

St Angela's Parent Council

Minutes of St Angela's Parent Council meeting on Wednesday 21st October 2026 at 6.30pmpm.

Present: Aidan Kerlin, Mandy Thompson, Natasha Mirza, Aqsa Imran, Eabhna Ní Laighin, Rachel O'Malley, Thomas Morrison,

Apologies: Kirsty, Paul

Minutes of last meeting approved by Aqsa Imran & Rachel O'Malley

Meeting – Rachel O'Malley

Rachel opened the meeting by inviting Aidan to say a prayer.

Apologies Kirsty, Paul, Minutes of last meeting approved.

Head Teacher's Report – Aidan Kerlin

Staffing

Anna Cuddihy – off long term due to surgery

Sandra Fisher – on a phased return from surgery, back full time now, (Welcome back)

R Gallone – allergy update: Due to a severe allergy, Parents night will be done over the phone.

Pupils

Predicted toll 345 – roll currently 334, 2 enrolments coming, 336, awaiting update on staffing.

AlG role backfill for Mr Kerlin is being filled by Mrs Gellan

Nursery

Currently understaffed 1.5 due to a long-term absence and a career break.

34 at present, mix of am, pm and full time. Ratio still covered at the moment due to Lisa McCann working with pupils.

Security Threat

The school received a bomb threat on Monday 19th October at 8:45am. It was reported to directorate and police Scotland. Both parties were aware of widespread threats across the nation, and deemed it a Hoax. A security walk was completed in the school as a precaution and schools were not advised to evacuate. Communication received from GCC at 11:43, and sent to families at 11:47. A number of parents collected children early on Monday. With 50 pupils off on Tuesday and 28 pupils off today. A small number of families have been in contact, and I have spoken with them directly. The school has a robust security threat risk assessment in place and this has highlighted the effectiveness of this risk assessment. Police Scotland have confirmed it was a hoax.

Budget and Finances

Core School budgets are on track to take us through to September.

£3.5k of PEF is unallocated at present, 43.5K is accounted for through staffing, online subscriptions and resources.

Whiteboards ordered thanks to collaboration with PC. Fitted 20th October. Payment to school to be made by mid-February. They are great, and we very much appreciate the contribution by PC.

Playground draw completed. First iteration of this new model. At present 98 families have contributed. This will allow us to allocate prizes of £100, £50 and £25 to the winning families. Contributing £325 to the school playground toy fund. 3 winners drawn in Assembly last week. Winners will be published in Newsletter (work in progress)

Curriculum and School Improvement

Learner conversations took place this month, a brilliant opportunity to allow pupils to share their understanding of our SIP and where the gaps are ahead of the school session. This will be repeated in the final term to address impact. Pupils chosen from across the register to speak to management about what the SIP looks like in their class. What they like, don't like. This will be reassessed in June.

Building and Estate

Exploring the possibility of using our base sinks for drinking water. City building coming out to test. Increased drinking water access will make ease of movement around the school.

Tree being felled in playground beside wee huts, PC will get use of logs. Now completed, logs are beside small huts.

Residential Experiences

Communication sent for P7 families attending in March 2027. Numbers attending still fluctuating. 34 at present. Parent information event to take place in January.

Parish Links

Sacramental dates (Attached) – Families to be communicated with over the parish they reside in, and the options they have.

Month of the Rosary taking place during lunch time this month – an opportunity to join in prayer as a school community for those who wish to join. Very well attended and enjoyed by all.

Thank you to Fr Byrne – First Friday Mass on Friday 2nd October – PFFA enrolment took place here also.

Parental Engagement

Parents portal – Class photos postponed due to 25% not having permissions. Feedback received about those. Individual photos took place on Monday 19th October. Speedier parental engagement for permissions is needed. Would like to look at possibility of a different photographer.

Parents night to take place on 12th November. (P4 will be 12th and 17th over phone)

Booking went live pm Parent Portal on Monday 19th October. Booking will close on November 6th.

Family sports evening took place on Wednesday 23rd September – approximately 50 families attended with exploration of football, netball and karate. Thank you to Claire Clark, SAPC and the Karate club for supporting.

