

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

School closes for the holidays on:

Friday 19th December 2025 at 2.30 pm.
School transport will be arranged for this time

School reopens on

Monday 5th January 2026 at 9.00 am



*Everyone at St John Ogilvie Primary
and Early Years wishes you a very
blessed, peaceful and relaxing
Christmas.*

St John Ogilvie Primary Newsletter



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CHRISTMAS FAYRE

As you are aware our Parent Council Fundraising Committee are busy organising our Christmas Fayre which will take place on **Saturday 28th November 2025** between 11am and 2pm.

Please pop along to **St John Ogilvie Parish Church Hall and The Relief Parish Church Hall** to find a wide variety of stalls, Santa's Grotto, fantastic raffle prizes, tea/coffee, home baking, chocolate and bottle stalls. Perfect opportunity for Christmas gift ideas!



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

P1 - P2 Monday 15th December
P3 - P4 Wednesday 17th December
P5 - P6 Tuesday 16th December
P7 Friday 12th December

Children can come to school dressed for their party. Please note that your child will still need to wear an appropriate winter jacket and shoes for play and lunch intervals.

The party will start at 1.50pm and finish at 2.50pm.



CHRISTMAS MAGIC SHOW: **GARY DUNN AND CHICO** **P1 - P3**

Primary 1, Primary 2 and Primary 3/2 will attend Gary Dunn's Christmas Magic Show in our gym hall on **Thursday 4th December 2025 at 10am**. Our infant pupils will also watch an online panto and take part in some Christmas crafts on Thursday 11th December 2025. The cost of these events have been paid for by our Parent Council which means there is no cost for P1-P3 parents.

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL AWARD

We are delighted to share that our school has been awarded the **Silver Rights Respecting School Award**. This achievement reflects our whole school community's commitment to placing children's rights at the heart of our school. We would like to thank our amazing pupils for their enthusiasm and leadership and our dedicated staff for their hard work in embedding rights respecting values across the school. A special thank you to Mrs McLaren for her commitment and dedication in leading our school community in our Rights Respecting School Journey.





CHRISTMAS PANTO: THE PAVILION GLASGOW **P4 - P7**

Primary 4, Primary 5, Primary 6/5 and Primary 7 will be travelling to Glasgow to attend Jock and the Beanstalk Pantomime in The Pavilion Theatre. Oh yes they will! The show will take place on **Thursday 11th December 2025**. We will be leaving school at 9.30am.

All children will require a packed lunch which they will eat at their seats during the show due to timings. Please be mindful of providing excessive sweets and the long bus journey home from Glasgow. Furthermore a reminder that no glass bottles or cans of juice should be brought on the trip.

EV5 Consent forms have already been issued to pupils via schoolbags. If you have not yet returned the form please could you do so by **Monday 1st December 2025**. If your child is not attending please inform the school office by this date too.

Payment of the trip is via your child's iPayImpact account.

We wish to thank our Parent Council for donating the cost of the buses. This helped reduce the overall cost substantially.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A traditional Christmas lunch will be served to pupils on **Wednesday 10th December**. Parents please note that this lunch is pre ordered via a form that has already been sent home via school bags. St Mark's Catering Team require your child's choice so they can order their meats/ingredients from their suppliers.

Please do not use your child's iPayimpact account to order their lunch for that day. Our office staff will inform catering using your paper order form.

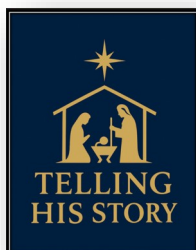
Pupils may still bring a packed lunch if they prefer.

If you have not returned the form or you have not received a form then please contact our school office as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS MASS

Primary 4, Primary 5, Primary 6/5 and Primary 7 will be attending St John Ogilvie Church for our Christmas Mass on **Tuesday 16h December at 10am**. Currently we are unable to send the whole school due to a change in policy with volunteers and the Protecting Vulnerable Groups legislation.





CHRISTMAS SHOW

TELLING HIS STORY

Our show will take place over 2 mornings:

Tuesday 9th December 9.30am
Wednesday 10th December 9.30am

Due to the high number of families in our school we can only allocate 2 tickets per family over both performances.

We will ask parents/carers to complete an online ticket order form via Xpressions App or email if you do not have the app. This has already been sent to the Main Carer on our system. If you have not yet replied or you are having issues accessing the form then please contact our school office who will help you.

Please note:

- If younger siblings are attending the show then please ensure that they sit on an adult's lap or include them in your ticket allocation if you wish them to have a seat.
- We further request that all prams/buggies are left in the school foyer during performances due to limited space in the hall. Your support in this is much appreciated.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Traditionally all staff donate a food item to our Christmas Hamper and we raffle it off at the Christmas Show. Tickets will be sold at both shows at £1 per ticket. All money raised will go to our Parent Council fundraising.

SICKNESS GUIDANCE

We would like to remind parents/carers that should your child experience any vomiting or diarrhoea then your child ***MUST NOT come to school until 48 hours has passed from their last vomit or bowel movement.*** For example: if your child vomits or has diarrhoea at 1pm on Sunday afternoon and then again at 3pm then your child cannot attend school until Wednesday morning. Your support will help us stop the spread of this virus in school.

YOUNG LEADERS OF LEARNING

We are now into our 2nd year of participating in the Young Leaders of Learning Programme to help promote Article 12 of United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child. Schools participating in this programme support their own self-evaluation and school improvement activities by involving learners in the process.

Our Primary 6 pupils were invited to apply for the 4 posts of Young Leaders of Learning. We had 13 applicants and all pupils were put forward for interview by our current Primary 7 Young Leaders of Learning. It was a pleasure to watch our pupils confidently answer questions for this role. We were extremely proud of all pupils and it was a difficult decision to select only four!

Congratulations to the following Primary 6 pupils who will become our Young Leaders of Learning:

Kaylee Freya Shaw Jake