safe location. A consultation meeting has taken place regarding congestion on Hightstonehall Road outside the perimeter fences of St. Peter's Primary School, Neilsland Primary School and Woodlands Nursery with a view to considering measures to reduce parking in the area, eradicate parking on pavements, prevent engine idling and minimise additional safety risks to pedestrians and other road users. A further update will be provided in due course. In the interim, we would join with Neilsland Primary School and Woodlands Nursery to encourage children and families to walk to school, ride bicycles or scooters to keep active, reduce congestion and minimise impact to the environment. In addition, children bringing bikes / scooters to school should dismount and walk with the equipment in the school grounds to avoid accident or injury to themselves or others.

Inclement Weather Health and Safety Notice

A reminder to families that in the event of inclement weather (ice, snow, high winds) requiring the closure of some school gates the children will enter the building through the main pedestrian access gates and follow gritted pathways to the PE hall where they will be supervised by staff. Risk assessments of the outdoor pathways and playground areas are completed at regular intervals throughout the school day. Updates on the weather forecast or any advance weather warnings are considered.

Many thanks for all your support!



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