



St Brendan's Primary & Nursery

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



Child Protection Co-ordinator: Mrs Maura Oates

Newsletter – 20th February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move through another busy and exciting term, we would like to share some important information and dates with you.

Lenten Mass

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, 18th February. We are pleased to let you know that Father Ricklan will be celebrating Morning Mass each weekday during Lent at St Brendan's Parish Church, beginning Monday 23rd February at 8:20am.

We are very grateful to Father Ricklan for his support and warmly encourage all children and their families to join us whenever they can. Juice and a biscuit will be provided for children who attend.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Lenten Fundraising

As in previous years we will be encouraging the children to sacrifice during Lent by giving alms. Our main charities this year are Missio Scotland and SCIAF. The classes will be given a SCIAF box and this will allow the collection of their pocket money, loose change from home and any other donations.

We will also hold four fundraising events for SCIAF.

Friday 6th March	Funky Odd Sock Day
Friday 13th March	Sports Clothes Day – No Football Strips/Kits (in line with NLC Policy)
Friday 20 th March	Pyjama Day

£1 Fine is suggested to take part in these events.



We will also hold a sponsored Danceathon on Friday 27th March. Sponsor sheets will be given out nearer the time.

Donations can be paid via iPayimpact or cash can be sent into school.

Sports Swap Shop

Our school sports committee are hoping to run a **St. Brendan's Sports Swap Shop**. This initiative aims to ensure that every pupil in our school has access to sports equipment and clothing, helping all children take part confidently in physical activity and do our bit to help the environment! We will be charging a small fee of £1 for pupils and families to purchase

these items and the profits made will be used to buy more equipment for the school and playground.

We are appealing to pupils and families to donate any **unwanted, unused, or good-condition sports equipment and sportswear**. Items such as trainers, football boots, sports bags, dance shoes and costumes, tracksuits, shorts, tops and equipment would be greatly appreciated. Items can be dropped into the donation box at the front office.

Health Day – Friday 13th March

Our Sports Committee is delighted to be organising a Health Day on Friday 13th March. As part of our Lenten fundraising efforts, this will be a special “*Wear Your Sports Clothes*” day. Children are invited to come to school dressed in their sportswear and will take part in a range of fun, health-focused activities throughout the day.

We are also looking forward to welcoming local clubs who will be leading exciting Sports Taster sessions, giving pupils the opportunity to try out new activities and develop their skills. It promises to be an active and enjoyable day for everyone while supporting our Lenten fundraising. Thank you in advance for your support!

Parent Fundraising Group – Pyjama Disco

The Parent Fundraising Group are holding a ‘Pyjama Disco’ on Thursday 5th March. Tickets are £4 which includes entry to the disco, a snack pack and entry to the raffle to win a fun hamper. More raffle tickets will be available on the night for £1.

Primary 1 – 3: 6.00pm – 7.15pm

Primary 4 – 7: 7.30pm – 8.45pm

All children must be collected by an adult – no child will be allowed to walk home alone. Please come along and support the efforts of our Fundraising Group as all money raised helps the school fund experiences for our children.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March. To celebrate World Book Day we are giving the children the option of dressing up as their favourite character from a book or wearing relaxing cosy clothes eg loungewear or pyjamas.

The children will take part in a range of activities throughout the day.



WORLD BOOK DAY

There will be a themed lunch on Thursday 5th March to celebrate World Book Day.

Primary 6 High School Visit

Primary 6 children will have the opportunity to begin their transition journey to High School with their first visit to Our Lady’s High School, on Wednesday 25th February, and will spend some time in 3 different subject areas: Physical Education, Religious Education and Modern Languages. Children should bring their PE Kit, a packed lunch and pen/pencil with them.

Football Teams

Unfortunately, our Boys' Football Team's recent tournament had to be postponed due to poor weather. The event has now been rescheduled for Friday 6th March at Cathedral Primary School.

In addition, the Boys' Team will take part in a 'Fair Play' tournament at Fir Park on 19th March. Our Girls' Team will also be representing the school at their 'Fair Play' tournament at Fir Park on 12th March.

We wish all of our players the very best of luck in their upcoming matches — we are very proud of their teamwork and sportsmanship.

