

St. Paul's (Whiteinch) Primary School



Newsletter



April/May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we are already at the start of May! Hopefully the lovely weather will continue throughout May!

Best Wishes

I would like to congratulate our Primary 1 Teacher, Ms MacKinnon, who has now finished for her Maternity Leave. We are looking forward to meeting Baby MacKinnon shortly!



Breakfast Club Reminder



The breakfast club opens at 8am and children are supervised by Cordia until 8.45am. No child should be in the playground unsupervised before 8.45am but from 8.45am onwards there is an adult presence in the playground until the bell rings at 9am.

Mobile phones or tablets should also not be used at the Breakfast Club.

Reporting Absences

There is an online option for Parents/Carers to report a pupil's absence.

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence>

or phone is 0141-287-0039.

Mobile Phones

Following authority policy, we discourage children from bringing mobile phones to school. However, if a parent/carer permits a child to do so, the mobile must be switched off before entering the playground and placed securely until 3pm. Mobile Phones can only be switched on again once the child is off council property. **Some children are using them in the morning to listen to music or play games and others trying to take them out into the playground which is not allowed. Let's work together to keep your child safe.**



Reconciliation and Confirmation

Thank you to everyone who made the celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Confirmation such a success. Our children were a credit to St Paul's! The Primary 7 children who were being Confirmed were supported by their classmates who showed adults to their seats and handed out Mass booklets. Parents and staff from other schools as well as Priests from St Peter's Parish and even



Bishop Nolan himself commented on how beautiful the Mass and celebration in the hall afterwards was. Thank you also to our wonderful staff who prepare our children so beautifully and turned out in the evenings to support our children. We are blessed to have such dedicated staff!

First Holy Communion



The children in Primary 4 will be celebrating their First Holy Communion on Sunday the 18th May 2025 in St Paul's Church at 11am Mass. The children will be preparing for this with their teachers, Mrs Cranny, Mrs Cole and Mrs Milano. This is an important event in their spiritual journey, and I am sure you will join the school in keeping these children in your prayers.

New P1 intake and Induction Days

All children starting school in August should now be registered. If you know of a child who has not yet registered and will turn 5 years old before the end of the year, then please encourage their family to speak to us to enrol them as soon as possible. We are currently working alongside all the local nursery schools to provide an effective transition for the new Primary 1 children into St Paul's. Many children have come along to our Family Learning Sessions, and we have thoroughly enjoyed meeting them all.

Our Induction Days for the children **and** their parents/carers are planned for the mornings of Friday the 9th and 16th of May from 9:30am-10:30am.

Developing the Young Workforce

Thank you to our local businesses who have provided amazing opportunities for our upper school children recently. Malcolm Construction and BAE Systems who invited our children to see what they do. The children have loved these visits!

Primary 7 Secondary School Visits

Primary 7 will be making visits to their secondary schools in May as part of the Transition programme. We have some dates to share with you:

St Thomas Aquinas - Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st May (all day)

Hyndland Secondary School - More details to follow from Hyndland Secondary

P7 End of Year Events



The Primary 7 Leaver's Mass, to which families and friends are invited, will take place in St. Paul's Church on Monday 16th June at 10:00am.

We are still finalising the details for the P7 End of Year Disco which we hope will take place in St Paul's Church Hall. We are working hard already to make it a special night!

School Uniform

I would like to thank you for your continued support of the school uniform. Now that the nice weather is here blue summer dresses and grey school shorts are absolutely acceptable as part of the uniform when weather permits. Thank you to those Parents and Carers who have approached me to check about this!

As many of you will be looking at buying new uniforms for the new academic year, please can I remind you of the school uniform:

- Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers
- Blue Shirt
- School tie

- Grey jumper or cardigan
- Black school shoes

PE Kit:

- Shorts and plain t-shirt.
- No football colours

Children should bring their PE Kit with them on gym days and expensive tracksuits should NOT be worn to school. Thank you for your support with this.

