



St Brendan's Primary & Nursery

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

Child Protection Co-ordinator: Mrs Maura Oates

Newsletter – October 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we move towards the end of this term and begin looking ahead to the next, our school calendar is becoming increasingly busy. We would therefore like to take this opportunity to share some important information, key dates and upcoming events with you. We look forward to another exciting and successful period of learning and achievement together.

We would also like to extend our thanks to all parents and carers who attended our recent Homework and Meet the Teacher Open Afternoon. The event was a great success, and we were delighted to receive such positive feedback. We are pleased that families found the session informative and helpful in supporting their child's learning journey.

October Holidays

School will be closed to pupils from Monday 12th to Friday 16th October 2026.

School re-opens on Monday 19th October continuing with our soft start from 8.50am to 9.00am, it is important your child is in school for 9.00am.

Settling In Parents' Evening

Our Parents' Evening will be held on Wednesday 7th October, this is a settling in review which the children are invited to. The meetings will be held in the school hall, as we trailed this in March and parent's responded positively. Also, in light of Health & Safety regulations the hall keeps everyone safe.

The Parents Evening Booking System has been open for the last fortnight, thank you to everyone who has made their appointment. If you have not already booked in, please contact the school office and an appointment can be made for you.

If for any reason you are unable to attend Parents' Evening on the above date you will be contacted after the October holiday to arrange an appointment.

Christmas Panto – Aladdin, The Kings Theatre, Glasgow, Tuesday 15th December 2025

FINAL REMINDER - If you have not already paid for the Panto, please ensure all outstanding balances are paid no later than Friday 9th October 2026. Please contact Mrs Oates if you need to discuss payment.

School Photographs

Chris McIntyre the school Photographer will be in school and nursery on ***Wednesday 27th October till Friday 23rd October***. Individuals, sibling groups, and P1 & P7 year group photographs will be taken. At the moment we are unable to confirm which photographs will be taken on which days. More information will be communicated via Parentsportal closer to the time.

Halloween Disco

The Parent Fundraising Group will hold a Halloween Disco on Thursday 22nd October.

P1 to P4 6.00 to 7.15pm

P5 to P7 7.30 to 8.45pm

Entry £4.00 pay on the door, price includes a snack pack.



Halloween Activity Afternoon

We will hold a Halloween Activity Afternoon in our classrooms on Friday 30th October from 1.20-3pm. Children will be involved in a wide range of activities whilst enjoying being dressed up for the occasion (if they wish). Children will receive a small Halloween treat.

Children can go home to get changed at 12.30pm. If any child needs to change in school staff will be available to help them.

Children will be dismissed in the usual way at 3.00pm.



Pupil Council

Congratulations to our newly elected Pupil Council:

P1	Lily	P4	Hugo and Kendal	P6	Rachel and Ollie
P2/1	Milie	P5/4	Leo and Leia	P7/6	Junior and Molly
P3/2	Eliza	P5	Ailbe & Eden	P7	Max and Jochebed
P3	Heidi				

We wish them every success in their new role.

Nursery Applications 2027

Applications are now open for Early Years Nursery Provision from August 2027. If your child turns 3 between 1st March 2027 and 28th February 2028 you should apply now for their placement in session 2027-2028. Applications are available on NLC website and should be submitted by 27th November 2026.

Parentsportal App

Parentsportal is our main form communication of events, updates and your pupil's report cards. Almost all of our families are linked up to this system. If you are not already linked, Miss Burns will be available on Wednesday 7th October, during parents Evening to support you with this.

iPayimpact

As we strive to be a cashless school, all families need to be linked on iPayimpact to pay for school events, trips and dinner money. If you are not already linked, Miss Burns will be available on Wednesday 7th October, during parents Evening to support you with this.