Dates

October 2026

Friday, 2nd October - First Friday Mass (In School Hall)

Friday, 2nd October - Non Uniform Day - Rescheduled due to School Photographer

Wednesday, 7th October - 6:30 - Parent Council Meeting (Darnley Community Centre)

Thursday, 8th October - Playground Prize Draw 1

Friday, 9th October - School Closed (In-Service Day)

Monday, 12th October - Friday 16th October - School Closed

Monday, 19th October - Individual and Family Photos

Wednesday, 28th October, 5:45 - 7:00 - Autumn Disco for P1-4 (Parent Council Event)

Wednesday, 28th October, 7:15 - 8:30 - Autumn Disco for P4-7 (Parent Council Event)

Friday, 30th October - Non-uniform Day

Discussion on dress down being Hallowe'en costumes – effects some children by frightening them or being unsettled due to being out of routine.

Natasha: Hallowe'en was a school day last year, so it made more sense. They'll be wearing their costume on Sat anyway.

Rachel: It might mean washing and preparing a costume two days in a row for some families.

Aidan: So, Friday will be a normal dress down day and communication will go to families – the opportunity to dress up will be at the autumn disco.

November 2026

Monday, 2nd November - Flu Immunisations

Friday, 6th November - First Friday Mass (In School Hall)

Thursday, 12th November - Parent's Night

Wednesday, 18th November - 6:30 - Parent Council Meeting (Darnley Community Centre)

Friday, 27th November - Non-Uniform Day

December 2026

Tuesday, 1st December - P6 and P7 Panto (Peter Pan, Langside College)

Wednesday, 2nd December - P3, P4 and P5 Panto (Peter Pan, Langside College)

Thursday, 3rd December - P1 and P2 Panto (Peter Pan, Langside College)

Friday, 4th December - First Friday Mass (In School Hall)

Saturday, 5th December - 10:00 - 1:00 Christmas Fayre

Sunday, 13th December 3:00pm - Kano Foundation - Celtic v Hibernian (Further info to follow)

Friday, 11th December, 9:30 and 2:00 - Nurs and P1 Christmas Shows

Tuesday, 15th December, 9:30 and 1:30 - P4-7 Christmas Shows

Wednesday, 16th December, 9:30 and 2:00 - P2 and P3 Christmas Nativity

Thursday, 17th December - Christmas Parties in class

Friday, 18th December - Non Uniform

Friday, 18th December - Playground Draw 2

Friday, 18th December - School closes at 2:30pm

Monday, 21st December - Monday, 4th January - School Closed

Appendix 1: Reconciliation, Communion & Confirmation dates for this session.

Appendix 2: School Priorities 26/27

Treasurer's Report: Aqsa Imran

Total amount in bank account £6152.69

Nursery money £669.50

PC money £3150.72

Saltire money £2250.88

PC

Money in

Payment from Glasgow city council

Money out

Minutes and let from last meeting

SALTIRE

Money in

Refund of craft club materials

Money out

Craft club:

Picnics, materials and facilitation fees

Adult wellbeing:

workshops picnics, adult wellbeing sessions, Workshop planning session, Gardening club picnics

Actions:

SALTIRE Update – Eabhnat Ní Laighin

Adult Workshops:

Our Adult workshops have continued successfully. We had a facilitation workshop with Sapna, where we learned pointers for working with the steering group and moving the project forward. We then held a planning session where we agreed workshops for the year and last week enjoyed a community film screening of the research film Literacy as Liberation which inspired us all. Our pumpkin carving workshop yesterday was a social joy.

Steering Group:

The girls are enthusiastic about the project this year. We had a get-to-know-you session with them and they've helped out with the younger classes outside. We have planned a final team building workshop with Sapna in November where we will divide them into subgroups with a dedicated adult and area of responsibility.

Pupil Work:

All classes have now had their first SALTIRE session of the year including the nursery and a small nurture group. It has been a pleasure working with the children and seeing the rich and varied experiences they enjoy as part of the project. We have been harvesting potatoes, veg and fruit, saving seeds for spring planting, clearing around the cherry saplings and turning the compost. The school grounds have become such a wonderful place to learn and we're really beginning to see the culmination of our work, not only in the grounds, but in the children's understanding of the processes of food growing, harvesting, composting etc. Thanks to Mrs Shaw and Rachel for their help finalising the timetable for the rest of the year.

Muddy Movers:

Muddy Movers have been having lots of fun exploring the school grounds. They have harvested apples, been on a mini beast hunt, made patterns using natural objects and learned about composting. They had so much fun bug hunting they decided to do it again this week.

Family Gardening Club:

Family Gardening Club happens every Tuesday 3-4pm with snacks, chat and some light gardening. All welcome,

Family Craft Club:

Our Family Craft Club was a great success and very enjoyable with each participant designing and decorating a t-shirt with their wishes for a safer, greener Darnley. Our next club will run from 9th Nov for 4 weeks

Actions:

PC Business: Rachel O'Malley

Engagement & Recruitment

Rachel shared the draft copy of the recruitment flyer encouraging new members to join and informing families of PC activities.