Pupil Equity Funding (PEF)

The Scottish Government's additional funding to schools as part of their commitment to closing the attainment gap is called Pupil Equity Funding. This funding has been used at St Paul's this year to pay for extra staff to support children in their learning. We have also purchased new reading books for Primary 1-3 and novels for Primary 3-7. We will be continuing to use this fund to help us raise attainment throughout the school.

Health and Safety - Nuts

Could I please ask you to discourage your children from bringing any type of nut to school as a snack as there are some children who have allergies and we must respect this, this would include such foods as **Nutella and Kinder Bueno**. I would appreciate your support with this.



Parent Council - Summer Fair - Wednesday 11th June

The Parent Council are working hard to organise the Summer Fair. We are extremely grateful to them for all the work they do to support our school. Please sign-up on the sheet at the school office if you are able to help on the 11th June for the Fair.

Culture Week

Our Principal Teacher, Miss Lowrie is currently organising Culture Week. This will be week beginning Monday 2nd June 2025. During this week we will celebrate the wonderful cultural heritage we have within our school community. Please let us know if you can help. Miss Lowrie will update you with more information nearer the time.

Rights Respecting School Award

We are currently working towards our Silver Award, as we have already achieved our Bronze Award.

We are asking our children to share their thoughts and opinions about our school, with us through Pupil Voice in School Committees. Please encourage your children to explain what Committee they are in and what they are doing.



Dates for Diary

- Thursday 1st May - St Paul's Church
- Monday 5th May - Holiday - May Day
- Tuesday 6th May - Friday 9th May - P7 to Blairvadach Outdoor Centre
- Wednesday 7th May - P3 Sharing the Learning Assembly
- Friday 9th May - Induction 1 for New P1 Children & Parents - 9:30am
- Friday 9th May - Family Support Group - Children with Additional Support Needs - 11am
- Friday 9th May - P5/4 Sharing the Learning Assembly - 2:15pm
- Monday 12th May - Friday 16th May - P1 - P3 Children to Victoria Park for Art Project
- Wednesday 14th May - Secondary School Teachers visit St Paul's

- Friday 16th May - Induction 2 for New P1 Children & Parents - 9:30am
- Friday 16th May - Violinists to the City Halls - 12-3:00pm
- Sunday 18th May - P4 First Holy Communion - 11am St Paul's Church
- Monday 19th - Tuesday 20th May - Road Safety Talks in School
- Tuesday 20th - Wednesday 21st May - P7 Transition Days to St Thomas Aquinas
- Thursday 22nd May - Children Off - Staff Training Day
- Friday 23rd & Monday 26th May - May Holiday Weekend
- Friday 30th May - P5 Sharing the Learning Assembly - 2:15pm
- Monday 2nd June - Friday 6th June - Culture Week
- Friday 6th June - Smart STEM Workshops - P6 & P7
- Tuesday 10th - Art Therapy Gallery - 3-4pm
- Wednesday 11th June - School Fair - 1:30 - 3:30pm
- Thursday 12th June - Sports Day - WEATHER DEPENDANT
- Monday 16th June - P7 Leaver's Mass - 10am
- Friday 20th May - P4 Sharing the Learning Assembly - 2:15pm
- Wednesday 25th June - Schools close at 1pm for Summer Holidays

Keeping Children Safe

If you have any concerns around Keeping Children Safe at St Paul's, please get in touch with a member of the School Leadership Team immediately. We will do everything in our power to help.

Social Media

Twitter

Our Twitter Account is continuing to gain interest, and we now have 1735 followers! Please follow us to find out what we have been up to!

Please follow us on:

[@StPaulWhiteinch](https://twitter.com/StPaulWhiteinch)

Glow Website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/stpaulsprimarywhiteinch/>

Please do not to hesitate to contact the school if there is anything we can support you with.
Yours sincerely,

Mrs Monaghan
Acting Headteacher

