

# All Saints Primary School

## February Newsletter



### Keeping Our Children Safe

At All Saints Primary, your child's safety and wellbeing always come first. If you ever have a worry—big or small—please know that we are here to listen and support you.

**Lesley McCabe, Head Teacher**, is our **Child Protection and PREVENT Coordinator**, and **Vicky Bonnar, Depute Head Teacher**, is our **Depute Child Protection Coordinator**. You can contact us at any time if you need advice or have a concern.

### What is PREVENT?

PREVENT is part of the national safeguarding approach that helps protect children and young people from being exposed to harmful or extremist ideas.

In school, this simply means:

- Providing a safe, welcoming environment
- Making sure every child feels valued and included
- Helping children develop confidence and critical thinking skills

### We're Here to Help

If you have any questions, or if something doesn't feel right, please get in touch. We're always here for you and your child.

### UNCRC Article 24: We have the right to the best possible health - Water Bottles



We've noticed more children leaving class to fill up their water bottles during lessons. This means they miss learning time, and busy queues at water stations can sometimes lead to disagreements when there is no adult supervising.

To help keep everyone safe and in class as much as possible, we ask that **all children bring their water bottle to school already filled**. They will be able to refill their bottle at **Breakfast Club, break time, lunchtime and home time**.

Thank you for helping us reduce interruptions and keep our school a positive, safe environment for all children.

## Allergy Aware

Being an **allergy-aware school** means looking out for one another. For some children, exposure to certain foods can be dangerous, so we take allergies seriously and promote understanding, care and responsibility across our school community. With your continued support, we can ensure all pupils feel safe, supported and included every day.



## UNCRC Article 29:

We have the right to develop our talents and personalities



Well done to all our children who took part in the Inverclyde Music Festival. We are especially proud to share that our P3 choir **WON FIRST PLACE** and brought home a trophy!

Our fabulous senior school choir who gained Second Place, as well as our soloists who performed beautifully on the big stage. Every child represented the school so well.

Thank you to our families for your support and to Miss Shields, Miss McGeoch, Mrs McLean, Mr Campbell for preparing the children so brilliantly.

## A Kind Request about Parking

To help us keep positive relationships with our neighbours, we kindly ask parents and carers to park considerately around **Blairmore Road and Strathblane Road**.

We are very lucky to have a **car park just along from the school on Blairmore Road**, and we encourage families to use this whenever possible. Recently, some neighbours have been unable to park near their homes, and there have been a couple of incidents where cars were bumped at pick-up time.

We want to make sure everyone in our community feels respected and safe, so please make thoughtful choices when parking to drop off or collect your child.

Thank you for your support in helping us stay great neighbours!





## Breakfast Club/Clothing Grant

Our breakfast club is open 5 days a week from 8 a.m. All children are welcome to attend. Just bring them along to the canteen area.

[Access is through the door at the amphitheatre.](#)

**If you are in receipt of a clothing grant then the breakfast club is free. Otherwise the cost is £1 per day.**

You may qualify for a clothing grant if one of the following statements applies to your family circumstances:

- You are currently in receipt of:
- Income Support (IS);
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (JSA);
- Any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance (ESA);
- Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit, and your income is less than £19,995 (in 2024/2025) as assessed by HMRC;
- Working Tax Credit and/or Child Tax Credit and have an income of no more than £15,051 (in 2024/2025) as assessed by HMRC;
- Universal Credit, where your take home pay does not exceed £1,199,
- you are seeking asylum and receiving support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- You look after a child/children as part of a formal Kinship Care agreement, registered by Social Work Services.

[Clothing Grant Application Form](#)

## Celebrating Success

Every month we celebrate the successes and achievements of our children within and out-with school. Please follow the link to complete the form to share your child's successes. Some of the achievements will be shared at our school assembly in February but all of them will be shared with your child's class so that their friends get the chance to hear about their achievements.

[Celebrating Achievements – Fill out form](#)



## Communication with School

- You can contact the school through group call – 0786004764, email – [office@allsaintsprimary.inverclyde.sch.uk](mailto:office@allsaintsprimary.inverclyde.sch.uk) or by telephone 01475 715640. Our school answering machine may be switched on sometimes during the day but we do listen to it regularly and will get back to you so please leave a message on this also.
- Our office is staffed from 8.30am until 4pm.
- All absences should be reported to the school by 9.30 am. If your child is not at school and we have not heard from you by then, a member of our clerical staff will call you.
- Please share with your child before they leave for school in the morning how they will be getting home or where they will be picked up. If there is a change to the arrangements of pick up for your child, could you please contact the school office by 2.30p.m, that way we can ensure the change of plans is communicated to your child.

## UNCRC Article 28:

### We have a right to Education – Parent Portal

We're delighted to share that **94% of our parents are already signed up to the Parent Portal – thank you!** 🎉

The Parent Portal makes it quick and easy to stay connected with school. You can:

- ✓ Update contact and personal details
- ✓ Complete permission slips
- ✓ Access important information in one place

If you haven't had a chance to sign up yet, **we'd love to help.**

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## PATPAL Sessions – Learn Together!

This term, we're excited to invite parents into the classroom for **PATPAL (Pupil as Teachers, Parents as Learners)** sessions. During these sessions, your child will become the teacher and show you how they learn about **big and small emotions**.

You'll have the chance to work alongside your child and see the strategies they use to understand and cope with their feelings — a lovely opportunity to learn together.

**Dates and further details coming soon.** We look forward to welcoming you into our classrooms!

## Skills Academy Fun Fridays – Launching Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February!



We are thrilled to be launching our **Skills Academy Fun Fridays** for the whole school on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February** — and Fridays in school are about to be transformed!

Every Friday afternoon, children will **choose an activity they love** from a wide range designed to build **skills for learning, life and work**. They'll work with children from other classes who share their interests, making new friendships and learning together.

Activities will be led by our school staff and young people from **Notre Dame High School**, and include **Film Club, Arts & Crafts, Music & Drama, Reading Club, Baking, Sports, Journalism** and much more.

This is all about **choice, creativity and fun**, and it's an experience children won't want to miss. We can't wait to see our Skills Academy come to life every Friday!



- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Cross Country Event at Parklea
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Netball tournament @ NDHS (3.30pm - 5.30pm)
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – Come As You Please**  
(pupils can come dressed in their own clothes and bring £1 donation for school funds).
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb** – School closes at 3pm for February Holiday
- **Mon 16<sup>th</sup> & Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Feb** – February Holiday (School Closed)
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb** – in-service Day – **School closed to pupils**
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb** – School reopens @ 9am  
(breakfast club on as normal 8am)
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Sportshall Athletics @ Greenock Sports Centre
- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb** – P7 Team Building Event at NDHS – (morning)
- **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March – P4 Mass of Commitment** - 12pm in St Laurence's Church
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – P4 First Confessions** – in school (afternoon)