Aidan: It demonstrated transparency, it is clear what the PC organises and does with funds raised. Will you be printing it?

Rachel: Yes we could price printing some copies to share.

Aidan: You should add in the contribution to whiteboard purchase as that is recent and significant.

Mandy: That's a good clear visual and easy to read.

RACHEL: We can share it with the invitation to meetings and events and repeat that people don't need to attend every event or meeting. Are we including SALTIRE activities and funding?

Eabhna: Yes, we could, as it comes under the umbrella of PC.

Rachel: I'll get a quote about printing and send it to the group to vote on.

Aidan: We could ask if families can help with printing, someone might have contact or the facility to print.

Aqsa: You could print different sizes to go around the school.

Aidan: I can get it out in the newsletter

Eabhna: It can be shared in the welcome pack for new P1 families.

Appendix 3: Draft Copy of Recruitment Flyer

Actions:

Add SALTIRE actions and spending to flyer,

get quote for printing and vote,

get printed and share,

share in newsletter.

School improvement – Rachel O'Malley

Literacy /Class Reading Groups

Rachel opened a discussion about the research film Literacy as Liberation and the core idea of labelling children in reading groups having negative effects on pupils' confidence and engagement with reading. She referenced a specific incident where reading groups negatively affected her daughter's confidence and willingness to read.

Mandy: Pupils may need to move groups to ensure they are working at the correct level for them. How teachers organise classes is different. Some organise by social groups rather than academic and they extract for reading and maths groups. Some teachers like academic groups together so they can go and work with them. Groups should be fluid and pupils should move between groups as needed. Seating groups should change throughout the year for socialising. We wouldn't like to dictate to teachers how they organise their classroom. If children are moved group, it is for their benefit.

Rachel: C moved reading groups and had to move social group. She was so upset, didn't want to go to school.

Mandy: Sometimes it would be more beneficial if pupils weren't at parent teacher meetings and don't hear things said to parents that would be reframed for them.

Rachel: We didn't know in advance that they would move seating groups if they moved academic group.

Aidan: We never use the language top, middle, bottom to label their groups. Complexities arise if a group become a social group and they have to move. I don't want to micromanage staff, but we will have a conversation about being aware of the effects of grouping or moving groups. There is a big focus in the school at the moment on reading.

Aidan: It would be good to share the film with staff

Eabhna: Jess has offered teacher training along with a film screening.

Rachel: Could we mix attainment groups?

Mandy: We do have a wide range of reading experiences that are mixed attainment; group and paired reading, reading for enjoyment and collaborative reading across the week. It doesn't just involve reading to the teacher.

Aidan: Through formative assessment work, staff ensure strategies meet the needs of all learners. I have noted it down for the SLT meeting next week and we will discuss it.

Natasha: How can we ensure library books going home are of a suitable reading age?

Mandy: Teachers will encourage pupils to choose books at their level but sometimes kids will just want a book and we don't want to discourage that.

Aidan: There is a banding system in the library but perhaps we need to ask how we can make that accessible to families.

Aidan: Using Accelerated Reader and similar resources, we can support families to understand the reading books suitable for pupils.

Mandy: "I can read" is a resource that shows pupils the level they're reading at, their Oxford Owl reading age.

Discussion followed about choosing books in book shops, libraries and school library, allowing kids to choose their own and figure it out themselves and supporting parents to understand how to help their kids recognise their reading level and supporting a love of reading.

Aidan: Education begins at home and reading pedagogy is an important conversation to have with the Parent Council and at Parent Teacher meetings.

Natasha: At parents night it's helpful to know what I can do at home, identifying points for reinforcing learning, or where they are struggling.

Aidan: Discussing next steps needed.

Aqsa: There have been changes to how literacy is being taught and the phrase "diacritical method" came up in homework. I know it now, because I looked it up, but a glossary of terms would have been helpful.

Rachel: Yes, and what's the spelling rule?

Aqsa: An explanation would have been helpful at the start. Now a few weeks later she understands and knows what to do.

Mandy: I'll take responsibility for that. We were working hard with staff to make sure they understood and that the pupils did and parents need to understand too.

Aidan: In those learning conversations mentioned earlier, the pupils were talking about it but yes we can get information out to families.

Aqsa: Even a link to a short YouTube video explaining it very well.

