



St Brendan's Primary & Nursery

*"Voyaging Together as a Community of
Faith, Love and Learning"*



Child Protection Co-ordinator: Mrs Maura Oates

Newsletter – August 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

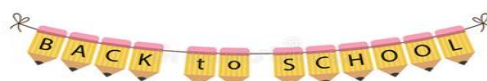
A very warm welcome back to the new school session. All of our children including 34 new little ones arrived ready for the new term. We have been thinking of our previous Primary 7's and wishing them a great start to their secondary school education.

Here is a reminder of the new class arrangements:

Primary 1	Mrs Shaw/Mrs Kennedy
Primary 2	Mrs O'Donnell
Primary 3/2	Mrs Ferns
Primary 3	Mrs McGlone
Primary 4	Mrs McKendrick
Primary 5/4	Miss Mitchell
Primary 5	Mrs MacDermid/Mrs Kennedy
Primary 6	Miss McShane
Primary 7/6	Mr Bradley
Primary 7	Mrs Williamson/Mrs Fleming

Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Fleming and Mrs Colton will support the work of classes and deliver NCCT.

Miss Burns, Mrs Colton and myself form the Senior Leadership Team.



We welcome some new staff to our school this session: Mrs Wilson (Senior Clerical Assistant) and Mrs Drozd (Lunchtime Supervisor).

Welcome back to Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Fleming who have returned from maternity leave.

We wish Mrs Hogg well on her retirement and hope she enjoys this new chapter.

A big thank you to all our parents and carers, our children have returned looking smart in their school uniforms, this was very evident at Mass this morning which I felt was a lovely to start the school year. I appreciate the huge effort everyone has made.

If you require any pre-loved uniform, including shoes, please contact the office via telephone or email, stating sizes and items required.

The staff are delighted to welcome back our children and are ready to work hard with the children to allow them to reach their full potential.

Communication

If you have any queries which you would like to discuss with a member of the Senior Leadership Team please contact the HT/Office via telephone on 01698 274914 or email enquiries-at-st-brendans@northlan.org.uk and a return phone call or an appointment will be arranged.

School App

Anyone who wishes to access the app is invited to download 'School App for Parents' from the Apple or Google Play App stores.

Once downloaded, search for and select St Brendan's. The app will then invite users to enter the username and password to access our content. Details can be obtained from school office. To help with the annual cost of the school app we are asking for a suggested donation of £2 per family. The app is being updated at present with dates for this session.

Nut and Egg Allergy

Can I remind you that we have children in the school who have **severe** nut and egg allergies, therefore we ask for your co-operation in ensuring that all snacks/lunches etc. are always nut / egg free. Please avoid snacks such as **buenos, chocolate spread, snickers**, etc which contain nuts. Please avoid snack items such as **milky way, cakes and teacakes** which all contain eggs. Looking at the ingredients can be helpful to identify high allergens in snacks.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

We can now confirm the dates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 19th March 2025

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Saturday 30th May 2025

More information will be given out nearer the time of the Sacraments.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open from 8.15am and breakfast is provided at a cost of £1.00 for one child. If your child is entitled to a Clothing Grant for 2025/26 then they are also entitled to free breakfast.

Breakfast Club is free to all Primary 1 to Primary 5 children. Please ensure your child has money on their card. If your child is not attending breakfast club the playground is supervised from 8.50am and **children should not arrive before this time.**

Uniform

We take great pride in our school uniform and we are grateful to you our parents for giving our school a high profile in the community by making sure the children wear their uniform.

Uniform Items:

- Green shirt
- Brown skirt/trousers (grey will also be accepted)
- Brown cardigan/jumper
- Brown/Black shoes (no trainers please)
- On warm days green/yellow gingham dress
- School tie
- Blazer



We currently have a good stock of pre-loved uniform including shoes available to anyone who can make good use of this.

Please help us and your child to identify clothing by labelling ALL items with name or initials.

P.E. days.

Education Scotland require children to receive P.E. sessions twice a week. One session will be indoors and the second session of the week will be outdoors. Our P.E. uniform must be worn on your child's P.E. day.

This consists of the following:

- Black shorts or joggies / leggings
- Yellow t-shirt
- School jumper or cardigan
- Suitable sports footwear

For Health and Safety reasons children are not allowed to wear acrylic nails to school. If these are worn your child will be unable to participate in P.E. Children should NOT wear earrings on PE days as these would need to be removed by the child or taped over in order to participate in PE. This is for Health & Safety reasons.

