

Dear Notre Dame Parents, Guardians and Families,

We hope that this newsletter finds you all well. As we look ahead to an exciting new school year, we have some important updates and a real opportunity for you to get involved and make a difference in our school community.

Parent Council Update

Changes to Parent Council

As we wrote in the previous newsletter, the Parent Council is running as a small group of 9 members at the moment (Zuzana, Rachel, Blythe, Komal, Lorna, Marianna, Simona, Katie and Carmela). We will be saying ‘Goodbye’ to Carmela and Komal. We would like to thank them for all their hard work in the Parent Council.

We are in **great need** of new members. It is very important for communicating with you and for collecting your views and comments to have all the years of the school represented. At the moment we have members with children across P2–7, but we would love to welcome more! In particular, if your child is currently in P1 and you are starting to feel settled into school life, now is a brilliant time to get involved — you will be an old hand by September! We are also keen to hear from anyone with an interest or background in event planning, marketing, fundraising, administration, or communications. Many hands make light work, and even a small amount of your time makes a real difference to our school community.

Please join us at the upcoming June Annual General Meeting (AGM) to get involved, or email us at notredameparentcouncil@outlook.com or com if you cannot attend.

The Parent Council is open to every family in our school - no experience is needed, just enthusiasm for supporting our children and community. Whether you can commit to every meeting or simply want to lend a hand occasionally, there is a role for you.

Parent Forum Meetings

We already had 4 meetings (September, November, March and 6th May). Thank you to all who came along. Our next meeting is the **Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 3rd June at 6.30pm in person in school.** The agenda to follow soon.

At the AGM, we will be electing next year’s members and voting to approve our updated constitution. The revised draft was sent out prior to our last meeting. If you have any feedback, please email it to us so we can address it before the vote in June. Can’t make it? Express your interest to become a member of the Parent Council by emailing us or send us your views, comments or items for the agenda. We would love to see many more faces at the AGM in June.

Every parent and guardian with a child at Notre Dame is automatically a member of the Parent Forum, so you are already part of it! Coming along to meetings is just the next step. It is a brilliant way to stay informed, connect with other families, and shape the direction of your child’s school.

Parent Representatives

Thank you to all the parents who have been our **class representatives** this school year - your help makes a real difference. We are looking for class representatives for every year group and class in 2026/27. It is one of the easiest ways to support us: it simply involves passing on our messages to your class WhatsApp group. No meetings, no commitment beyond that.

If you are interested, please email us at notredameparentcouncil@outlook.com — it would be wonderful to have every class covered.

Other ways we communicate with you are: email, Eduspot (Xpressions) messages, SeeSaw and notice board on Havelock Street.

Finance

At the recent Parent Forum meeting, the Parent Council reported a closing cash balance of £3,041.87. Income since the last Parent Forum related mainly to SumUp deposits from the last three months of pre-loved uniform sales, together with a payment from Nessie Recycling (£249). This was partially offset by small outflows, including the Glasgow City Council raffle licence fee (£49) and monthly bank fees (£8).

Planned expenditure over the next two months totals £1,153 across current activities and events, including end-of-year gifts for the school staff, P7 year book, social events, and summer raffle preparations.

We are very pleased to share that a parent volunteer has kindly agreed to carry out the independent review of the accounts for 2025/2026. A huge 'Thank you' to her.

Looking ahead to next year, we would welcome additional support with finance and administration. If anyone is interested in working alongside the current Treasurer, Rachel, on areas such as secretarial duties, cash planning and budgeting, please get in touch. It is a fantastic opportunity to gain experience and build skills that look great on a CV.

Fundraising

Easyfundraising



Thank you to everyone who is supporting us for free on [easyfundraising](#). Your continued support means a lot to us! If you or your family shop online and have not signed up yet, please join today and help us raise funds for Notre Dame Primary School Parent Council - Glasgow. Over 8,000 retailers like eBay, Argos, Marks and Spencer, John Lewis & Partners, Etsy, Tesco and Just Eat will donate to us at no extra cost to you. Please consider it for big spends like holidays, gig tickets or furniture as the participating retailers will make a decent contribution (it's basically a cashback).

