



Our Lady of the Annunciation Primary



Term 1

Welcome Back to OLA Primary!

I hope you all managed to have some wonderful family time over the summer, and were hopefully able to have a bit of rest and relaxation. The weather was certainly good, with some scorching weeks thrown in.



We are delighted to welcome everyone back to OLA, and especially to our lovely Primary 1 families who have joined us this year. We would also like to welcome Zhasmin who joined our P1 class, Pavlo who joined P6/5 and Sadan who joined P7/6.

We are so happy they have joined our school, and we hope that they will feel welcome here.

Our roll is currently sitting at 142 pupils across our seven classes.

Session 26-27 Classification and Staffing

We have seven classes again this session, with the majority being composites due to the large P1 intake which had to be split across two classes. It was lovely to welcome some new staff to our school following their visit in June to meet the children. Miss Bole and Miss Montgomery are newly qualified teachers who join us for the year, along with Miss Anderson who will teach Expressive Arts non-class contact this session.

Our Classes and Our Teaching Staff

Primary 1 Mrs H. Kyle

Primary 2/1 Mrs C. Allan

Primary 3/2 Miss R. Bole

Primary 4/3 Mrs G. Dunne (Mon-Wed) and Mrs S. McGoldrick (Thurs – Fri)

Primary 5/4 Mrs C. Pedder (Mon-Wed) and Mrs J. Nicholas (Thurs- Fri)

Primary 6/5 Mrs P. Nisbet (Mon-Tues) and Mrs L. Gibbon (Wed-Fri)

Primary 7/6 Miss J. Montgomery

PE Specialist: Mrs L. Anderson (Tue- Thurs) – Expressive Arts NCCT cover



Our Support Staff

Our Support for Learning Workers work tirelessly to support our pupils in the classroom and playground and are an essential part of our school team.

Ms G Zangrande (Mon-Fri)

Mrs N Carnochan (First Aider: Mon/Tue- Thurs/Fri)

Miss K Waters (Mon-Thurs)

Mrs N Ahmad (Tue-Wed - ASN SfLW)

Miss V Fraser (Mon-Fri - ASN SfLW)

Mrs A Rizwan (Tue-Fri)

Session 26-27 Staffing cont.

Our Office Staff

Mrs J Duffy (Mon-Fri)
Mrs J McBride (Mon-Wed)

Our Catering Team

Joyce Brown – Catering Manager
Lorraine MacLean (Breakfast club only)
Liz Richards
Sharon Singh

Our Janitor

Mr J McFalls

Our Cleaning Team

Barbara McBride (Supervisor)
Liz Richards
Sharon Singh

Getting in Touch

It is important for parents and carers to know who best to contact when they have a query. In the first instance, parents should contact the class teacher through our Showbie App for any matters regarding general learning and teaching, home learning or any classroom-based questions or queries.

Showbie Class Communities

This year we have launched our Showbie Class Communities and Mrs Carrigan has sent out a helpful guide along with the codes for parents to join their child's **Class Community**. This is a direct communication channel on Showbie for parents and teachers to use. Please note this is an open forum and personal information about a child should not be shared in this space.



What is the Class Community?

The Class Community is a space for parents and carers in the class. Teachers will share important information, reminders and updates here. **Parents have access to the Class Community, but children do not.**

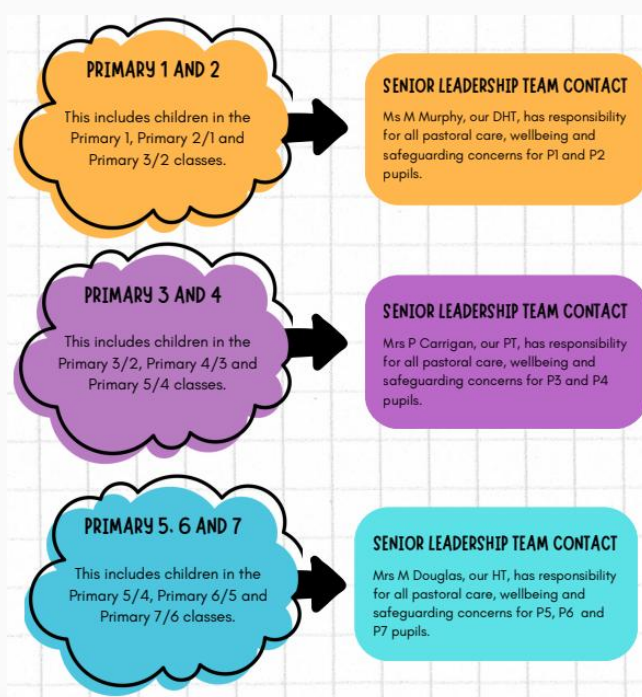
Where a parent or carer needs to speak to a class teacher about a personal issue, or a query about their child's progress, then parents should phone the school and request a call back or a meeting with the class teacher.

