

St Bartholomew' Primary School

MAY 2026



Dear Parents and Carers

As we draw to the end of a very busy and highly successful term, I am sending our May newsletter of the year.

It is an enormous privilege to work with a school of such fantastic children who inspire us daily and it is a joy for us to reflect at this time of year on the scale of achievement that we have all been a part of. Thank you to all our parents and carers for the support that we have received throughout the year.

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Thursday 4TH June : Our Mini Vinnies will attend a Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto

A message of thanks from the Mini Vinnies for supporting Lenten charities . Just highlight the sterling work they have done. During Lenten charities £500 for SCIAF and £500 for Mary's Meals was raised. They also collected for food bank and delivered it. The Holy Innocents collection once again organised by Mini Vinnies was fantastic. As a Laudato Si school, the Mini Vinnies have invited ACN to school this term and the whole school community are involved in praying the rosary for peace in school and at home with the Travelling Rosary during May. They have all made a dove of peace which is on display in the church to highlight the need for prayers for peace.

Also as a Laudato Si school, all children will be involved in planting sunflower seeds in June, to look after and grow at home over the summer. This highlights the work we have been doing in caring for God's World and looking after our environment.

Tuesday 16th June 9am : Mini Vinnies are organising a Coffee morning in Get Together room they would love to see you there.

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Tuesday 2nd June: Our pupils would like to invite you to a Parental engagement at 2.00pm in assembly hall where our pupils will showcase work done this year. After assembly you are invited to class to see your child's Learning Journal and other work. We look forward to seeing all parents/carers.

Sunday 7th June: Our Primary 4 children receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please pray for the children and their families.

Monday 8th June: This will be our Sport's Day week we will let you know nearer the time what day. This event is weather dependant.

Friday 12th June : Fun Day for whole school

Friday 26th June: School closes at 1.00pm

Wednesday 12th August: school re-opens at 9.am

SCHOOL CALENDAR

May

Friday 22nd May and Monday 25th May - May holiday weekend

June

School closes at 1.00 pm on Friday 26th June

How we communicate with you: It is very important you keep your phone, email and address up to date

We communicate with parents through a mix of digital, including emails and text messages, parent portals and apps like Groupcall, school websites, class Dojo and meetings such as parent-teacher consultations. Schools utilize these various channels to share school news, important updates, event calendars, and homework information, with urgent messages often reserved for text alerts. If you have not joined the parent portal I urge you to do this here is the link parentsportal.scot | [The digital doorway to your child's school](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/stbartholomews/). There is a mobile app in Google Play or Apple app for portal

School website : <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/stbartholomews/> this is updated weekly it has lots of information about school. We have several methods to enhance a home-school partnerships, effective partnerships, promoting parental engagement, effective communication, and building relationships with our parents/carers.

School uniform

Daily Uniform

White shirt/Polo shirt

School tie

Black trousers/black skirt/black pinafore

Plain black shoes/plain black trainers

Black sweater/ cardigan

Red gingham summer dress (appropriate to weather)



P.E. KIT

White polo shirt

Black shorts / joggers

Plain black trainers

Children should come to school on P.E. days dressed in full school uniform with P.E. kit in school bag. Although all classes have timetabled P.E. sessions, there are often additional opportunities for sporting activities as well as staff making the most of the last of the good weather for outdoor P.E. lessons. Children are not allowed to take part in P.E. unless all jewellery/earrings have been removed. Football colours of any kind are **not permitted** – in school – this is North Lanarkshire Council's Policy and includes football teams i.e. local, national or international. This also includes pencil cases, bags, water bottles and other accessories. Thank you in advance for your support.

School uniform Bank: We have a number of new uniform / freshly laundered nearly new uniform items available for collection in our uniform bank, which is located in the music room. Collection can be arranged discreetly by contacting school office. **We are also appealing for donations of school uniform to replenish our stocks throughout the year. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.**

FREE SCHOOL MEALS / CLOTHING GRANTS

If you think you may be entitled to claim free school / meal clothing grant for your child please do so at the link below. Uniform grant for this is £155.00 for primary children. You may be entitled to both or just clothing grant please enquire if you are not sure. [Free school meals and clothing grants | North Lanarkshire Council](#)
This application can only be made online. If you have any questions please phone 01698 403210 or email fsm@northlan.gov.uk

Children P1 – P5 are entitled to a free meal and free access to breakfast club
P6 – P7 if not entitled to free meal pay £3.55 and £1.10 for breakfast club

PAYING FOR SCHOOL MEAL

This can only be done online this is a link if your child is moving into P6 this new school year. [School Meal Payments | North Lanarkshire Council](#) a school meal is £3.55 and breakfast club is £1.10 **Please register before returning to school in August.**

ALLERGIES / INTOLERANCES / SPECIAL DIETS

As you will be aware watching media allergies/intolerances can be dangerous. The link takes you to North Lanarkshire Council Special Diets where there is link for you to complete for your child if they follow special diet due to allergies/intolerances/religious diets/vegan/vegetarian/halal etc.,
[Special diet | North Lanarkshire Council](#)

St Bartholomew's Parent Council: We offer our thanks to the members of the Parent Council. The Parent Council hope to welcome new members to the Parent Council as events rely very much on support. Our parent helpers require to be PVG'd so please think about this and volunteer. If we do not have enough parent helpers trips, discos etc cannot go ahead. Commitment to Parent Council is 40 minutes of meetings per month. Potential new members should contact Mrs Bolland in the first instance using the general enquiries email.

Enquiries-at-st-bartholomews@northlan.org.uk

P7 information of up and coming events:

Our P7 pupils will attend their two induction days and follow their S1 timetable. They will meet new classmates from other primaries and some of their teachers, including pupil support teacher, this visit will also give them the chance to become more familiar with the school layout. Arrangements are pupils should arrive for a 9.30am start in the assembly hall, they enter via the main front door. Pupils should wear their own school uniform, but wear suitable PE clothes on **Wednesday 27th May** as they will be participating in sports that day. Please bring snack / drink on both days. Lunch will be supplied free of charge on both days, if your child has any dietary needs please make this known to your headteacher in primary. If your child prefers to bring a packed lunch this can be accommodated in the social area. **ALL PUPILS MUST REMAIN ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS DURING BOTH INTERVAL AND LUNCHTIME.** A mass of welcome will be celebrated by school chaplains on afternoon of Thursday 28th May. School will end both days by 2.45pm

Thursday 18th June: Will be Leaver's Mass time to be confirmed, Presentation of awards in school at 2.00pm and leaver's party at 6.00pm