Summer Raffle



You might have noticed that we didn't organise a raffle at Christmas time as that tends to be a busy time for everyone. Therefore we want to try one before the summer to help us fund this term and next year's commitments. We already have some fun prizes (more about that in due course!) but if you run a business or might be able to donate a prize, in particular in the health, leisure or gastronomy, please email us at notredameparentcouncil@outlook.com or com.

We will be selling tickets during the Celebrations of Achievement week, with winners drawn on 19th June. More details will follow.

Upcoming Events and Activities

- Annual General Meeting - 3rd June 2026 at 6.30pm in person in school
- Party in the playground - 22nd June 2026 from 3 till 4.30pm in the school yard

Due to the PVG issue, we are planning on running some food and drink stalls and a uniform and a book stall at the Party in the playground.

We are hoping that there would be young entrepreneurs to run other stalls and kids activities like face/nail painting and games. If your young entrepreneur is interested in having a stall or run an activity, please email us.

We will also be looking for volunteers to help with our stalls. If you are free and willing to give us a hand, please email us.

Party Kit hire



We have created a party kit which is now available to hire. It consists of reusable plastic cups and plates, a jug with a lid and some colourful bunting. The kit can be hired for £5. Please email us to book the party kit for your child's next celebration. By hiring the kit you are supporting our school and helping with sustainability by avoiding buying disposable party items.

Pre-loved uniforms



Thank you for your generous donations of uniform items as well as casual clothing throughout the year. If you have any **HALLOWEEN COSTUMES** or **CHRISTMAS JUMPERS** that you don't want, please donate these to us and we will keep them for next year.

A special 'Thank you' for all the uniform items for our new P1s. We offered them to the new P1 parents/guardians at their first induction day.

We will have the uniform stall at the Party in the playground but if you cannot make it along or you would like some items before that, please email us and we can sort you out.

Just a reminder: The yellow collection bins near Elie Street Nursery are for clothing that **CANNOT BE REUSED or WORN AGAIN**, i.e. stained, ripped or items we don't collect. These go to a clothing recycling company Nessie Recycling and they pay us according to weight. It is also a fundraising income for the Parent Council. Nessie Recycling only accepts shoes and clothing. **Please do not leave other items (such as soft toys, booster seats, etc.) there.**



Quality clothing that either has been outgrown or not the right fit but **CAN** be worn again please put in the collection boxes near the school office/reception area (foyer).



If you have time and are interested in helping us with the uniform sort out or giveaway events, follow this link to join our helpers group.

https://chat.whatsapp.com/DE6yGhcosEgGg7RPYosceo?mode=ems_share_c

Keeping in touch

Email: notredameparentcouncil@outlook.com



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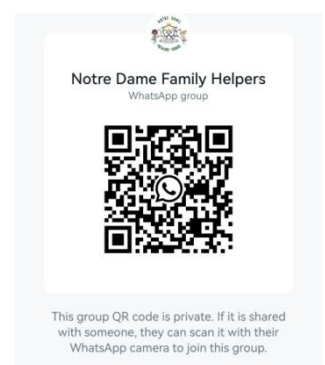
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Parent Helpers

Thank you to all the parent helpers for your continuous support.

To join our parent helpers WhatsApp group scan this **QR code** or click this link - https://chat.whatsapp.com/LfQUADAgDsjFm9ZZc9cKnY?mode=ems_share_c

We only post in the group when we are looking for volunteers for our events.



And finally....

Contact us if you have any comments, questions, concerns or queries.

We are looking forward to meeting many of you at our events and we are looking forward to seeing many of you at the AGM on 3rd June, and we sincerely hope that some of you will consider joining the Parent Council for the year ahead. Even one or two new members will make an enormous difference to what we can achieve together for our children and our school.

Best wishes,

Parent Council