OLA Senior Leadership Team

Where the query is beyond the classroom setting, or is of a more serious nature, parents should contact the member of the school's Senior Leadership Team (SLT) with pastoral responsibility for their child's class.

Parents can phone or email the school to arrange to speak with the appropriate member of the SLT.

Please refer to the infographic on the right for details.



Our School Values and School Prayer

Our School Values are now very well embedded and are at the heart of what we try to do every day in Our Lady of the Annunciation Primary.

Love 

Faith 

Hope 

Kindness 

Please keep encouraging your child to live out these values every day.

School Uniform

As always, our girls and boys have returned looking extremely smart in their school uniforms, a huge thanks to all parents for ensuring they look so good!



Please remember our school colours are blue and grey. Plain blue jumpers and cardigans should be worn with plain grey skirts, pinafores, shorts or trousers. Our school shirts and polo shirts are light blue. Blue and white gingham summer dresses may also be worn.

Our uniform provider, Stevenson's Uniforms, have all badged items available for ordering online as well as some stock in their Clarkston Road shop. If ordering online, please visit the Stevensons website at the following address: www.stevensons.co.uk

Please encourage your child to wear their shirt and tie every day as this helps promote equity across the school and helps to underpin high standards.

School ties for Primary 1-6 are available to purchase from the school office. Primary 7 pupils should wear the school's senior crested tie which is also available from the office. All ties cost £7 each.

Please remember to label all items of your child's uniform and belongings, all through the school year. We often have many lost items which cannot be easily returned to their rightful owners as they are not labelled.

As part of our work to reduce the Cost of the School Day for our families, and to support our Eco, Sustainability and Social Justice work, we will have 'New to You' events this session. Every item that is used again equates to a saving for our planet and helps our children see the importance of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Look out for our uniform stall at school events such as Parents' Night, or pop into the school to look through the selection of uniform items we have.

PE Uniform

As outlined in the PE Timetable sent out to all families, pupils should wear shirts and ties every day and bring their PE kits with them to change into. Primary 1-3 pupils may wear their polo shirts on gym days to help them with changing. Please remember that PE lessons may be undertaken in the hall or outdoors therefore please ensure the children have suitable kit for outdoor, as well as indoor lessons. **Please remember that pupils should bring a filled water bottle with them to school every day.**

Our PE Kit:

Blue school polo shirt

Dark jogging bottoms, leggings, or shorts (dark grey/navy/black)

Trainers

Please note: The wearing of jewellery is discouraged in school to prevent loss or damage, however no jewellery is permitted during PE lessons. **Glasgow City Council Health and Safety Policies clearly state that no earrings can be worn in PE or swimming lessons and that earrings cannot be taped over.**

School Lunches

All Primary 1-7 pupils receive statutory free school meals each day however our school funding and staffing is increased for every child who applies and receives free meal entitlement (FME) from Glasgow City Council.

I would actively encourage all parents to apply online for free school meals as this means we receive greater funds and more staff to support your child's learning. For families who are eligible it can mean savings of up to £40 a month per child as free meal status also means families qualify for free Breakfast Club places, as well as receiving payments for meals during school holidays.

Apply online here: <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=42448&p=0>

ParentPay Meal Selection

The ParentPay App allows you to view and select your child's meals or register their packed lunch each day. This can be done for up to four weeks in advance. Families should select the best choice for their child and register this on the app. This means that your child's meal will be pre-ordered for them and should ensure they get the meal they want.

At present only a small minority of families are selecting their child's meal at home which means in significant teaching time is being taken up every morning making meal selections.

We strongly urge all parents to activate their child's ParentPay account and complete their child's meal selection at home. Please remember that as Glasgow schools are now mostly cashless, all payments within schools will be setup on ParentPay.

Please contact Mrs McBride at the school office (Mon – Wed) if you have any difficulties in activating your child's account.

Health Promoting School – Water bottles, Healthy Snacks and Allergy Aware

To support our health promoting work, please provide your child with a water bottle to be used during the school day, which should be labelled with his/her name.

- **For safety reasons, glass water bottles should not be brought to school due to the substantial risk of bottles being smashed.**
- **Please note that only water should be consumed in class, bottles containing juice cannot be used in class.**

Please try to provide healthy snacks and lunches for your child, and avoid or limit treats such as chocolate, sweets and crisps. Unfortunately, some children are eating multiple items for their morning snack which means they are not eating their lunch. Please note that fizzy drinks are totally discouraged in our school.

