



St. Peter's Primary School



Education Resources

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January 2025 Newsletter

Happy New Year

The children and staff of St. Peter's Primary School wish all families a very 'Happy New Year 2025'. We hope all families enjoyed the Christmas season and that the children feel rested and ready to embrace the new term. We keep all families for whom the holiday was a more challenging time in our thoughts and prayers. The new term is filled with many planned learning experiences and opportunities.

P1 Enrolment for August 2025 Intake

The P1 Enrolment process for the August 2025 intake commenced on 6th January 2025. We look forward to welcoming our new Primary 1 children to school in August 2025. To register your child for school you should complete our online registration form. This can be done using the South Lanarkshire website - www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary_school_information/392/enrolling_your_child_for_school.

The online registration form will ask you to provide each child's full birth certificate and two pieces of recent official documentation both containing your permanent home address for example a utility bill, council tax statement, housing rent card, child benefit documentation. Proof of where the child lives may also be needed.

The school will attempt to make phone contact with parent/carers of children in the school's catchment area to confirm receipt of information week commencing 13th January 2025.

The School Handbook for January 2025 will be published on the school website from the 13th January 2025.

Details of the School Induction Programme for August 2025 will be forwarded to parents/carers in due course. The Induction Programme is likely to commence in late April 2025. If your child has an Additional Support Plan or specific support interventions in place at nursery, please inform the school promptly to enable the school to liaise with your child's nursery regarding the possibility of participation in an enhanced transition programme.

Digital Technologies

Planned school improvements for term 2 focus primarily on the development of digital technologies. New digital technologies, digital literacy and computer science planning will be piloted to widen and deepen learning in digital technologies and afford learners opportunities to develop and enhance digital skills across the curriculum. The PEF Budget and UNCRC Coffee Morning fundraising monies have been used to increase digital device and accessories accessibility across the whole school. Staff and children will participate in a Peer Review exercise arranged by South Lanarkshire Council, involving review of improvement by other Head Teachers and the CQIS Team.

Absence

Over the next few weeks, the school will forward new information regarding the management and maximisation of pupil attendance. This information will aim to explain the newly agreed Learning Community Attendance Policy which has been reviewed in conjunction with SLC Operating Procedures and the development of Attendance Policies in other Learning Communities. School attendance continues to be a critical indicator impacting learner attainment. The school aims for the whole school percentage attendance for session 2024-2025 to be above 95%. The school is working hard to promote pupil attendance and monitors individual pupil attendance at approximately four weekly intervals. Early analysis of the attendance data suggests that improvement in individual pupil attendance is required to ensure the school meets these consistently relevant expectations. Please note there has been an increase in children absent from school due to family holidays. Parents/carers are reminded to inform the school of any holidays in advance in writing. These holidays will be recorded as unauthorised absences unless evidence can be provided that these holidays could not be taken within the school holiday periods. A reminder to parents/carers to contact the school to report pupil absence.

Immunisation Catch-up

The Flu Immunisation Service have arranged to catch-up on flu immunisations for children who were absent from school on the last immunisation date. A reminder to parents/carers that it is the medical teams who take responsibility for all vaccinations. All of the cross checks are performed by the medical staff. The school is not responsible for the administration of flu immunisations. Consent forms are forwarded directly to the relevant medical staff.

Uniform Items

Please ensure all uniform items are labelled. There is a growing collection of unclaimed school jumpers in some cloakrooms particularly Room 3. If you think your child has lost a jumper, please pop into the school office between 3.05pm and 3.10pm to check. Any unclaimed jumpers will be recycled for use in the Online £1 Shop, if not collected by 26th January 2025.

School App

Following the recent survey relating to parental use of the School App and email service, parents/carers indicated that they most frequently access school information using the email service. Given the increase in associated costs of the School App and it's more limited usage by parents/carers following the change to paperless e-communications, the decision has been taken to suspend subscription of the School App and to reallocate monies to alternative priorities.

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 do not hesitate to call the school office on 01698281277 or email gw14stpeterspsoffice@glow.sch.uk. Your query will be directed to the most appropriate member of staff.

Yours Sincerely

CL Mullen

Claire-Louise 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
- 28.03.25 Rm 1 at 2.20pm
- 17.06.25 Rm 6 at 2.20pm

Class 'X' Twitter Showcase Weeks

- 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
- 17.06.25 P7 Celebration Meal / Activity

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
- 11.12.24 Christmas Nativity / Show
- 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.

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