



DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY

The school will be closed to pupils on

Monday 23 September 2024

This is a staff In-service day

OCTOBER HOLIDAY

The school closes for the October holiday on

Friday 11th October at 3.00 pm.

and re-opens on

Monday 21st October at 9.00 am.

NOVEMBER HOLIDAY

The school will be closed to pupils

Monday 25th November 2024

and

Tuesday 26th November 2024

**Tuesday 26th November will be
a Staff In-service day**

St John Ogilvie Primary Newsletter



September 2024

Website:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/na/stjohnogilvieprimary/>

Twitter:

@SJOIrvine



It is our pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all our new pupils and their families. We are delighted that you have joined us at St John Ogilvie Primary and Early Years and hope that you will be very happy here. It is also a pleasure to welcome back all our existing pupils and staff members. We hope that everyone had a relaxing summer.

The Primary 1 pupils as well as new children in other classes, have settled in well and have quickly become part of our school community.

REMINDERS

At the start of our new school session we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some of the ways in which you can help the smooth and safe operation of the school and ask for everyone's cooperation in carrying them out.

- If your child is absent from school for any reason then please inform us by telephone on the first day of absence before 9.30 am. If you are using the **Xpressions App** then you can also use this to contact the school. This ensures that we are aware of all the pupils who should be in school and that no one is unaccounted for. The safety and wellbeing of all our pupils is a priority.
- We recently sent out our annual data forms to all families. Please check this form for any errors especially if you have updated your telephone numbers or email address and return to school.

CONSENTS

We are keen to share what our pupils are learning using photographs and videos. We display this on wall displays, floor books, GLOW groups, our website and our twitter account. Your child will receive an envelope with various consent forms and your photo/video consent form will be included in this pack. No pupil will have their photograph/video taken unless you have signed the consent forms. This consent form also gives permission for NAC Active Schools and NAC Libraries to photograph and video your child for their social media accounts. We also issue a separate consent form for Tempest photographs and newspapers.

PARENT COUNCIL

If you are interested in joining our Parent Council then please contact the school and we can pass your details to our Joint Parent Council Chairs Mrs Darling and Mrs Simpson.

The first meeting of this session will be on **Wednesday 11th September at 6.15pm at St John Ogilvie Church**. All parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.





REDUCING THE COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Please take the time to come and look at our uniform recycling area in the school foyer.

Things currently on our racks are:

- Red school jumpers containing the school logo (various sizes).
- Red cardigans with school logo (various sizes)
- Age 7—8 summer clothes kindly donated by Spirit Aid.
- Black school shoes and some wellies.
- Grey/black school trousers (various sizes).
- Grey/black school skirts (various sizes).

We also have a selection of new trainers and school shoes in various sizes, again kindly donated by Spirit Aid. Please ask about these at the school office.

We are currently low on stocks of white polo shirts, school gym shorts and white shirts. If you have good quality items at home that your child has outgrown then please feel free to donate them to the school.

We would greatly appreciate donations of new pants and socks for our infant pupils.

DIGITAL COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS/CARERS
We communicate with parents/carers using various methods. We have a dedicated **school website** and we also use an app/website called **Xpressions**. The school website is a public website and the Xpressions app/website is linked to the **main contact's** details held by the school.

We know that our phone line can become very busy and getting through to us can be stressful. **Xpressions** app/website has the function for parents to communicate with our office staff. The app is monitored daily.

Groupcall Xpressions Website:
You can bookmark the following website to access communication from our school. The main contacts details are registered with the app and website. The app/website is monitored daily.

<https://xpressions.groupcall.com/>

Groupcall Xpressions App

Groupcall Xpressions app can be downloaded for free via Google Play, Play Store and Apple Store.

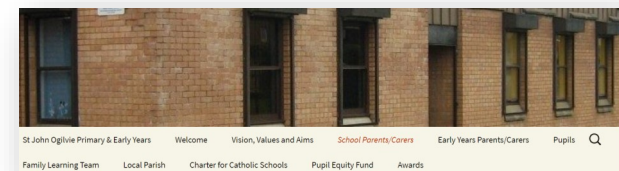


School Website

Our website can be accessed by clicking on the link below. You may wish to bookmark this on your browser.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/na/stjohnogilvieprimary/>

Please click on the **School Parents/Carers** tab to access digital copies of all relevant school documents e.g. newsletters, and school handbooks.





★ **SACRAMENTS**

★ Mrs McGuire, Depute Head is responsible for
★ Sacramental Preparation for our school.
★ Primary 3 pupils will be making their
★ Sacrament of Reconciliation this session.
★ Please look out for a letter regarding
★ registration in the next few weeks.



★ Primary 4 pupils will be making their Sacrament of
★ Confirmation and also the Sacrament of First Holy
★ Communion this session, Please look out for a letter
★ regarding registration in the next few weeks.

★ If your child is in P4, P5, P6 and P7 and you would like to
★ start their sacramental faith journey then please phone the
★ school and ask to speak to Mrs McGuire DHT who will
★ advise you of your next steps.

