



St. Peter's Primary School



Education Resources

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August 2026 Newsletter

Welcome to St. Peter's Primary School 2026-2027

St. Peter's Primary School welcomes all children and families to school for session 2026-2027. All staff would like to extend an extra special welcome and congratulations to our new Primary 1 children who started their school life journey today. The children presented to school beautifully in their school uniforms. Staff are proud of all children across the school for settling so quickly to their class environments and learning. I hope the children enjoy an aspirational school year full of exciting learning experiences and opportunities. I also send our best wishes to our former Primary 7 pupils who embarked on their secondary learning journey this week and wish them every success for the future.

Promoting Positive Partnerships

This new school year offers opportunities to develop and extend partnerships with our families, the whole school community, Fr King and the parish of St. Peter's RC. School planning aims to create opportunities for families to participate in the life, learning and work of the school. Co-ordinating learning between school and home supports learners to consolidate learning. Family members may have careers, talents or interests which they may wish to offer the school to provide new and exciting opportunities. Any parents /carers interested in forming a new PTA for fundraising or Parent Council to support school improvement can contact the school office to express their interest prior to Friday 28 August 2026.

New Staff

I would like this opportunity to welcome Mrs Sharon McFadzean to our school. Mrs MacFadzean will be class teacher of Room 4 Primary 4/5. Mrs MacFadzean offers years of experience as class teacher across a wide range of schools in South Lanarkshire School. I hope she feels welcomed to the school by all children, staff and the school community and I wish her every success this school year.

School Improvement Plan Priorities 2026 –2027

The School Improvement Plan for 2026-2027 is currently being developed in consultation with children and staff. New priorities for session 2026-2027 will be communicated shortly.

Cost of the School Day

As a school, we will always aim to be mindful of the Cost of the School Day and an updated policy was made available from October 2024.

Participatory Budget

The children will be offered the opportunity to contribute to decisions on the expenditure of the Participatory Budget following election of the Pupil Council. Confirmation of the outcomes of this consultation will be communicated early in the school year.

Leadership Roles

Children in all classes will be offered the opportunity to apply for specific stage appropriate leadership roles. Class teachers will inform children of dates for specific elections to enable the children to prepare.

What to Expect? Helpful Hints!

Standards and Qualities

A summary copy of the school Standards and Qualities Report has been compiled and will be available to view from the website in due course.

Annual Administration Updates

Annual update packs will be forwarded to parents/carers, on Thursday 13 August 2026, for completion and signing. Please return by Wednesday 19 of August 2026. If there are changes to phone contact details or medical information please inform the school office as soon as possible. It is essential that Medical Care Plans are updated and medicines are made available to the school office. Medicines must be recorded on the Administration of Medicines Form. Please ensure medicines are 'in date' for use.

School Communications

Many thanks to parents/carers for your co-operation in ensuring contact is made to the school via telephone call on 01698 281277 or email office@st-peters-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk in the first instance. If you have any questions or wish to raise any issues with the school, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. The relevant member of staff will respond to you in due course. Any medical emergency or Child Protection related matters should be highlighted to the school office as requiring an urgent response. All Child Protection issues should be reported directly to the Child Protection Co-ordinator Miss CL Mullen. The School Leadership Team may offer you an in-school appointment, if a face to face meeting would be more appropriate in specific circumstances. I strongly recommend regular view of school emails, Parents Portal and the school website for ongoing communication. A new platform to replace 'X' continues to be under consideration. X will continue to be used for urgent communication until an alternative is established. A digital Sway will be used to publish photographs of online classroom showcases and school events and will be forwarded as link to relevant classes. Parents/carers will be given the opportunity to select a digital paperless email option to receive school communication. Parent Portal will continue to be used for the publication of some communications. It is recommended to ensure access to both Parent Portal and email options for spontaneous receipt of ongoing communications.

School Drop Off and Pick-Up Reminder

Children should enter through their allocated gates. On exit, children of P1-4 must be collected by an appropriate adult aged 16 or over who is familiar to the child from their exit gates. If children are being collected by adults, other than those known to the school or the child, please telephone the school directly to make this request. Primary 1 parents should make staff aware of the adults who they typically wish to collect their child. Any changes should be communicated to the school office. Parents of children in P5-7 can give permission for their child to walk home or to walk to an alternative gate or location to meet their carer independently. Please note that P5-7 children will continue to exit from their own gate with their class and can use the pedestrian pathway at the front of the building to make their way to alternative gates or pick-up points. A permission slip will be made available for you to communicate your wishes so that teaching and support staff are aware of your choices. In the interim, parent/ carers of Primary 5 children should email the office if they wish to give permission for their child to walk home. Primary 6 and 7 children already have signatories in place from the previous session and are only required to email if there is a change to permissions. Updated forms will be provided in the Administration Pack and should be completed and returned by all P5-7 children by 19 August 2026. Any sporadic changes to information should be emailed to the office. The measures are intended as safeguarding procedures. Support staff **will not** be available to collect children from classes for early dismissal during the period 2.40pm and 3pm. If for any reason you require to collect your child early, please contact the office and arrange an early pick-up before 2.40pm.

School Uniform

Many thanks to parents/cares for assisting the children to present to school in full school uniform. I fully appreciate your support in dressing the children so well for school. High standards of presentation can support the children to recognise their identity within the school and can help to showcase the school within the local community and beyond. Please refer to the School Handbook on the website for further information. Please note children will be requested to wear full school uniform to Mass and other specified events. Therefore, we recommend that all children have access to a school tie. As a reminder, I ask that the children adhere to guidelines on shoe wear and make indoor shoes available by Friday 21 August 2026. Waterproof jackets are preferable in inclement weather and on days the children are scheduled to participate in events, outdoor learning and walks in their local environment e.g to Mass.

