



St Brendan's Nursery Newsletter – October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Halloween party

Our party will be on **Friday 31st of October** and all children who attend on a Friday are invited to dress up in their Halloween costumes if they wish. Please keep any props for costumes at home to prevent them being mixed up with other children's belongings or lost.

Sponsor

We will be doing a sponsored spooky hunt at the party and would appreciate any donations as these will contribute to improving nursery experience for the children. Please find attached the sponsor sheet.

Visual screening

Will take place on **Thursday 6th of November** for all preschool children who attend nursery on that day. For more information, please see poster located in the cloakroom.

Parents Committee meeting

We would like to host our first parents committee meeting of this term on **Monday 27th of October** at 3.15pm to welcome our new and returning parents. We are looking for support for fundraising events to continually improve the resources and experiences we can offer the children of St Brendan's Nursery. This give parents and carers an opportunity to be involved in decision making and planning future events from Christmas experiences to our summer trip.

Holidays/dates for the diary

For any School holiday dates please see North Lanarkshire Council website as the approved term time holidays been published.

Staff Team

We would like to introduce our new temporary support worker Miss Nesbit to the staff team for this year. At present our Lead Miss Lowe has been overseeing both playrooms within the nursery as Mrs Muircroft our other Lead has been off. However, Mrs Muircroft is looking forward to returning and we are looking forward to welcoming her back soon.

Nursery Information

Please download the St Brendan's Nursery/school app for any information updates and newsletters. This costs £2 payable to the office where you will receive the password to gain access. Also look out for the nursery notice board on wheels at the gate for updates. Please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff if you have any questions or for any information.

Nursery Times

The nursery opening times for both playrooms is **8.50am till 2.50pm**.

Please note that most staff now finish at 3 o'clock and remaining staff hold meetings and complete paperwork out-with these times. Therefore, the home time door will be open from 2.45pm to alleviate congestion and allow for all children to be collected by 2.50pm.

Changes of Clothes

Can we ask parents to provide wellies labelled with their child's name, these stored on the wellie rack in the cloakroom for children to access and get themselves ready for outdoor play as we provide an open door policy and the weather is changing.

We ask that parents provide a bag with at least **two** full changes of clothes for their child to be left in nursery.

This should contain the following items:

- **Trousers, leggings or joggers (no jeans or buttons please)**
- **T-shirts**
- **Pants and socks**
- **Velcro fastening indoor shoes and wellies (to stay in the nursery)**

We ask that children attend nursery with clothing suitable for them to fasten and unfasten for toileting and request that the children wear Velcro or slip on shoes to help them successfully manage putting them on and off by themselves.

We are working on promoting our self-help skills allowing children to dress themselves, putting on shoes and washing their hands and would appreciate if the parents could help practice these skills at home.

Nursery Funds

We ask that parents contribute **£2** weekly donation, which children can put into the piggy banks at drop off or pick up time in the cloakroom. We would also appreciate any donated items from our **wish list** found on the nursery notice board instead of the money donation.

This helps the nursery provide two healthy snacks per day consisting of fresh fruit and veg and cereal. This also helps to provide daily messy/sensory play items such as shaving foam, ingredients for fresh homemade playdough, gloop and real vegetables for chopping and exploring during play.

Thanks for your continued support
The Nursery Team.