

October 2025

From the Head Teacher's desk:

We've had a busy start to Term 2! The next couple of months are full of lots of exciting events and celebrations for our children and we are looking forward to sharing these with you.

This month we have continued our weekly class visits to Thornliebank Library, with Primary 5, 5/4 and 4 attending. This is a rolling timetable and every class will have this opportunity twice this session. Future dates are detailed overleaf.

We have continued to work closely with our partnership organisations and visiting specialists this month:

- ◆ Primary 4 and 5/4 have completed their input with Soccer 4s during P.E.
- ◆ Primary 7 pupils have been working alongside our friends in Ashpark Primary on Sense Over Sectarianism Workshops with both schools hosting.
- ◆ Primary 5-7 pupils have been continuing or will be starting to receive tuition for violin and cello with our tutors, Ms Marshall and Mr Barnett.
- ◆ Primary 5-7 pupils are receiving input from Golf It! during P.E. and as an after-school club.

The month of October is dedicated to honouring Our Lady and we have done so by saying a decade of the Holy Rosary daily in all classes. Thank you also to Primary 6/5 who have created this month's school R.E. display in the dining hall linked to this.

Primary 5/4, 5 and 6/5 attended our First Friday Mass at St. Vincent's Church on 3rd October. This was our first Mass of this kind with our new Parish Priest, Fr. Byrne. Next month, Primary 3a, 3b and 4 will attend First Friday Mass - details overleaf.

At our last assembly before the October break, we announced our House Winners for Term 1. Congratulations to Mull who took the top spot and have earned a cinema trip next week. All children and staff allocated to that house group will have the opportunity to attend the trip as a reward for their efforts throughout Term 1. The points returned to zero at the start of Term 2 and we are excited to see who will win at the end of this term - good luck everyone!

We're looking forward to the rest of Term 2 - watch this space for more updates!

Catrina Wishart Head Teacher

School Improvement Priorities (2025-2026)

As a school team, we are constantly evaluating our practice and looking for ways we can further improve and develop.

This year, our 3 improvement priorities continue to be:

1. To raise attainment in Literacy and Numeracy across the school, ensuring we are meeting learners' needs.
2. To improve how we meet the learning and care needs of all children by working towards St. Vincent's becoming a Language and Communication Friendly Establishment (LCFE).
3. Ensuring that we have a consistent approach to high-quality learning and teaching that is linked to Glasgow Pedagogy, "All Learners, All Achieving".



Parents' Evening

Thank you to those parents/carers who attended our recent Parents' Evening on 8th October. We were delighted to see this event so well supported and attended. Attendance for the whole-school was 81% and this was broken down across our 13 classes as follows:

Primary 1a	75%	Primary 5/4	86%
Primary 1b	79%	Primary 5	87%
Primary 2a	78%	Primary 6/5	65%
Primary 2b	88%	Primary 6	93%
Primary 3a	74%	Primary 7a	89%
Primary 3b	77%	Primary 7b	90%
Primary 4	70%		

Date for the diary:

Please note, our next Parents' Evening will be on **Wednesday 1st April 2026**.



Diary Dates for November

w/b 3rd November	Primary 1 Enrolment Week
3rd November	Open Afternoon for new Primary 1 children (Enrolment Week) at 3:30pm
3rd November	New ESOL Class starting with Mrs Naheem (EAL Teacher) at 9:30am
3rd November	Football Tournament at Nethercraigs at 3:30pm
4th November	Mull House Trip to GFT Cinema (separate letter with details)
4th November	Primary 3a to Thornliebank Library
4th November	Primary 1 Showbie Drop-In Session for Parents/Carers at 2:15pm
5th November	Primary 2 Showbie Drop-In Session for Parents/Carers at 2:15pm
6th November	Primary 7a, 7b and 5 Oral Health Visit
6th November	Primary 3 Showbie Drop-In Session for Parents/Carers at 2:15pm
7th November	Primary 4-7 Showbie Drop-In Session for Parents/Carers at 9am
7th November	Primary 3a, 3b and 4 to First Friday Mass at St. Vincent's Church at 10am
10th November	2 x Primary 7 pupils to Schools Forum Event at City Chambers & to COP30 Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral
10th November	Primary 6/5 Class Assembly at 2pm
11th November	Primary 3b to Thornliebank Library
13th November	Michael Rosen's Birthday - Literacy Day - more details to follow
w/b 17th November	Book Week Scotland (more details to follow)
18th November	Primary 1a/1b to Thornliebank Library
w/b 24th November	Catholic Education Week
24th November	Primary 7a Class Assembly at 2pm
25th November	Primary 2a to Thornliebank Library
25th November	2 x Primary 7 pupils to Anti-Racism Conversation in City Chambers
30th November	St. Andrew's Day & First Sunday of Advent

Please note: Christmas dates will be shared next week so you can save the dates - keep an eye out!

Primary 1 Enrolment Week

3rd-7th November 2025

If you have a child who is due to start Primary 1 in August 2026, online enrolment opens on 3rd November 2025. For more information please access the following link: <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/4275/Starting-Primary-School>

We are having an open afternoon on **Monday 3rd November at 3:30pm** for any families/children who would like to come along and visit the classrooms, meet our Leadership Team and receive support with completing enrolments online. Please come along if this would be of interest and spread the word to families who you know have a little one starting with us.



Book Fair

Thank you to all our parents/carers and families for supporting our recent Book Fair and joining us for our Coffee Morning. Your contribution helped make the event a success and encouraged children to develop a love of reading. Some children are still waiting for their book orders, which should arrive within the next week or two and will be handed to them once they have arrived. Orders can continue to be placed until the end of this week and we will provide an update regarding total raised for our school as soon as possible.

Attendance

Following on from September's newsletter, I can provide the following update on our school's attendance statistics:

September's attendance rate (Whole School) - 90.2%
October's attendance rate (Whole School) - 89.9%

The number of pupil's with 10% or more absence rate, which is equivalent to missing 4 weeks of school:
September - 107 pupils October - 127 pupils

As you can see, both of these figures have declined since last month and are of concern. Please continue to ensure your child/ren attend school everyday.

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