

MAY - JUNE 2026

St. Augustine's Primary

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a sunny start to the final school term and sincerely hope the weather is kind to us over the next two months! In the next few weeks we will welcome our new entrants alongside their family and we will say a very fond farewell to our wonderful Pr. 7 pupils at the end of June.

Sadly, this is also my final term at St Augustine's Pr and Nursery Class and will bring to an end my 11 years as Head Teacher of this great school. It has been an absolute pleasure, honour and privilege to have been Head Teacher and part of this wonderful community of faith and learning. I am very fortunate that I can say I have never felt that coming into school felt like work as I have loved every minute of it! Your children are amazing but you don't need me to tell you that!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the wider parent body, for the heartfelt support you have given to the school and myself during my headship. No words can express my gratitude. The term ahead is tinged with sadness and excitement as a new chapter awaits. However, as I live locally, I am sure we will still bump into each other.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Caroline Docherty

Summer Trip

The school is delighted to announce that there will be a summer trip for all nursery and primary pupils this term. Details about the trip have already been shared with our nursery parents. As a result of a very generous donation made by the PTA that will pay for all transport costs and subsidies made through school funds we are delighted to keep the cost of the outings to £10 for each child once again this year.

Your child will receive a letter with details of the trip that requires a return to indicate that you wish your child to attend (to enable the school to confirm numbers). Trip money can be paid in instalments.

ALL TRIP MONEY IS REQUIRED TO BE PAID IN FULL BY ALL PUPILS BY FRID. 5th JUNE



Summer trip details

Tues. 23rd June - Room 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 (Pr. 1 – 3) - BLAIR DRUMMOND SAFARI. Cost £10.

Wed. 24th June - Room – Room 8, 9 (Pr. 6 pupils only) 12, 13 and 15 (Pr 4, 5 and 6) – BLAIR DRUMMOND SAFARI. Cost £10

Tues. 23rd June – Room 9 and 10 (Pr. 7 only) – M & D's Strathclyde Park. Cost £10



SAFE PARKING



Please note the zig zags lines around our school are not drop off or pick up points. Please park and stride. Parking is available in the Time Capsule car park and also in the car park of St. Augustine's Church. Please use these parking facilities.

In the interest of the safety of all - Please DO NOT PARK AT THE ROUNDABOUT.

Pr. 7 Induction Days

Pr. 7 pupils transferring to St. Ambrose HS will attend the school on Wed. 27th and Thurs. 28th May. Invitations have already been sent out. Children are required to make their own arrangements to get to the school for 9.00am where their class teacher will meet them.

Football Festival

Our girls and boys football team (Pr.6) will take part in a football festival on Tues. 12th May at St. Ambrose HS – 9.30 – 12.00. Helpers on the day would be greatly appreciated.

SPORTS DAY

Our Sports Day is scheduled to take place on Wed. 10th June (weather permitting). Pr. 1 – 3 10.00am
Pr. 4 – 7 – 1.00pm
Should the weather not be kind to us on the day this event will be re-scheduled.

Lunchtime Beach Party

As has been our custom we will host a lunchtime beach party for the whole school in the coming weeks. The date has still to be confirmed as we await a spell of lovely sunshine. Children can attend school in their shorts and t-shirts that day and can bring along their beach towel. Watch out for an announcement.

Gaelic Football News

Our trophy winning Gaelic football team will take part in the Coatbridge Gaelic Football Tournament on Tues. 9th June with the finals taking place on Tues. 16th June at St. Ambrose HS. Coaching sessions are available free on Mondays and Tuesdays 5pm and Fridays 4pm at St. Ambrose HS.

Sunflower Tea



Parents are invited to attend a Sunflower Tea in aid of St. Andrew's Hospice and school funds on Thurs. 11th June. Our Pr. 1 – 3 pupils will entertain with some songs. The event will start at 10.30am. Children will perform at 11am.

Wear Yellow Walk Day Pr 7

Our Pr. 7 will take part in a sponsored walk to Strathclyde Country Park on Wed. 6th May in aid of St. Andrew's Hospice. Sponsor forms will be issued nearer the time. **This is also a wear yellow/own clothes day for the whole school with £1.00 donation going to the hospice.**

World Cup Celebrations

To celebrate our national team reaching the World Cup Final we have a number of events to kick start festivities. Mrs O'Donohue has organised a sporting event on Mon. 8th June. Children may dress in sports clothes for the day (if they wish). Wed. 10th June we have a PTA World Cup Themed disco and finally we have our Scotland day on Frid. 12th June. Children may wear blue, wear Scotland t-shirts/Scotland football tops or wear football tops from other national teams.

Pr. 7 Scottish Opera

Our Pr. 6 and 7 pupils are learning songs in preparation of their work with Scottish Opera next week. They will present their production of 'Dragon of the Sea' to pupils and parents on Friday 1st May at 2.15pm. Doors for this wonderful performance will open at 1.45pm. This is the first time we have worked with Scottish Opera and it is sure to be a fantastic experience for all.

Induction Afternoons – New

Intake



We will be delighted to welcome our new intake and their parents to several induction afternoons in May. This will give the children an opportunity to meet their teachers and classmates..

Dates

Thurs. 14th May – 1.45pm

Thurs. 21st May – 1.45pm

Thurs. 28th May – 11.00am - lunch

SUMMER FAIR

The school is delighted to announce that in partnership with the PTA we will be hosting a Summer Fair on Sat. 6th June at 11.00am. Donations for the toy stall, bottle stall and tombola would be most appreciated. Please arrange to drop off any donations to the school office. A huge thank you in anticipation of your generous support.



