

The Parent Council of St Ninian's High School

WELCOME

Well, January is done and we are now well into 2026.

The parent council exists to represent the wider school parent and carer group, and this newsletter lets you know a bit about what we are doing as well as how to get in contact with us.

School Calendar 2025/26

Please check the School Calendar 2025/26 for important dates throughout the school year.

Friends of St Ninian's

We are delighted to see the re-establishment of Friends of St Ninian's. This aims to raise funds for our school through social and community events.

The first event is:

- **Race Night: Friday 20 February** at 7 p.m. in the school.

Full details about the race night have been sent out from the school. Please come along if you can. It should be a good night with some fantastic raffle prizes to be won. Payment for tickets, raffle tickets, race sponsorship, and horse ownership can all be made via ParentPay. This will be an adult focused event with a family quiz night being planned for later in the year, most likely in June.

School Mass

Everyone is welcome to join Mass, which is celebrated in our School Oratory every Tuesday and Friday during school term, starting at 8.25am (until 8.45am). During Lent, Mass will be celebrated every day throughout the week starting next Thursday.

Co-Curricular Booklet

Please see a link to the huge number of co-curricular activities available through our school before, during and after the school day:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/StNinians/co-curricular-booklet/>

Mobile Phone guidance in school

The school recently updated its' guidance on use of mobile phones, and this can be found on the school website. East Renfrewshire Council also recently considered a [report on mobile use in schools](#). This will see a ban in primary schools effective from academic year 2026/27. We await updated guidance, but it is not anticipated that there will be a fundamental impact on current procedures at St Ninian's, but this will be kept under review.

What should the PC be doing? Are there any particular issues that the PC should be discussing? Please tell us.

Send your thoughts to our Gmail pcstniniangiffnock@gmail.com or post to our Instagram or Facebook accounts.

February 2026

Dates for your Diary:

Please note the remaining dates for Parent Council meetings 2025/26.

- 9 March 26
- 11 May 26
- 15 June 26

all on Mondays at 7pm in St Ninian's High School

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Here are some examples of topics we have recently discussed, and items identified for future meetings:

- **Social Justice Framework and Strategy in Education in East Renfrewshire**
East Renfrewshire Council are in the process of reviewing the current strategy. The parent council wrote to the Council asking that the place and role of catholic schools in our community be explicitly stated and that the Charter for Catholic Schools in Scotland on social teaching required to be formally recognised in both the Framework and Strategy.

The Council replied positively to our letter and included a commitment to include the Charter for Catholic Schools within the Framework document.

The framework can be accessed [here](#) and the current strategy [here](#).

- **Eastwood Park Leisure Development**
You will be aware that works have started on the new leisure centre and theatre in Eastwood Park. This is being built adjacent to the current facility. Good progress seems to be being made and there have been no particular issues arising from the construction for our school. Once completed, it should be a great community resource.
- **Children (withdrawal from religious education and amendment of UNCRC compatibility duty) Scotland Bill**
This Bill proposes changes to the process for withdrawing pupils from religious instruction or religious observance at school. The Bill is currently at stage 3 in the Scottish Parliament. The parent council will be keeping a keen eye on this Government backed Bill prior to the Dissolution of Parliament before the Scottish Parliament elections being held on 7 May.

- **Catholic Education**
Ash Wednesday falls on **Wednesday 18 February**. Local Mass and service times can be [accessed here](#).

Please find links to the following:

[Scottish Catholic Education of Service](#)

[Diocese of Paisley](#)

[Archdiocese of Glasgow](#)

We hope to have a representative from the Diocese of Paisley attend a future meeting of the parent council.

- **Young People Destinations**
No, not holiday destinations.... young people's destinations once they leave school. The school tracks this for up to year after leaving school. We recently heard more about this and the outcomes for young people whether that be further study or training, work, college or university. The presentation told us that St Ninian's is consistently above the Council and national average when it comes to positive destinations. This is reflected in the wide range of curriculum options open to our young people and the support work provided by St Ninian's both prior to and after leaving school.

Contact: Please follow your parent council here: Facebook: St Ninians PC – Giffnock or sign up on Instagram [st_ninians_pc](#) and remember you can email us at pcstniniangiffnock@gmail.com

You can also access information about the parent council on the school website here: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/snhsparentcouncil/>