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club runs from 8.15am daily and costs £1 per day. If your child is in P6 or P7 please ensure they have money on their card to cover the cost of Breakfast Club and Lunch. Primary 1 to Primary 5 children are entitled to free school meals do not pay for this service. The children will go straight to their class at 8.50am. Our Breakfast Club is supervised for children using this service, we **do not** have supervision for children being dropped off at school before 8.50am.

School Clothing Reminder

Please label all items of clothing as items get mislaid daily and it is difficult to identify the owner if no name is marked.

Lost property is in the school foyer and will also be available at Parents' Evening. After this all-unclaimed item will be taken to a charity shop.

Drop In Service

St Brendan's Primary has always had an open-door policy, everyone is welcome to contact the school for an appointment to speak to Mrs Oates if you have any issues or concerns. Further to this, Mrs Oates will now have a drop-in appointment service on the first Thursday of each month from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. All welcome.

Attendance and Late coming

North Lanarkshire Council and the Scottish Government are encouraging schools to look closely at how attendance rates impact on a child's learning.

Some interesting facts about attendance:

- A child who is absent one school day per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life.
- 7.5 million School days are missed each year through unauthorised absence.
- 90% of young people with absence rates consistently below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades at National exams.

To this end we are actively monitoring our children's attendance rates. All children whose attendance rates fall below 90% (St Brendan's Primary school's target rate) will receive a letter detailing their attendance rates for the term August to October along with codes which NLC schools use to record absences. We do understand if children are sick they are not fit for school and should be kept at home, however, these letters will keep you informed of your child's attendance rate.

In addition to this if your child's attendance is significantly below 90% you will be contacted to discuss the matter further.

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.

Weekly Blog

Our classes' blog weekly don't forget to check out our blog on our website at:

blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/stbrendansps/.

Allergies

A gentle reminder that **St Brendan's Primary School and Nursery is a Nut, Egg and Prawn Free Zone**. To help keep all of our children safe, please ensure that no products containing these allergens are brought into school.

We would also kindly ask that **dogs are not brought into the school grounds during drop-off and pick-up times**. Some of our children have severe allergies to animals, and this measure helps us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

Important Diary Dates

Please see below for some key dates for after the October holiday.

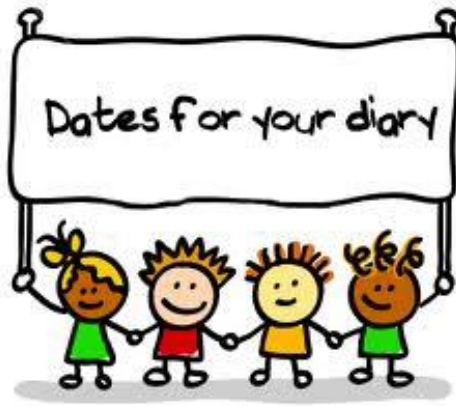
Parking – Reminder

A polite reminder to all parents, carers and visitors that the school staff car park is reserved for staff use only. To help ensure the safety of our pupils and allow staff to access the school site efficiently, we kindly ask that families do not park in this area at drop-off or collection times. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping to keep our school community safe.

Alternative parking is available within St. Brendan's Parish Church Car Park.



Mrs M Oates
Head Teacher



October

Wednesday 7th October
Monday 12th October
Thursday 22nd October
Friday 30th October

Settling In Parents Afternoon & Evening
School and Nursery closed - October Week
Halloween Disco
Halloween Activity Afternoon

November

Tuesday 10th November
Monday 16th November
Friday 27th November

Parent Council Meeting 6.00pm
In-Service Day – School and Nursery closed to children
St. Andrew's Celebration

December

Tuesday 8th December
Wednesday 9th December
Thursday 10th December
Friday 11th December
Tuesday 15th December
Thursday 17th December
Friday 18th December

Choir singing at Tesco
Primary 6 and 7 Christmas Party
Primary 4 and 5 Christmas Party
Primary 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Party
Christmas Panto
Carol Service and Christmas Enterprise Fayre
School closes for Christmas Holidays 2.30pm