Thank you to PTA and all parents

Our wonderful PTA have worked incredibly hard over the years to raise much needed funds for our school. This session they committed to subsidising the cost of buses for our summer trip, paid for repairs to our trim trail (£2940), purchased a set of 10 robots to assist with developing programme and coding skills in ICT (£3560), Pr. 7 leavers books and awards, subsidised Pr.7 leavers hoodies, paid for sports day medals, paid for Christmas selection boxes for all pupils, paid for Easter eggs, paid for parties, paid for treats – the list goes on and on!! At a time when everyone is experiencing cost of living challenges it is most heartening to see your continued support of the PTA that recognises their tremendous work on behalf of all pupils. Many thanks to our PTA and to everyone for your ongoing support throughout the school year.

Talent Show

Our annual talent show will take place Thurs. 11th June. Apologies but parents can't attend.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Summer dresses or school shorts can be worn this term .All we need is sun!

HOLIDAYS

May Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May. School closed.

In –Service Day – Thurs. 7th. School closed for all children.

May Holiday Weekend – School closed Frid. 22nd May, Mon. 25th May

School closes for the summer break – Frid. 26th June 1.00pm

School re-opens for staff Mon. 10th and Tues. 11th August

Pupils return: Wed.12th August

Sacraments

Confirmation – Pr. 7 – Tues. 26th May – 7.00pm

First Communion – Pr. 4

Sun. 10th May – 10.00am – Room 8 pupils

Sun. 17th May – 12 o'clock – Room 13 pupils

EVENTS

Pr. 6 and Pr. 7 Scottish Opera presentation of 'Dragon of the Sea' – doors open at 1.45pm. Parents and grandparents invited.

WEAR YELLOW WALK DAY for St.Andrew's Hospice – Pr. 7 pupils will be provided with a sponsor sheets for the event at Strathclyde Park. All Pr. 1 – 6 pupils asked to make a donation £1.00 to the Hospice as a sponsorship for the Big Walk in school – Wed. 6th May – wear yellow/own clothes day for everyone.

Pr. 6 Strathclyde Park- Outward Bound Week – week beg 1st June

Pr. 7 Abernethy Residential 18th – 20th May

SUMMER FAIR – Sat. 6th June - 11.00am

SPORTS DAY - Wed. 10th June – weather permitting

LUNCHTIME BEACH PARTY – tbc nearer the time

WORLD CUP DISCO – Wed. 10th June

SUNFLOWER TEA - Thurs. 11th June – 10.30am.

TALENT SHOW- Thurs. 11th June – 1.15pm – only pupils

MOVE UP AFTERNOON – Wed. 17th June

Pr.7 LEAVERS MASS AND AWARDS CEREMONY – Thurs. 18th June 1.30pm.
Venue – school

Pr. 7 LEAVERS PARTY- Frid. 19th June - pm

FAREWELL PARTY– Mon. 22nd June

SUMMER TRIPS – Tues. 23rd and Wed. 24th June

Parents Evenings

Please note parents evenings will be held on Tues. 12th and Wed.13th May. The booking system will go live on Frid. 1st May and close Frid. 8th May. These meetings will take place face to face in the school hall.

Parent Council

Our next Parent Council meeting will take place Wed. 29th April at 6.00pm followed by our PTA Meeting at 7.00pm. Both meetings will take place in the Parish Centre.

PTA Father's Day Stall

The PTA will run a lunchtime stall selling gifts for Father's Day on Frid. 19th June.

RETREATS

We have a programme of retreats taking place in the final term.

P.4 – Carfin Grotto Thurs. 21st May

Pr. 5 – Mini Camino – Frid. 15th May

Pr. 6 – Schoenstatt – Thurs. 28th May

Pr. 7 – Parish Centre Thurs. 30th April

Farewell Party



The boys and girls of St Augustine's will be treated to a Fun Day on Mon. 22nd June as a farewell celebration from Mrs Docherty. Children can dress up in their own clothes and enjoy a day of treats and fun. This will be a wonderful way to start our last week of school before school trips and I get to say my goodbyes.





The staff team would like to sincerely thank all parents, grandparents and all associated with our wonderful school for their amazing support throughout this school year. Your children are a credit to you and are great ambassadors of our school in the local community and beyond. Our mission is to ensure all children **apply themselves in all things, learn and achieve together in faith** to become the best version of themselves and to show **the St. Augustine Way**. We hope with your continued support our children continue to **APPLY, LEARN and ACHIEVE TOGETHER in FAITH**.

We hope you have enjoyed our recent SWAYS that bear witness to the great learning opportunities that are provided on a daily basis. This has all been possible thanks to your continued support of the school and the support you provide your child. Celebrating pupil achievements is all the more satisfying when we know that through **working together**, encouraging children to work hard and **apply** themselves to their **learning** leads to **achieving success**.

We sincerely hope the final term of 2025/26 is a joyous one for all and that we can look ahead to the next school year with increased confidence. We wish our departing Pr. 7 pupils every success for the next stage of their school career. They will be greatly missed! They have been outstanding ambassadors of our school and have served us well over the past 7 years. They are undoubtedly ready for the next stage of their school career.

As my tenure at St Augustine's Pr and Nursery Class and North Lanarkshire Council comes to an end can I once again thank you for your support throughout the years. I have been blessed to have had the opportunity to lead this school on its' journey of improvement and sincerely wish the new head teacher, who will be appointed this term, all my good wishes for the future. They too will be very fortunate to find themselves part of such a special community.

Please join with us, if you can, at any of the school events noted in the calendar. We hope each and every one of you enjoy the summer holidays with your family when they come.

Kind Regards on behalf of the Staff Team

Mrs Caroline Docherty

Head Teacher



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