Mandy: It's new and the pupils' confidence and understanding is growing, if they don't understand at home yet, they'll learn it in class and can then take it home.

Events and Fundraising: Rachel O'Malley

Leavers' Hoodies

Rachel: Nothing has been done yet but we're going to use Gilmour sport.

Aqsa: I asked for feedback and parents said the colour faded and the letters didn't stay on.

Adan: It's not such a tight turnaround this year yet because they're going away later in the year. They can wear them as soon as they are given out.

Rachel: I'll email Gilmore sports tomorrow and get the ball rolling. If you (Mandy) send me the spreadsheet of names and sizes I can work on it.

Hallowe'en Disco

Rachel: We said we wouldn't put tickets on sale until we had volunteers. We now have 11 for upper and 6 for lower.

Thomas: That's enough.

Rachel: I can ask Dan too.

Aqsa: My boy would like to help too.

Natasha: If we have too many we can allow some who offered to do both to go home after one.

Aidan: Who has their PVG

Thomas and Natasha: I do.

Aidan: Need to ensure Non-PVG'd volunteers are not stationed at certain points, that they are always with the full group.

Rachel: Yes. Do we want to change the ticket price?

Aqsa: did we say £3?

Thomas: £5 for families?

Aqsa: No family ticket, we need to raise funds for the whiteboards.

Natasha: Can we use glitter?

Aidan: Yes. That is no longer an issue.

Thomas: I'll get glow sticks. What prizes do we need? I'll get two prizes for each disco. What snacks do we need?

Natasha: Crisps and fruit shoots,

Aidan: When do ticket sales close?

Aqsa: 12 o'clock on the day

Aidan: That information can that go out tomorrow.

Rachel: Yes

Aidan: Send it straight to Jennifer

Thomas: How many glow sticks do we need? 400?

Rachel: Yes, that sounds good.

Actions:

Hoodies: Mandy to get names and sizes for P7 hoodies, Rachel to contact Gilmour Sports.

Disco: Buy prizes, snacks, glow sticks, get ticket info to Jennifer for families.

AOCB: Rachel O'Malley

Rachel: Any AOCB?

Aqsa: I saw on a community Facebook group someone as if there was a P1 open day?

Aidan; No, if they want to visit, they can come to the school. Email the HT if they want a walk around.

Thomas: Do we have someone to organise the Leaver's Disco?

Rachel: No

Thomas: Katie has said she would do it.

Rachel: Fantastic.

Aqsa: I will need a PC member in the group just to keep us in the loop for money etc.

Thomas: I'll provide float for glow sticks for autumn disco and I'd like to get the tombola started early.

Rachel: For the book stall are we having adult books?

Group: Yes

Natasha: Do you want kids' books donated to the school?

Aidan: If the PC can make money, sell them, if not, then we'll take them.

Actions: Katie to set up P7 Leavers Committee, Thomas providing float for glow stick and tattoo sales at disco. Start collecting items for Christmas Fayre.

Meeting ended 8pm. Rachel thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution.

Next meeting: 18th November

Appendix 1:



Sacrament of **Reconciliation** Key Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
Reconciliation and Communion Parent Meeting	9 th Feb	6:00pm	St Roberts
	8 th Feb	6:00pm	St Vincent's
Reconciliation and Communion Mass of Enrolment (Baptism Certificates required)	21 st Feb	10:00am	St Robert's
		11:30am	St Bernard's
		9:15am	St Vincent's
Reconciliation Preparation Mass 1	7 th March	10:00am	St Robert's
		11:30am	St Bernard's
		9:15am	St Vincent's
Reconciliation Preparation Mass 2	14 th March	10:00am	St Robert's
		11:30am	St Bernard's
		9:15am	St Vincent's
Sacrament of Reconciliation	16 th March	6:00pm	St Roberts
	10 th March	5:00pm	St Vincent's