★ **FLU VACCINATIONS**

★ NHS Ayrshire and Arran will carry out flu vaccinations on
★ **Thursday 21st November** in our school. Please ensure
★ that all paperwork is returned to our school office staff by
★ Friday 13th September.

★ **CHILDSMILE FLOURIDE VARNISH**

★ NHS Ayrshire and Arran will carry out fluoride varnish on all
★ pupils on **Thursday 28th November and Friday 29th**
★ **November**. Please look out for information from our
★ school office in October regarding opting out of this dental
★ inspection.

★ **PRIMARY 5 DAY OF DANCE**

★ Primary 5 pupils have been invited to participate in a North
★ Ayrshire Day of Dance event in The Portal on **Friday 29th**
★ **November**. Mrs Goodwin and a Pupil Support Assistant
★ will accompany our P5 pupils on the day. All relevant
★ paperwork will be issued soon via school bags.



★ **PARKING**

★ To ensure the safety of our parents/carers and pupils at
★ drop off and pick up times please adhere to the
★ following guidance.

- ★ • Parking in the turning bay near the main gate is not permitted. It is **not** a 2 car parking bay.
- ★ • Parking on the pavement at the corner before the yellow zig-zag lines is dangerous to both pedestrians and other road users. Parking on a corner obstructs the views of other road users which could cause a serious accident.
- ★ • Parent/Carers should not be dropping off or picking up their child/children on the painted **Zig Zag** lines.
- ★ • No car should be using the car park gate as a turning zone.
- ★ • The car park is for staff use only and those who require to use our disabled parking bay.

★ Please use the **Park and Stride** car park over at the
★ Bourtreehill shops. This will prevent congestion at drop
★ off and pick up times.

★ **Park & Stride**





GYM DAYS

- ★ P1 - Tuesday & Wednesday
- ★ P2/1 - Monday & Friday
- ★ P3 - Tuesday & Thursday
- ★ P4 - Tuesday & Friday
- ★ P5/4 - Thursday & Friday
- ★ P6 - Monday & Wednesday
- ★ P7 - Wednesday & Thursday

★ P1-P3 children have gym bags in school that they can keep their gym clothes in. If your child does not leave their gym kit in school, please ensure they bring their kit on the days outlined above.

★ Shorts, t-shirts and gym shoes are required for PE and on these days all jewellery should be left at home. If your child is unable to remove their earrings, please ensure that they bring their own plasters with them to school. If your child is wearing tights to school on gym days, please ensure that they also bring socks with them.

NUT ALLERGY

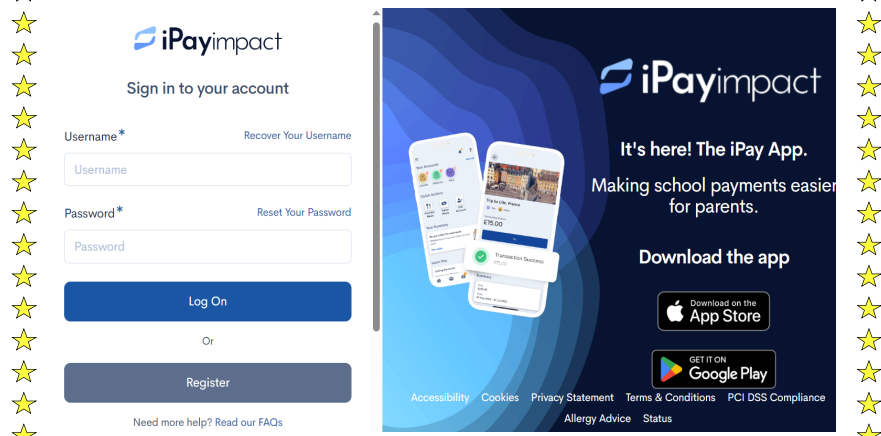
★ We currently have 1 pupil with a severe nut allergy. In order to provide a safe environment for this pupil we require your continued support. We ask that children do not bring nuts to school or any other items that contain nuts e.g. Snicker bars, hazelnut chocolate snacks, etc. Please also take this into consideration when creating packed lunches e.g. peanut butter and hazelnut chocolate spread. We are extremely appreciative of your ongoing support.



SCHOOL PAYMENTS

★ Parents/carers must now pay for school lunches and school trips by using their child's iPayimpact account. Here is the URL web address for the website.

★ <https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk/IPI/Account/LogOn>



★ If any parent/carer is having trouble accessing their child's account then they must contact the dedicated helpline. The email address for issues is:

★ OnlineCashlessQueries@northayrshirecouncil.onmicrosoft.com

SCHOOL LUNCHES

★ All children in Primary 1 - 5 are entitled to a **FREE** school meal. Our school lunches are nutritious and menus are on a 3 week rota.

★ Please ensure you have pre-ordered your child's meal the night before. If your child has a food allergy or intolerance then a dietary request form must be completed as soon as a diagnosis is given. The form can be picked up at the school office.