P.E Timetable:

P1 -	Monday & Thursday
P2/1 -	Monday & Wednesday
P3/2 -	Monday & Wednesday
P3 -	Tuesday & Thursday
P4 -	Monday & Friday
P5/4 -	Wednesday & Friday
P5 -	Monday & Thursday
P6 -	Monday & Thursday
P7/6 -	Monday & Wednesday
P7 -	Tuesday & Thursday

What to Bring

Children should be discouraged from bringing items from home to school - including **mobile phones**, pencil cases, toys, etc. We have issued children with all required stationery.

Children should bring their water bottle to school filled each day as we are discouraging these being refilled due to disrupting their lessons, however, if children require their water bottle filled, this of course will be allowed.

We operate a soft start every morning from 8.50am to 9.00am for all children. Primary 1 to Primary 7 can enter through the main gate and make their way to their class.

Children will be dismissed and exit through the main gates.

Parents will NOT be permitted in the school yard. School staff will be on hand to supervise and direct the children. **ONLY** nursery parents will be in the yard to drop off and collect their child from nursery. Parents are permitted inside main gate at top of stairs to collect children.

Late Coming

Important teaching time takes place at the beginning of the school day so please try to make sure your child is on time for school. If your child arrives after 9.00am the pupil entrances will be closed for security therefore children should use the main entrance and report to the office.

Attendance

If your child is unable to come to school you have the responsibility of informing the school. We ask that you let the school office know by phoning or calling in as soon as possible on the morning of your child's absence.

Cashless System

To access iPayImpact you need to set up an account through North Lanarkshire Council website at <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-meals/school-meal-payments>

Once you have set up an account you will need a unique code to link your child to our account, please contact school office or email enquiries-at-st-brendans@northlan.org.uk

We will communicate important information through various channels such as school app, school website/blog, newsletters and email.

Parking

Can we please remind you that the car park is for staff use only and should not be used to drop off or pick up children. Also, for safety reasons please **DO NOT** park or drop off children on the yellow zig zags in front of the school. These should be kept clear at all times.

The parish of St. Brendan's kindly allow us to use the chapel car park for drop off/pick up. We ask that you follow the one way system within the car park, parking in allocated bays (only using disabled spaces if you have a blue badge displayed) and are respectful to parishioners who may be attending morning Mass.

North Lanarkshire Council School Holidays

To keep up to date with NLC holidays for all North Lanarkshire Schools including St Brendan's Primary and Nursery please see North Lanarkshire Council website or scan QR code below.



Parent Council

Our Parent Council A.G.M. will take place on Tuesday 26th August in St Brendan's school at 6.00pm. All parents are welcome to join us for our A.G.M.

Record Checks

We are required to update our pupil records at the beginning of every session. We ask you to carefully check the form and make any changes, sign and return to school. These forms will be with you soon.

If you have opened an account through Parent Portal you will not receive a paper copy, this will be available online.

Parent Portal

The St Brendan's app has always been a large part of the way that we communicate with families.

North Lanarkshire primary establishments, however, will be expected to transition their means of communicating with families to Parents Portal over the course of the next few years. This has been delayed as only a few of our families have signed up for this.

Parents Portal gives direct access to iPayimpact, the online payment for school lunches, your child's attendance, and the ability for the main contact parent to update contact details. It allows schools to send home letters and permission forms, which you can return with permission digitally. In future, reports may also be issued through Parents Portal.

This portal will become one of the main communications between schools and parents across North Lanarkshire Council and we strongly encourage you to sign up to this service.

<https://parentsportal.scot/home/>

Newsletter

This month we are issuing every pupil with a paper copy of our newsletter, however as an Eco school we are keen to reduce our photocopying. All newsletters will be sent via email with a notification on school app a link to our website where you can also access the newsletter.

If you would prefer a paper copy of our newsletters in future please contact school office.

Blogs

Our school blog will be updated weekly, with a range of school news and class updates. Our website can be found here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/stbrendansps/>

If you do not wish your child to be included in photographs or school blogs please contact the school office no later than Tuesday 19th August 2024.

We look forward to this new school year and working in partnership with you and your child.

Mrs M Oates
Head Teacher