We are an Allergy Aware School

We have many children in the school who have allergies, including several pupils who have a nut allergy. For these children eating nuts can lead to serious health issues. We regularly speak to the children about the serious consequences that even the smallest traces of nuts can have on someone with a nut allergy.

Please do not give pupils nuts or nut-based products for their snack or lunch. It only takes a few moments to check the labelling of products to discover if they contain nuts, and doing so could make an enormous difference to our pupils with these allergies. **Please remember that Nutella products, some Bueno bars, many chocolate spreads and peanut butter all contain nuts.**



Playground Safety

From 8.45 - 9.00 am the playground will be supervised by Miss Fraser, Ms Zangrande and members of the SLT. Please note that to keep all our pupils safe **no adults are permitted entry to the playground in the morning.** Please remember that playground supervision begins at 8.45 am and for pupil safety, I would ask that you do not leave pupils unsupervised in the playground before this time.

At 3pm only Primary 1 – Primary 3 parents should enter the school playground to collect their children. All older pupils should be collected from outside the school gates.

I would respectfully ask that adults do not smoke or vape near the gates as the children are breathing this in as they leave the school. I would also ask all adults to refrain from bringing dogs near our exit gates as this can be very frightening for children who have a fear of dogs.

Wet Mornings

On occasion, when we have very heavy rain or a weather warning before 9 am, the pupils are welcomed into the school when they arrive from 8.45am onwards.

P1-P2 pupils will be supervised in their classrooms by support staff and P7 monitors, with Primary 3 to 7 pupils being supervised in the upper school open area by the Senior Leadership Team.

On these occasions all pupils should enter through the playground doors facing the gates, not through the main entrance.



Please ensure that all pupils have a hooded jacket with them every day, even on dry days, as our lovely Scottish weather just cannot be trusted!

Mobile Phones/Electronic Devices

Please note pupils should not bring mobile phones into school unless there is a genuine reason for them to have it during the school day i.e. for afterschool arrangements/safety walking home. Pupils should not have phones switched on at any time within the school grounds, including during Breakfast Club.

If it is necessary for our senior pupils to contact parents after school, all phones should be clearly labelled with the pupil's name and must be handed into the school office at the start of the school day. Phones are re-issued to pupils just prior to 3:00 pm.

All handheld electronic game consoles are not permitted to be brought to school as staff cannot monitor the content of games/films which are loaded in consoles and may result in pupils accessing inappropriate material. The support of parents is much appreciated in ensuring pupils refrain from bringing these items to school.

Term 1 - Open Afternoon

Our **Open Afternoon** allows parents and family members to drop in to the school and visit their child's class. The children will show you their seat and talk you through their current work. They will also introduce you to their teacher. **Our Term 1 Open afternoon will take place on:**

Friday 18th September 26

P4-7 Session: 1.15pm – 2.00pm

P1-3 Session: 2.00pm – 2.45pm

Parents and carers should come to the main office from 1.15pm onwards where our newly elected Pupil Councillors will greet you and escort you to your child's class.



OLA Family Learning – Class Assemblies



OLA Class Assemblies allow our children to display the knowledge, skills and understanding which they have developed in school, presenting their learning to parents, families and our whole school community.

Each class will choose an interesting or motivating topic which they have been learning about in class and present it at their class assembly. Families get to see the knowledge, skills and understanding which has been taking place in the class and celebrate the amazing work being done. This year most, but not all, class assemblies will take place on a Monday afternoon.

Date	Time	Class	Class Teacher
Monday 21 September	1.30pm	P6/5	Mrs Nisbet/Mrs Gibbon
Monday 26 October	1.30pm	P7/6	Miss Montgomery
Monday 30 November	1.30pm	P4/3	Mrs Dunne/Mrs McGoldrick
Monday 25 January	1.30pm	P3/2	Miss Bole
Monday 22 February	1.30pm	P5/4	Mrs Pedder/Mrs Nicholas
Friday 2 April	1.15 pm	P2/1	Mrs Allan
Friday 19 June	1.30pm	P1	Mrs Kyle

School Streets – The New Name for Car Free Zones

School Street Restricted Times: 8.30 am – 9.15 am and 2.45pm – 3.30 pm

All staff, parents and family members who are dropping off or picking up children from our school need to observe the **School Street** restrictions which include Friarton Road up to the junction with Glasserton Road and also incorporates Ashmore Road.



Please note only residents who hold a permit, or drivers who hold disabled badges, are allowed to drive on this road at the restricted times. Please also note that parents and families should not park in the staff car park.

