



St Palladius Primary

Term 3 Newsletter

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Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely holiday and have settled into 2026.

Thank you

On behalf of all the staff, we would like to thank you for the cards and gifts we received for Christmas. I would also like to thank everyone for their support last term in making school events so successful. Your donations for the Christmas Fair were overwhelming and this was only topped by the amount of families who came and supported us at the fair and the Christmas show, making these not only fun events, but raising £1800 for the school. The children will now decide what we would like to spend this money on.

Sharing our learning with families

In 2026, we are hoping to welcome families into the school more. Look out for Celebrations of Learning for each class, where parents are invited to join their child's class to find out what they have been learning.

School website <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/na/stpalladiusprimary/>

Please take time to look at our revamped school website. Class newsletters, School newsletters, calendar of events and lots of other information can be found there. If you have any suggestions of things you would like added to the website, please contact the school office or myself.

Sports

Our after school clubs will continue this term. Chloe's dance club will continue on Tuesdays and Aiden's Football club will continue on Thursdays.

Health Promoting Schools

Please be reminded that at St. Palladius we aim to promote healthy bodies and healthy minds. Please encourage your child to eat fruit at break time or another healthy snack of their choice. A snack should be provided from home. **Sugary snacks are not permitted.**

All children should bring a water bottle to school every day which they can refill during the day.

Parking Safely

I kindly ask that parents/carers refrain from entering the staff car park. This is to ensure the safety of all children within the school.

Parent Council

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Our Parent Council membership has grown considerably this year. Thank you to all who have come to the meetings and shared great ideas for events. Everyone is welcome, whether you want to be a member or just want to come along to share ideas. Our meeting is tonight, Monday 12th January, at 6pm in the school.

Our School Improvement Plan (SIP)

This year, we have 3 SIP Priorities:

- ✚ To raise attainment in writing, phonetical awareness and spelling.
- ✚ Raise attainment in Numeracy.
- ✚ Developing our Health and Well-being programme to positively impact on our children's mental health, well-being and resilience.

Staff have undertaken training and worked with schools within our Cluster to raise attainment in writing, phonics and spelling, as well as Numeracy. We are already seeing an improvement in spelling and writing as well as an improvement in engagement in writing. Our Young Leaders of Learning are helping me to further improve attainment in Literacy and Numeracy through their work across the school. Alongside existing approaches, we are implementing the Tree of Knowledge resource to support our children to learn strategies to help their mental health and well-being. Surveys this year have shown a positive mental attitude amongst children in the school as well as highlighting areas we can develop further. Pupil Voice is often sought so we can self-evaluate and continue to improve.

Child Protection

At school, we take children's safety very seriously. I am the Child Protection Co-ordinator and I am available should you ever want to talk to me about concerns or queries you may have. If I am not in school, Mrs Wood will be able to offer advice. Our Young Leaders of Learning have helped me to write a Child-friendly Child Protection Policy and gave me valuable feedback about their views and opinions on Child Protection and what this means for them.

Medicines

If your child needs any medicines, please complete a form from the office and speak to Mrs K when handing it in.

Dates

Please see the attached calendar for upcoming dates and events.

All dates are of course subject to change but we will endeavour to keep you as up to date as possible. Please keep up to date with what is happening in the school by following our X (twitter) page.

Mrs Bhela

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