**St. Barbara’s Primary School**

**September 2025**

Welcome to St. Barbara’s October Newsletter!

**September Holiday**

The school will close at 3pm on Thursday 25th September and will re-open on Tuesday 30th September at 9am. I hope that you all have a very enjoyable break.

 World’s Biggest Coffee Morning





A very warm welcome to the annual coffee morning in support of the fantastic work done by the Macmillan team.

Please come along and support this event on **Thursday 25th September from 9.30am – 11.30am.**

We would be very grateful for donations of cakes etc. for this event. Please hand them into the school from Monday 22nd September – Wednesday 24th September.

**Please include the ingredients if you are home-baking! Many thanks!**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

If you would like to have your child baptized this session, please compete the form using the link below. This is particularly important if you intend to have your child receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in P.3.

We will pass your child’s name to Fr. O’Brien.

In a change to previous years, your child will **NOT** have to complete a Baptism course; instead, you should contact Fr. O’Brien directly to arrange Baptism once you have completed the form.

The form is now live and will remain open until Thursday 25th September at 3pm.

<https://forms.office.com/e/F77MmXnyMg>

**Maths Week Scotland**

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Maths Week Scotland takes place week beginning 22nd September 2025.

The children will have lots of fun maths activities to explore both outside and inside that week.

We’ll keep you posted!

**Reporting to Parents**

Parent Appointments will take place on **Thursday 20th November.** There will be an afternoon and an evening session. Further information in respect of booking an appointment will be issued nearer the time.

**Parent Council**

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place on Monday 6th October at 7pm in the school. Any member of the Parent Forum (any parent/carer of a child in the school) is welcome to attend.

**P.E.**

Thank you for sending the children to school wearing the new P.E. kits and trainers.

The children look wonderful in their new uniforms – many thanks to the Parent Council for leading this initiative.

**Breakfast Service**

The breakfast club is on in school each morning. Breakfast service opens at 8.15am with children going into the playground at 8.45am.

Please **do not drop your children off before the appointed time** as we cannot guarantee to have staff available.

Children should be here and seated for **8.30am** at the latest in order for them to have time to enjoy breakfast in comfort.

**Annual Data Check/Annual Excursion Permission**

These have been issued. Please complete them and return them to school as quickly as possible. Many thanks to those who have already done so.

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**Emergency Contact Information**

* Please remember to inform the school if you change your mobile/house number
* Please remember to tell us about changes to emergency contacts for your child

 Thank you!

**Allergy Awareness**

Please let us know if your child has an allergy.

![MC900215518[1]]()If your child has a food allergy, you **must** complete a specialist form in conjunction with your child’s dietician **before** your child can use the cafeteria service. Please contact the school for further information.

Please note: **St. Barbara’s is a NUT-FREE ZONE.**

We have pupils with severe nut allergies. Please **do not** send nuts into school.

**Latex-Free Zone**

Please be aware that we have children with severe latex allergies.

**Bus Travel/ After-School-Care**

Many parents of children who use the school bus will know that we take a bus register each day. If there is any change to your child’s normal arrangements, please contact the school office to let us know.

If there is any change to after-care arrangements, please ensure that you inform the service provider as well as the school. Thank you.

**Bus Bay**

The Parent Council was instrumental in getting the bus bay created on Drumcavel Road. A significant number of children travel to/from school by bus each day – **please do not compromise their safety** by parking in the bus bay. Thank you.

**Health Promoting School**

Children are welcome to bring water bottles which can be filled during the course of the day to keep them hydrated. However fizzy drinks/energy drinks are not permitted. Where water bottles contain drinks other than water, staff will assume that these are for lunch.

I ask for your continued support in this matter. Thank you.

**Sacramental Information**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on the Primary 7 children on Tuesday 28th October 2025 at 7pm by Bishop Toal.

Bishop Toal will visit the school on Wednesday 22nd October to meet with the Confirmandi and with all of the children.

Please remember all of the children in your prayers.

**‘Flu Immunisation**

The immunisation programme will take place on Friday 3rd October 2025.

**October Holiday**

The school will close at 3pm on Friday 10th October for the October break; it will reopen on Monday 20th October at 9am.

**INSET Day**

The school will be closed to pupils on Monday 17th November for an INSET Day; it will reopen to pupils at 9am on Tuesday 18th November.

**Transition Reminder: OLHS**

The welcome Mass and orientation evening for children (and parents) moving to Our Lady’s High School in August 2025 will take place on **Thursday 2nd October at 6.30pm** in the high school. Children should wear full school uniform to this event.

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**Halloween: Dress Up/Dress Down: Friday 31st October**

On Friday 31st October children can ‘dress-up/dress down.’

If children choose to wear Halloween costumes they cannot bring props into school.

I would also ask that no gory face paint (blood etc.)/Halloween masks/**clown costumes** are worn as some of the younger children find these very distressing.