Unfortunately, many of our parents and family members continually choose to ignore these restrictions, putting the lives of children at risk. The police can serve any driver breaking this restriction with a £50 fine, but the main concern is the safety of the children walking to and from school.

Please also ensure children are not being dropped off at our gates and allowed to get out of the car in the middle of the road, this puts them at substantial risk of severe injury.

Curricular Events and Afterschool Clubs – Aug/Sept 26

P4-7	Boxercise	Our first afterschool club of the session began on Monday 26 th August and runs for five sessions.
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Our Parent Council

All parent and carers of the children in Our Lady of the Annunciation Primary automatically make up our Parent Forum. From this Parent Forum every school then needs a group of parents to set up and run the Parent Council.



Our Parent Council works hard to support our school by ensuring that our pupils have the best experiences possible, running great fundraising events and fun activities for our children. They also support our school's improvement agenda and discuss matters which are core to the running of our school such as Pupil Equity Funding, School Streets (Car Free Zone) and school events. The Parent Council also represents a strong parent voice in many matters regarding how we take forward the school.

Over the years they have provided additional funding for many items including our improved digital and maths resources, subsidising the cost of our school trips and outdoor experiences, purchasing our playground picnic tables and paying for the repairs to our outdoor equipment. **They have also just donated £3300 to our school to purchase two brand new classroom Smart Boards!**

Our Parent Council AGM took place on Tuesday 25th August, and out-with the four office bearers, the church representative, and Head Teacher, **only three parents attended the meeting**. If our Parent Council is to continue, much greater representation and support from parents is needed. We have a vacancy for the PC's secretary role and would welcome anyone who is interested.

Our new Parent Council Office Bearers are as follows:

Chairperson	David McIlmoyle	Vice-Chair	Laura Zemella
Secretary	Vacancy	Treasurer	Jenny Campbell



Our School – Our Faith



Liturgical Arrangements 26-27

Monsignor Hugh and Father Lukose visited the school recently to plan the liturgical celebrations for the coming year. All sacraments are parish events, but we work very closely with St. Gabriel's Parish to support the pupils in the preparation for the sacraments and all liturgical celebrations.

Primary 6 - Pope Francis Faith Award

Our Primary 6 pupils, in both the P6/5 and P7/6 classes, will begin their Pope Francis Faith Award (PFFA) in September. The children will enrol for their award at our first mass of the year in St Gabriel's Church on:

**Friday 18th September 2026
at 9.30 am**

Parents and family members are invited to come along to this enrolment mass if they are able, and along with the whole school community, will pledge to support the children as they undertake this important award. The children will complete their first stage of the award in P6 and the second stage in P7. The pupils are then presented with their awards and PFFA badges at their Leavers' Assembly.

Calling all Primary 4-7 Children

Monsignor Hugh is hoping to recruit some P4-P7 pupils to become altar servers for St. Gabriel's Parish. Those interested should request a form from Ms Murphy and then return the completed form to Monsignor at the chapel house.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation and Sacrament of the Eucharist

Our P3 pupils will prepare and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in March 2027. Monsignor Hugh has set the date below, and further information will be sent out to families in due course.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 13th March
in St Gabriel's Church, following 9.30 morning mass

The P4 pupils will prepare and receive their First Holy Communion in May 2027. Monsignor Hugh has set the following date, and further information will be sent out to families in due course.

Sacrament of the Eucharist

Saturday 15th May
in St. Gabriel's Church at 11.00am

Confirmation

We are delighted that our Primary 7s will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Archbishop Nolan again this year. The children will celebrate this sacrament along with the pupils of St Conval's Primary and all those in the parishes of St Gabriel's and St Mary Immaculate.

Our date for P7 Confirmation is on Monday 17th May at 7pm
in St Mary Immaculate Church, Pollokshaws.

The Child Protection Coordinator for our School is:

MRS MAUREEN DOUGLAS
Head Teacher



Every member of our school staff has a fundamental duty to contribute to the wellbeing, care and safety of all our children and young people.

Members of the school or wider community who have a concern about the care or welfare of a young person, should contact Mrs Douglas, Head Teacher.

In the absence of the Head Teacher, any concerns should be raised firstly with Ms Murphy (DHT) or in her absence Mrs Carrigan (PT).

Please remember to call the absence line when your child is absent or has a medical appointment. **Absence Line: 0141 287 0039**

Parent/Carers or a named contact person can report their child's absence by using an [online form](#) and should register with *myaccount* to access this.

You can keep up to date with school news on the SHOWBIE app and on our school website:
<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/ourladyoftheannunciation/>

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