



All Saints Primary

October Newsletter



Parental Engagement

Our parent's night was a huge success and we had a lot of happy faces with opportunities for parents to hear how their child is progressing with their learning. It was great to be able to share with you some of the wonderful learning that is taking place in All Saints Primary.

Our PATPAL (**PUPILS AS TEACHERS, PARENTS AS LEARNERS**) sessions will continue this year. These sessions are short workshops that give you the opportunity to come into your child's class to work alongside them to find out how they learn. The children will lead these sessions. It gives our children the opportunity to demonstrate not just their learning but how they are developing skills which help prepare them for learning, life and work. Please look out for your invitation to attend these sessions.

Parent Workshops

We had our first Parent Workshop on Dyslexia today, details of our next workshop will be sent out.

Parent Voice Group

Thanks to those of you who have responded to our Microsoft Form to support the school with fundraising and the Parent Voice Group. If you haven't had the chance to complete it yet, then please follow the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/FYSZM2eigi>

This year we need to complete paperwork to have our volunteers PVG, this will ensure further safeguarding for all of our pupils.



Pupil Voice Groups

Our Pupils have been busy voting for class representatives to join our Pupil Voice Groups. We now have group members for Eco, Pupil Council, Young Leaders of Learning, Building Racial Literacy, Dyslexia Awareness group as well as Sports Leaders. We look forward to working with our children to help shape improvements to our school.



Success Café

Our first Success Café went really well on Friday and gave parents the opportunity to come into school, spend some time with their children and hear about their successes. Next month we will be asking parents to share their child's wider achievements with us so that we can celebrate with the. Look out for the Microsoft Form asking for you to share your child's achievements out with school whether they are big or small.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

We know that our Primary 4 and Primary 7 children and families have started their preparation to receive the sacraments. Whilst we continue to help the children prepare in school we would encourage you to help the children in their faith journey at home by praying with them and taking them to Mass at the weekend. The mass times for St Laurence's church are: **4.30pm vigil mass on a Saturday evening or 10am and 12pm mass on a Sunday.**



**SACRAMENTAL
PREPARATION**

Reconciliation
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and Confirmation

School Funds

We are hoping to raise funds for our school funds which will enable us to enhance the learning experiences of our pupils. Our fundraisers this year will be:

- Sponsored Walk – **Friday 3rd October**
(classes that haven't taken part will do so this week)
- Come as You Please – **Friday 7th November**
- Cake and Candy – **Friday 28th November**

False Nails & Earrings

Any child with false nails or earrings will not be allowed to participate in any PE lessons, Active School activities or out of school PE events.

This is Inverclyde Policy and is designed to keep children safe at all times and avoid any accidents. If you require any further information please contact a member of the Senior Management Team

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club runs from 8 a.m. until 8.45 a.m. every day. **You need to be in receipt of the Clothing grant for free breakfast club access.** If you don't qualify for a clothing grant then the breakfast club costs **£1 per day**, paid through Parent Pay. Applications for clothing grants can be accessed through Inverclyde Council's: Clothing Grant Application

Entrance to the breakfast club is through the side gates of the school and down the stairs at the amphitheatre and in the door at the school canteen. NOT the front door.

Halloween

This year we will be organising Halloween activities for the whole school on Friday 31st October. The children can come to school dressed in Halloween costumes.

Unfortunately this year our Parent Voice Group is unable to host the Halloween Disco as we have to have correct PVG paperwork in place for all members to safeguard all of our children. I am sure the school activities and treats will make up for this.



P7 Residential

This year our Primary 7 children will attend Lockerbie Manor House, Lockerbie, for a 3 day/2 night residential on **Wednesday 14th – Friday 16th January 2026.**

There is still an opportunity for your child to participate if you haven't signed up already. Please contact the school office for further information.

Parking

Unfortunately a few of our parents are still using the school car park despite being asked not to, which is putting our children at risk

PLEASE be considerate and park using the Park and Stride facility on Blairmore Road and let your child walk with you on the short journey to school.

We ask you not to park in the bus bay at the front of the school or in the disabled spaces which are allocated for buses at the CLB entrance. There are two disabled spaces at the service car park which may be used for children who have blue badges.

Attendance / Late coming

Attendance at school is really important. Did you know that unsettled friendship groups, emotional and behaviour difficulties, unsuccessful learning and lower employment opportunities can result from poor attendance?



Please check your child's bag for attendance letters this month. You might not quite realise the extent of absences your child has had or indeed the impact on learning. Please see the table below:

%	Days missed equivalent to	Impact
100%	0	Excellent Gives your child the best chance of success and gets them off to a flying
95%	9 days 1 week & 4 days	Good Gives your child the best chance of success and gets them off to a flying start
90%	19 days 3 weeks & 4 days	Poor Less chance of success. Makes it harder to progress.
85%	27 days 5 weeks & 2 days (Almost half a term)	Very Poor Serious implications
80%	36 days 7 weeks & 1 days (Half a term)	Unacceptable Serious implications on learning and progress. Unacceptable

We understand that there will be times when your child can not attend school, however our school vision is that every child has every chance to succeed. Please help your child to grow as a successful learner, confident individual, responsible citizen and effective contributor by ensuring they are at school every day and attending on time.

Our school hours are 9.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. Please do not make arrangements to take your child out of school early as they miss out on valuable learning time.

Dates for your diary



- Friday 10th October – **School Closes for October Holidays**
- Monday 20th October – **In-service Day for School Staff**
- Tuesday 21st October – **Pupils Return**
- Wednesday 22nd October – **P6 & P7 Open Night at Notre Dame High School (5pm-7pm)**
- Friday 31st October – **Pupils to come to school dressed for Halloween**
(activities and treats in school)
- Friday 7th November – **Come As You Please (£1 donation for school funds)**
- Friday 14th November – **Sporthall Athletics @ Greenock Sports Centre**
- Thursday 20th November – **Netball Tournament @ NDHS**
- Friday 28th November – **Cake and Candy in school for all classes**
- Tuesday 9th December – **P5-P7 Pantomime** – 10am and 1.30pm performances
(**more information to follow**)
- Wednesday 10th December – **P3 & P4 Christmas Show** - 10am and 2pm performances
(**more information to follow**)
- Thursday 11th December – **P1 & P2 Nativity** - 10am and 2pm performances
(**more information to follow**)
- Tuesday 16th December – **Christmas Sparkle Day** – Christmas Lunch
(pupils can add a touch of Christmas Sparkle to their uniforms; jumpers, boppers, hats, tinsel)
- Thursday 18th December – **Christmas Mass in school** – 11am
- Friday 19th December – **School closes for Christmas holidays at 2.30pm**
- Monday 5th January 2026 – **School Reopens at 9am**