



DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY

The school will be closed to pupils on

Monday 21 September 2026

This is a staff In-service day

OCTOBER HOLIDAY

The school closes for the October holiday on

Friday 9th October 2026 at 3.00 pm.

and re-opens on

Monday 19th October 2026 at 9.00 am.

NOVEMBER HOLIDAY

The school will be closed to pupils

Friday 20th November 2026

Monday 23rd November 2026

Tuesday 24th November 2026

*Tuesday 24th November will be
a Staff In-service day*

St John Ogilvie Primary Newsletter



September 2026

Website:

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



It is our pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all our new Primary 1 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.

Our Primary 1 pupils have settled in well and have quickly become part of our school community.

Digital Access to School Letters/Consents

To support the distribution of letters, consents for trips etc all parents/carers are now being asked by North Ayrshire Council **to do this digitally**. This has been rolled out in several local authorities with North Ayrshire being one of them.

- Direct Communication – no more letters in the schoolbag. We can contact you directly and you can contact us.
- 24/7 Access – online or in the app. You don't have to wait on the phone at set times of the day.
- Convenient – you can access information, update details and manage school admin at any time.
- Accessible Design - it is easy to navigate.

We sent out a letter at the start of the year explaining how to access this app/website. Thank you to the Parents/Carers who have already signed up. If you require more information then please contact our office staff or click on the URL address link below.

<https://parentsportal.scot/pportal/>

Please note you will require a MyNAC account.

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, and our website. No pupil will have their photograph/video taken unless you have signed a consent form.

P6 SCIENCE CENTRE, GLASGOW VISIT

The Science Centre in Glasgow have kindly offered a free visit to their venue with a contribution towards bus travel too. This trip will take place on ***Wednesday 23rd September 2026*** for all Primary 6 pupils. Miss McKenna and Mrs Waugh will accompany the pupils along with Mrs Ferguson PSA and PVG volunteers.

Pupils will leave school at 9.15am and will require a packed lunch. Please look out for consents form either via Parent Portal or paper copy if you have yet to sign up. If you would like to order a school lunch for your child then please contact Miss Dunlop or Mrs Gallacher in the school office via telephone by Thursday 17th September 2026.

WELCOME MASS AT ST JOHN OGILVIE CHURCH

Father Mark has invited our school and parents/carers to a Welcome Mass on ***Tuesday 22nd September at 9.30am***. This is a lovely time for our school community to come together to celebrate as our faith family.

We require Walkabout EV5 forms (included with your annual data forms) returned for this to take place. Our new Primary 7 pupils will do the readings, bidding prayers and offertory as part of their first responsibilities as our senior pupils. We hope that you are able to join us at St John Ogilvie Church.



REDUCING THE COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY

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

Things currently on our racks are:

- Red school jumpers containing the school logo (various sizes).
- Red cardigans with school logo (various sizes).
- Black school shoes and some wellies (new)
- Grey/black school trousers (various sizes).
- Grey/black school skirts (various sizes).
- Winter Jackets.
- Various shoes.

We are currently low on stocks of white polo shirts and gym shorts. 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, socks for our infant pupils and some new trainers for P.E. especially sizes 10, 11, 12, 13 and 1.

DIGITAL COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS/CARERS

School Website

- We have a dedicated **school website**. The school website is a public website and anyone can access it.

Our website can be accessed by clicking the URL address 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.



We have also created an **update** sub heading for any general information from other agencies.

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/**eduspot app** on the first day of absence before 9.30 am.
- Pre-order lunches at home to support a smooth transition to classwork in the morning.

SACRAMENTS

As a Catholic School, we work in partnership with Parents/Carers and our local Parish of St John Ogilvie Church to support the Sacramental faith Journey of our pupils. We support the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation.



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.

If your child is in P3, 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. If your child has not been baptised then in order to start your child's faith journey you should contact Father Mark Kelly to discuss getting your child baptised. Contact details for Father Mark Kelly are as follows:

E-mail: mark.kelly@gallowaydiocese.org.uk

Phone: 01294 279130

Address: St Mary's RC Church, 15 West Road,
Irvine, KA12 8RE

FLU VACCINATIONS

NHS Ayrshire and Arran will carry out flu vaccinations on **Wednesday 7th October 2026** in our school. Please ensure that all paperwork is returned to our school office staff by Friday 11th September.

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 and Thursday
P3/2	Tuesday and Thursday
P3	Monday & Friday
P5/4	Wednesday & Friday
P6/5	Wednesday & Thursday
P6	Monday & Tuesday
P7	Monday & Friday

P1-P3 children have gym bags in school that they can keep their gym clothes in. PE kits can be taken home on a Friday to be washed.

Shorts, t-shirts, socks and gym shoes are required for PE.

If your child has their ears/nose pierced then piercings should be removed on the day your child has P.E. All jewellery should be left at home too. If your child is unable to remove their piercings, ***please ensure that they bring their own plasters with them to school.***

We cannot supply these and if your child does not have them they will not be able to take part in P.E. If your child is wearing tights to school on gym days, please ensure that they also bring socks with them.

ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL

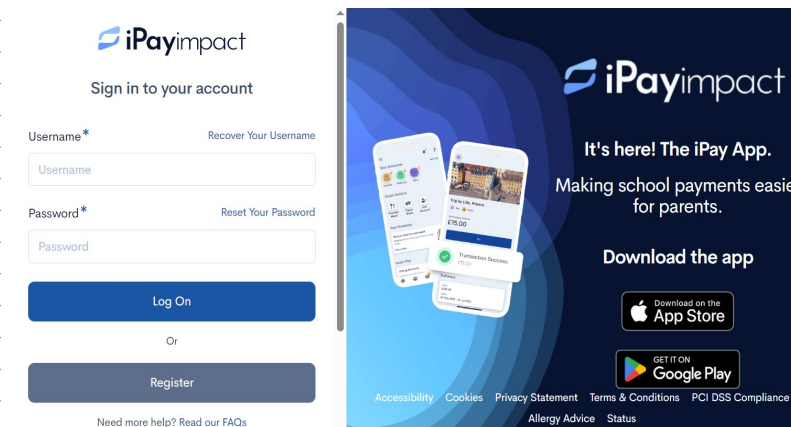
If your child has a food allergy please contact the school as soon as possible. We will provide you with dietary forms to ensure that your child can receive a school meal that meets their needs.

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 items that contain nuts.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Parents/carers pay for school trips and lunches (P6 and P7) using their child's iPayimpact account. Here is the URL web address for the website.

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



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 access the lunch menu for Session 2026—2027 by clicking or accessing the URL address below.

<https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/Document-library/menu-ps.pdf>

Please access information on Primary School allergen lunch menu by clicking or accessing the URL address below:

<https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/Document-library/allergens-ps.pdf>