Please note that, due to Health and Safety regulations, parents are unfortunately unable to attend these events. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Cross Country

NLC Active Schools have arranged the Cross Country for 30th April at Wishaw Sports Centre. More information to follow.

St Brendan's Cursed Choreography Dance Troupe

Good luck to our dance group "The St Brendan's Cursed Choreography Dance Troupe" who will be competing on Thursday 19th March at Coltness High School. The team are currently working hard and I am sure this will be an exciting event for them.

Parents' Reporting Afternoon/Evening

Our Parents' Afternoon/Evening will be held on Tuesday 23rd March.

The Parents Evening Booking System will be available from Tuesday 9th March at 7.00pm. Parents/carers will be able to book their appointment online. More information to follow.

Parent Council

Next Parent Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 28th April at 6.00pm.

All parents are welcome to attend these meetings as part of the Parent Forum. Your views and opinions are very important to us.

Communication

We aim to keep our families up to date with events and news as much as possible. This newsletter is only one way in which we do so. We regularly send out messages via ParentsPortal and we blog weekly. Our blog can be accessed here:

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

We publish this newsletter on our website. A link to the newsletter on our website is also sent via ParentsPortal.

Late Coming

Teaching and learning begins immediately at the start of the school day, and this early time is vital for setting the tone, introducing new concepts, and supporting your child's progress. Arriving late can mean missing important instructions and key learning opportunities, as well as disrupting the class.

We ask for your full support in ensuring your child arrives at school on time each day. Please note that pupil entrances close promptly at 9.00am for security reasons. Any child arriving after 9.00am must enter through the main entrance and report to the school office to be signed in.

Thank you for working with us to ensure every child is ready to learn from the very beginning of the day.

Fundraising

When making purchases online please log into www.easyfundraising.org.uk.

All money raised will be used by St Brendan's Fundraising Group to help support your children.

Parking Reminder

The school car park is for staff use only.

Hair Checking Once a Week – Take a Peek

Please check your child's hair on a regular basis. Treatment can be prescribed by your doctor or bought from your local chemist. It is advisable for children with long hair to wear it tied back.

Mrs M Oates
Head Teacher

School Holidays

Schools close:	Thursday 2 nd April at 2.30pm
Spring Holiday (Easter):	Friday 3 rd April to Friday 17 th April (Inclusive)
	Good Friday 3 rd April Easter Monday 6 th April
May Holiday:	Monday 4 th May
In-service day:	Thursday 7 th May
May Weekend:	Friday 22 nd May and Monday 25 th May
Schools Close:	Friday 26 th June at 1.00pm

Important Dates for Diary

Thursday 5th March		World Book Day
Thursday 5th March		Parent Fundraising Disco P1 – P3: 6.00pm – 7.15pm P4 – P7: 7.30pm – 8.45pm
Friday 13th March		
Thursday 19th March	6.30pm	Sacrament of First Reconciliation
Tuesday 24th March		Parent's Reporting Afternoon/Evening
Tuesday 31st March to Thursday 2nd April		Primary 7 Residential trip
Friday 24th April		Parent Fundraising Group Family Night at St. Pats Hall (more details to follow)
Sunday 26th April	11.00am	Confirmation Enrolment Mass
Tuesday 28th April	6.00pm	Parent Council Meeting
Thursday 30th April		Cross Country at Wishaw Sports Centre
Wednesday 6th May		Wear Yellow Walk for Primary 6 at Strathclyde Park
Monday 11th May	7.00pm	Primary 7 Welcome Mass at OLHS
Tuesday 12th May Wednesday 13 th May		Primary 7 Induction Day 1 at OLHS Primary 7 Induction Day 2 at OLHS
Saturday 30th May	11.00am	Sacrament of First Holy Communion
Sunday 31st May	11.00am	First Holy Communion Parish Thanksgiving Mass
Thursday 4th June	7.00pm	Sacrament of Confirmation
Wednesday 10th June Thursday 11th June		Summer Show – Matinee Summer Show – Evening

Wednesday 17th June

Sports & Wellbeing Day

Thursday 25th June

Leaver's Mass 9.30am

Leaver's Assembly 11am

Leaver's Ceilidh 6.00pm – 8.00pm