Registration

Gates will open at 8.45am and the playground will be supervised by staff. Children should present to school for 9am and be collected at 3pm. Children arriving after 9.10am should present to the school office. In the event that your child is unwell or absent for any other reason, please inform the school by phone call prior to 9.15am on each day of your child's absence. If your child is due to have an extended period of absence for hospital admission or any other reason please inform the Head Teacher in writing prior to the first date of absence.

Breakfast Club, Snacks and Lunches

Breakfast Club is available for pupils from 8.15am to 8.45am on school days from Monday 17 August 2025. Intervals are timetabled for 10.30am to 10.45am and lunches 12.45pm to 1.30pm. Primary 1 children will begin lunch at 12.30pm for the first few days of the school year to help them become familiar with the lunch routines. P6 Buddies will provide support in the early days. Children should remember to bring water bottles, snacks and lunches with them in the morning. To take account of pupil allergies, children should not share food or drink or bring any fizzy drinks or food containing nuts to school. Parent Pay can now be used to purchase milk (link available on website). Menu updates available online https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200259/education_benefits/291/school_lunches/2.

Class Teacher Allocation

The class teacher allocation at the start of school session 2026-2027 is planned as:

Class	Teacher	Class Teacher	Days	CCC Teacher
Primary 1		Mrs C Kane	Monday—Friday	Mrs K Roy
Primary 2/3		Miss A Keatings	Monday—Friday	Mrs K Roy
Primary 4/5		Mrs Sharon MacFadzean	Monday—Friday	Mrs K Roy
Primary 5/6		Mr E Tarrier	Monday—Friday	Mrs K Roy
Primary 7		Mr P Milwain	Monday—Friday	Mrs K Roy

PE Schedule

PE will commence week beginning Monday 17 August. 2026. White polo-shirts, dark coloured shorts (preferably black) and indoor gym shoes are required for indoor PE. In the Summer months/ Autumn and Spring months, teachers may select to conduct PE outdoors (weather permitting). In the Winter months, PE tends to be conducted in the indoors. On Muga days, children are permitted to bring Muga or surface appropriate trainers for changing into at intervals or lunches.

As previously communicated, for health and safety reasons, children will not be permitted to participate in PE or other active physical activities wearing earrings. Children will be asked to remove hoop/ or long hanging earrings. Children will be requested to either remove or tape stud earrings.

In addition, children will not be permitted to participate in PE or other active physical activities whilst wearing fake nails, nail extensions or other nail adjustments which are not the natural nail of the child. Reference to 'other physical activities' includes play in the Muga or the Trim Trail. This is to reduce the risk of injury to your child and / or other children.

The planned PE schedule for 2026-2027. Please note this timetable can be subject to change. Any changes will be informed by class teachers.

Class	PE Day 1	PE Day 2
Rm 1	Wednesday	Friday
Rm 3	Monday	Thursday
Rm 4	Monday	Wednesday
Rm 5	Tuesday	Thursday
Rm 6	Wednesday	Thursday

Mobile Phones / Digital Devices

For the continued safeguarding of children, I ask that children refrain from bringing mobile phones, digital watches or digital devices which have online access to school. As per the new Mobile Devices Policy published in session 2025-2026, if you require or wish your child to bring a mobile device to school, please ensure completion and signatory of the new Mobile Device Policy User Agreement which was implemented in session 2025 and 2026. A reminder that all mobile devices are required to be kept switched off in the children's bags at all times within the school grounds. The school will not accept any responsibility for misuse of, or damage to or theft of any phone or digital device. The school will keep abreast of National or Local Authority guidance and review guidance regularly in accordance with Local Authority protocols.

Car Park/ School Environments

Parents are asked to follow the School Traffic Management Plan which is available on the website. Parents are asked not to park in the staff car park for pupil safety unless a disabled badge is displayed. School gates must remain cleared for emergency vehicle access. Dogs are not permitted in the school grounds. The use of cigarettes and e-cigarettes are not permitted on the school grounds. Please vacate drop-off and collection points promptly.

Religious Celebrations

Fr King will confirm provisional dates for school Masses and the Primary 1 Blessing in due course. Families are welcome! Fr King will offer a date for Sacramental meetings in the month of February between 6pm and 7.30pm. The provisional date for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is set for 15 March 2027 at 6.30pm and First Communion is set for 8 May 2026 at 10am. The Diocese of Motherwell have confirmed the date for Confirmation as 22 February 2027 at 7pm. Confirmation of these provisional dates will be communicated to families in due course following a planned meeting of Fr King and the Head Teachers of both St. Peter's Primary School and St. Mark's Primary School. I hope early communication of the dates helps families to prepare their children for receipt of the Sacraments. A reminder that dates can, in unavoidable circumstances, require to be changed. Families are welcome to join the children at First Friday Masses and Holy days of Obligation.

August Calendar Dates and Parent Engagement Opportunities

17.08.26 Rm 1 Learning Showcase published on Sway (Digital link will be provided)

31.08.26 Rm 3 Learning Showcase published on Sway (Digital link will be provided)

Provisional calendar dates for September 2026 to June 2027 will be published as an update by 28th August 2026.

Wishing All a Happy and Successful Year

I very much look forward to working with the children, staff, families and the wider school and parish community to lead and support the school to foster excellence, innovation and belonging. As a staff team we hope to continue to promote our school and faith values through encouraging excellence, aspiration, nurture, teamwork and kindness. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children and their parents/carers, in advance, for all positive contributions to the life and work of the school. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any ideas or concerns which you wish to discuss. We will always endeavour to do our best to consider views. I wish every child a happy and successful school year.

Kind Regards

CL Mullen

Head Teacher

Our 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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