If children choose to ‘dress down’ please remember that no football colours are allowed.

We are asking for a small donation for school funds on that day, please. Thank you.

There will be a theme day in the cafeteria with menu details to follow.

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**Halloween Disco**

**The Halloween Disco is normally organized and run by members of the PTA. However, this year, there is a clash with Sacrament of Confirmation.**

**Consequently, the disco will take place on the afternoon of Friday 31st October. As you can see above, the children can opt to dress up or to dress down that day.**

**Primary 1 Welcome Mass**

The Primary 1 Welcome Mass will take place on Tuesday 7th October at 10am in the church. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the date for this Mass has had to be changed on two occasions. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**September FAITH Awards**

 FAITH: Friendly, Active, Inspiring, Teamwork, Helpful

The FAITH Award Assembly has taken place when children have been awarded certificates for demonstrating excellence in one of the categories in St. Barbara’s FAITH Motto which you can see above. Congratulations to the following worthy winners:

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| **Class/Award** | **Name** | **Category/Reason** |
| **P.1** | **Cameron Black** | **Friendly: Always being a kind friend to others** |
|  | **Amanda Stan** | **Inspiring: Being a wonderful role model for others** |
| **P.1/2** | **Mila Hamilton** | **Inspiring: Always trying her best with her work** |
|  | **Sophie Moffat** | **Friendly: Always being a kind friend to others** |
|  | **Mya Clezy** | **Helpful: Always willing to help others in class** |
| **P.2** | **Winnie Walker** | **Helpful: Being kind and helpful to others** |
|  | **Arthur Scullion** | **Inspiring: An inspiration to others modelling hard work** |
| **P.3** | **Lexi English** | **Inspiring: For trying so hard in all areas of work** |
|  | **Isabella Webb** | **Teamwork: Great at supporting and encouraging her peers** |
| **P.4** | **Maia McWilliams** | **Friendly: Being friendly and helping others in class** |
|  | **Noah McKinlay** | **Helpful: Always tries his best and is keen to help in class** |
| **P.5** | **Alice Rose Polin** | **Friendly: Always works well with her partners on tasks** |
|  | **Georgia Gordon** | **Teamwork: Being a great group member, helping everyone** |
| **P.5/6** | **Danny Sloan** | **Active: For leading activities in Palacerigg enthusiastically** |
|  | **Ava Keegan** | **Inspiring: Being an outstanding role model for all** |
| **P.6/7** | **Eva Elliott** | **Friendly: Always happy to help everyone in her group** |
|  | **Seren Jenkins** | **Inspiring: Persevering even when things are tricky** |
| **P.7** | **Hunter Stirling** | **Inspiring: Trying so hard with all of his work** |
|  | **Quinn Halligan** | **Helpful: Being great in helping his Buddy** |
| **Mrs Moore** | **Saoirse-May Conway** | **Teamwork: Being a wonderful team player in Palacerigg** |
| **Mrs Grier** | **Isobel Morgan** | **Inspiring: Being such a great role model for the P,1 children** |
| **Mrs Watterson** | **Ailbhe McNamara** | **Helpful: Always helping out in Assembly** |
| **Mr Feeney** | **Kathleen MacLeod** | **Friendly: For her excellent manners every day** |
| **Cleaning Staff** | **Primary 3** | **Helpful: For keeping their classroom neat and tidy** |
| **Mrs Grant** | **Hannah Wilkin** | **Friendly: For such good manners in the cafeteria** |
| **Mrs Johnston** | **Romano McManus** | **Inspiring: For being an excellent Buddy and role model** |
| **Mrs McKinney** | **Aria-Rose Lee** | **Friendly: For her great sense of humour!** |



![MC900356077[1]]()**Diary Dates**

**September**

23rd God’s Loving Plan Meeting at 7pm in the school

25th World’s BIGGEST Coffee Morning – 9.30am – 11.30am

26th/29th September Weekend

**October Preview**

3rd Flu Immunization

7th Whole School Mass at 10am – P.1 Welcome Mass

10th School closes at 3pm for October Break

20th School re-opens at 9am

22nd Bishop Toal’s school visit

28th Sacrament of Confirmation

31st Halloween: Dress up/down and disco

**November Preview**

17th INSET Day: children do not attend school

17th Catholic Education Celebration Weeks

20th Parent Appointments

25th Catholic Education Mass/Pope Francis Faith Award Mass

29th PTA Christmas Fayre

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Abbie Allee Noah Wardrop

Mya Clezy Liam Corey Addison Devine Niamh McGuire Lucas McKinlay

Nataniel Weremko Guy Kerr Connie Chen

Isabella Murray Zoe Dungavell Isabella Scullion

 Saoirse-May Conway Tabitha Feeley Ava Keegan Amelia Doherty

Romano McManus Holly Boyle

