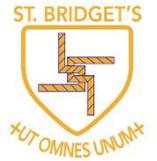


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HEAD TEACHER LETTER 5 JANUARY 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

January has been a quick month, but one filled with lots of great work and positive activity across the school. It has been wonderful to see the children settled back into learning and making the most of the opportunities on offer. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

🛠️ School Improvements and Big Clean

We are delighted to share that all classes now have new tables and chairs, and P6 are enjoying their brand-new classroom carpet. In addition, many new resources have been purchased to support learning and teaching across the school.

As part of our ongoing big clean, an impressive 10 skips of rubbish have now been filled. A huge thank you goes to our janitor, Mr Sloan, for all his hard work and heavy lifting over the past few months; we truly don't know what we would do without him. We would also like to thank all staff for their support in sorting, categorising and reorganising classrooms and shared spaces throughout this process.

🕊️ St Bridget's Day Mass

Thank you to everyone who attended St. Bridget's Day Mass today. Father Stephen was delighted with the turnout, and the children did an excellent job with their bidding prayers and readings. It was a lovely celebration for our school community.

🧳 P7 Residential Trip

Our Super Sevens are very excited as they prepare to head off on their residential trip to Arran next week with Miss Canavan and Mrs Robertson. We are confident this will be a memorable and valuable experience for them. Staff will contact the school daily with updates, and we will text P7 families to keep you informed about how the trip is going. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

👤 Staffing Updates

We are pleased to welcome new members of staff to St. Bridget's

- Miss Nagle, who has joined the P6 team
- Karys Adam, who has joined our Breakfast Club team

We also say goodbye to Miss Auld, Depute Headteacher, who was successful at interview and takes up her new post as Headteacher at Annick Primary School next week. We wish her every success and thank her sincerely for all her hard work and commitment to St. Bridget's EYC and Primary School.

† First Holy Communion- P4

This year, P4 pupils will have the opportunity to make their First Holy Communion. Families have already been contacted regarding this. Please get in touch with the school to let us know whether your child will be participating or if you require any further information.

There will be an Enrolment Mass on Sunday 22 February at 10.00am at St Brigid's Church, Kilbirnie.

 **Date:** Sunday 24 May 2026

Holiday Weekend Reminder

A reminder that next week is a holiday weekend in North Ayrshire.

- School will be closed on Friday 6th, Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th of February.
 - Pupils will return on Wednesday 11 February
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Design a Nut-Free Logo Competition

Some children may have mentioned that we are currently running a Design a Nut-Free Logo competition. Teachers are working on this with children in class, and the winning artwork will be commercially produced for official school posters and signage.

These posters will be weather-resistant and displayed both inside and outside the school building. We can't wait to see their creative designs- good luck everyone.

Leadership Update

As you are aware, Karen McAllister will take up the post of Interim Headteacher on Monday 9th February, and I will return to Glebe Primary School the following week. I will continue to support St. Bridget's over the next month to ensure a smooth transition.

To further support the school, Mrs Robertson and Mrs Wyper, currently Principal Teachers, will take on temporary posts as Acting Depute Headteachers, working alongside Depute Headteacher Mr Coyle.

I will truly miss the children and staff and have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the St. Bridget's community during my time here. I would also like to thank our families for being so welcoming and understanding during what was initially a challenging start to the year. I am confident that the school will continue to go from strength to strength.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Elaine Sanderson
Interim Head Teacher
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