

St Bartholomew's Primary School

JANUARY 2025



4th Newsletter of school year 2024 - 2025 - Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents / Carers / Staff

Welcome back after the Christmas holiday. I hope you all had a great break, and the children have all returned with smiling faces, eager to be at school and starting another busy school term.

There were so many highlights from last term but our visit to the Pavilion Theatre to see Beauty & the Beastie, our Nativity and Carol Service production stands out as our favourite. Thank you to all our parents/carers, grandparents and the wider community who support our school. We thank in particular our Parent Council Members who work so hard to allow us to take part in so many things without their support this just would not happen. Finally grateful thanks Lucy and Mark Millar who send our children to pantomime every year - thank you so much from us all.

Look out for information about upcoming events to share in your children's learning throughout the year.

Our Parent Council will be relying on your support for a variety of events that are already underway. Please check your groupcall messages regularly for updates.

Thanking you in advance for your much needed help and support.

Kind regards
Deirdre Bolland

COMMUNICATING WITH PARENTS/CARERS

In line with North Lanarkshire Council aspiration to become a leading digital authority, the main media that we use for communicating with parents/carers are:

Email and text: please provide our office staff with your **up-to-date details** to ensure you receive our most recent updates.

Class Dojo: all parents /carers are invited to join class DOJO where they will see regular updates about their child's social and emotional learning/progress.

School website: blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/stbartholomews/ class pages on the school website provide parents/carers with regular information on their child's learning as well as updates from our weekly school assembly i.e. Winning House, Cool Cup, and pupil of each class of the week

X (Twitter): There is a twitter feed on the home page of our website and you can also follow us on your phone or home computer/tablet. We use X to share news of the wide range of activities St. Bartholomew's pupils are involved in and to celebrate children's wider achievements.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday 13th January

NHS team to do flu catch up for children who missed it on 19th December

Thursday 30th January

P7 Assembly in hall 2.00pm

Friday 31st January

Parent Council Meeting in our Get Together Room. Why not come along!

Thursday 6th February

P6 Assembly in hall 2.00pm

Sunday 9th February

P7 pupils will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at 11.30am Mass in St Bartholomew's church by Bishop Joseph Toal.

Mid term break

Monday 17 February and Tuesday 18 February 2025 (Mid-term break)

Wednesday 19 February 2025 (In-service day pupils do not attend)

Wednesday March 5th

Ash Wednesday whole school to Mass in St Bartholomew's church.

Thursday March 6th

World Book Day - details to follow

Thursday March 13th

P5 Assembly in hall 2.00pm

Monday March 24th - Thursday March 27th

Book Fair will be in school

Thursday March 27th

Parents' evening in school hall. Booking your appointment time for this will open 13th March through our booking system.

Friday March 4th - Monday 21st April

School closes at 2.30pm for our Spring and Easter holiday.

School re-opens Tuesday 22nd April.

Parents Portal

Parents Portal is the main communication system and a 'one stop shop' for parents which enables schools to streamline communications digitally with parents. The main benefits are:

- The Portal gives one sign in access to online payments for school lunch, trips and visits.
- Allows you to report the absence of your child, without having to call the school.
- Completing the annual data check form online.
- Update your contact details and electronically sign permission forms
- Book your parents' evening appointment online

To support you there is guidance within North Lanarkshire area as well as parent support FAQ's and user guides on the NLC

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/nl-digital-school/parents-portal>

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS STARTING:



MONDAY:

P5 to P7 Dance Class - instructor K. McFaulds

TUESDAY:

P1 to P3 Fun Fitness - instructor Shannon Connelly

P6 & P7 Football - instructors D. Gray and SJ MacFarlane

WEDNESDAY:

P6 & P7 Netball - instructor G. Allington

P5 & P6 Gaelic football - instructor J. Bradley

THURSDAY:

P4 to P7 Running club - instructors K. Crielly & P. Reilly

NHS:

Will be in school on Monday 13th to administer the nasal flu spray to children who missed it when they were here in December.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY / INSERVICE DATES 2025



February 2025

Monday 17 February and Tuesday 18 February 2025 (Mid-term break)

Wednesday 19 February 2025 (**In-service day pupils do not attend**)

April 2025

Schools close at **2.30 pm** on Friday 4 April 2025

Monday 7 April- Monday - Monday 21st April 2025

Schools return on Tuesday 22nd April 2025

*Good Friday 18 April and Easter Monday 21 April 2025

May 2025

Monday 5 May 2025 (May Public Holiday)

Tuesday 6 May 2025 (**in-service day pupils do not attend**)

Friday 23 May 2025 and Monday 26 May 2025 (May Weekend)

June 2025

Schools Close at **1.00pm** on Wednesday 25 June 2025

If you have any further comments or queries, please email

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