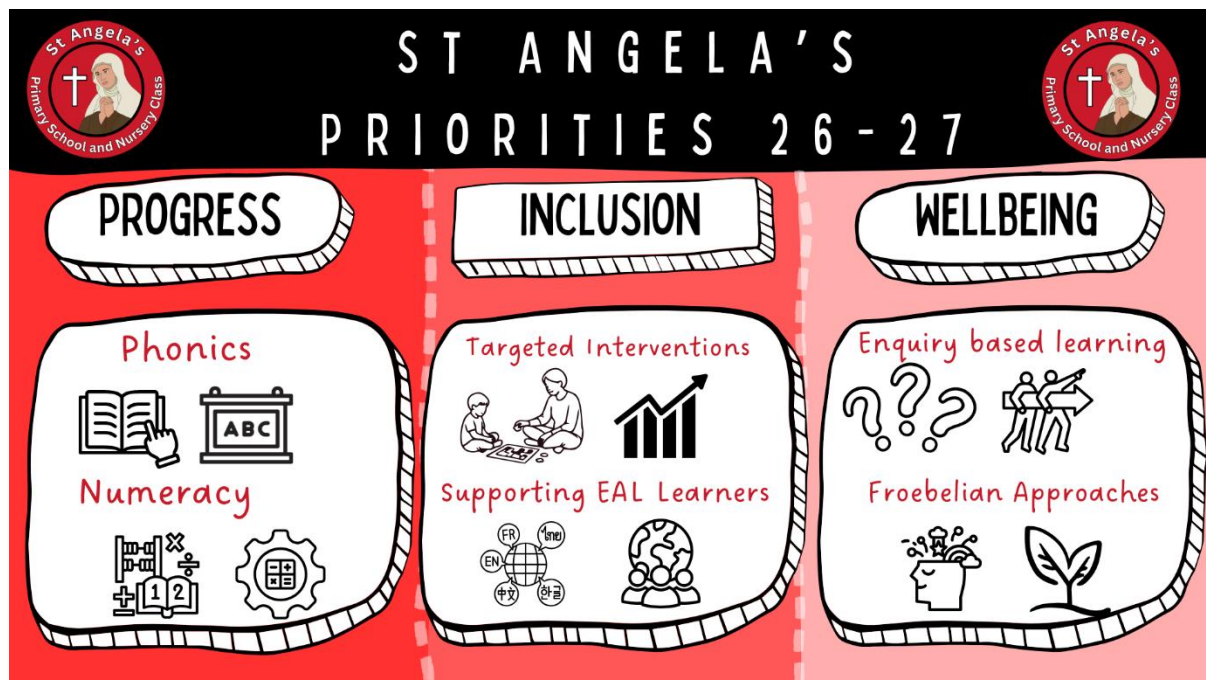
Sacrament of **Communion** Key Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
Reconciliation and Communion Parent Meeting	9 th Feb	6:00pm	St Roberts
	8 th Feb	6:00pm	St Vincent's
Reconciliation and Communion Mass of Enrolment (Baptism Certificates required)	21 st Feb	10:00am	St Robert's
		11:30am	St Bernard's
		9:15am	St Vincent's
Communion Preparation Mass 1	25 th Apr	10:00am	St Robert's
		11:30am	St Bernard's
		9:15am	St Vincent's
Communion Preparation Mass 2	2 nd May	10:00am	St Robert's
		11:30am	St Bernard's
		9:15am	St Vincent's
Sacrament of Communion	8 th May	11:00am	St Vincent's
	9 th May	10:00am	St Robert's

Sacrament of **Confirmation** Key Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location
Mass of enrolment	29 th Nov	9:15am	St Vincent's
Sacrament of Confirmation	27 th April 2027	7:00pm	St Vincent's

Appendix 2:



Appendix 3:



WE NEED YOU!

We represent you and your views to the school leadership team and to Glasgow City Council. We also have several exciting events planned this year to help raise essential funds for our school, and we would love to have more volunteers to help us achieve this goal.

There are many easy ways to get involved, such as participating in Parent Council meetings, helping at discos, organising fundraisers, joining our Facebook or WhatsApp groups, or sharing your skills to help improve our school.

Getting involved is easy, and you can participate as much or as little as you would like. We would love to welcome new faces this year. We meet every six weeks on Wednesdays at Darnley Community Centre.

GET INVOLVED



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WHATSAPP

EMAIL US YOUR NUMBER TO SIGN UP FOR UPDATES



FACEBOOK GROUP

PARENTS AND CHILDREN OF ST ANGELAS

During the 25/26 school year...

WE RAISED



CHRISTMAS
FAYRE



SPRING
FLING



EID
BAZAAR

£1074



TOTAL:

WE PROVIDED FUNDING AND/OR SUPPORT FOR

OUTDOOR
LEARNING FOR
THE WHOLE
SCHOOL



NURSERY
GRADUATION



FOOTBALL
TEAM
TRANSPORT



FEAST OF
ST ANGELA



PROM

P7 LEAVERS
DISCO &
GRADUATION
MASS

LEAVERS
HOODIES



SACRAMENTAL
GIFTS

PANTO/SUMMER
TRIP BUSES

