



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers and friends of St. John Paul II,

We have had a busy start to the school year! Our Primary 1 children have been settling into life at school, supported by their wonderful buddies and our staff team. Our other children are also getting back into the swing of things! We are working hard to establish our routines and our shared expectations.

There is a definite air of excitement around this year with the possibilities ahead, especially as things are returning to a more normal flow.

Importantly, we are working hard to engage with Parents/Carers and have a number of events coming up, which should be interesting to you all. Please try to support these events, where possible.

I look forward to working with you all throughout this school year.

With renewed good wishes,

Mr Thomas

Head Teacher



PARENTS AS PARTNERS EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!

Prior to the Pandemic and the restrictions this led to, we held a Parents as Partners Events with different classes showcasing their learning each day.

Thurs 6th October:	P7A Miss Agnew P7B Miss Williamson P6A Mr McLaughlin
Fri 7th October:	P6B Miss Thompson P5A Mrs Dickson P5B Miss Millar
Mon 10th October	P4A Mrs Reeves/Mrs Murtagh P4B Mrs McDonnell P3C Mrs McDade
Tues 11th October:	P3B Mrs Moodycliffe P2C/3A McCluskey/Mrs Mulgrew
Wed 12th October:	P2A Mrs McKay P2B Miss Brady
Thurs 13th October:	P1A Miss McCardie P1B Miss Byrne

PROGRAMME FOR EACH

MORNING:

9:10am	Tea/Coffee Served in the hall
9:20am	Introduction from Mr Thomas
9:30am	Children showcase

The morning is normally over by about 10:15am.

You will hear about one aspect of learning which the children have chosen to showcase and then you will have an opportunity to view their work and discuss it with them. Please come along and join in these events if you are able. We realise that not everyone will be able to attend, due to work or other commitments. Perhaps an older sibling or grandparents could come along in this case?

STAFFING FOR 2022 - 2023

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

In order that all Parents and Carers know who to turn to if they need to speak to someone regarding their child(ren), the following points of contact have been agreed for pastoral, behaviour and curricular support within the school Leadership Team:

Nursery, P1, P2 & P3

Mrs Byers Principal Teacher (Mon/Tues/Wed only)

Mrs Murtagh Principal Teacher (Thurs/Frid only)

P4, P5, P6 & P7

Mr McCann Principal Teacher

Mrs MacFadyen Principal Teacher

Mr Thomas and Mrs Martin, having overall strategic leadership of the school, will always be available when necessary.

CLASS STRUCTURE & TEACHING STAFF:

Nursery: Miss L Crawford, Mrs S Bell, Mrs A McCormick, Mrs A Mason + one vacancy

P1A Miss N McCardie

P1B Miss E Byrne

P2A Mrs C McKay

P2B Miss P Brady

P2C/3A Mrs C McCluskey/Mrs A Mulgrew

P3B Mrs C Moodycliffe

P3C Mrs CA McDade

P4A Mrs JC Reeves/Mrs T Murtagh

P4B Mrs P McDonnell

P5A Mrs L Dickson

P5B Miss K Millar

P6A Mr M McLaughlin

P6B Miss L Thompson

P7A Miss L Agnew

P7B Miss R Williamson

Nurture: Mrs C Bell

Teacher Non-contact & Learning Support:

Mrs N MacFadyen (Spanish), Mr R Cooney (P.E.)

Cluster Attainment Teacher: Miss E Gallacher

Cluster Digital Pedagogy Teacher: Mr J Quinn

SUPPORT STAFF:

Office Staff: Mr A Johnston

Vacancy

Mrs J. Cummings (P/Time)

Classroom Assistant: Mrs B. Bradley

Support Assistants: Mrs C. Shevlin (P/Time)

Miss S. McDonald (F/Time)

Ms R Ahmed (F/Time)

Ms K Davidson (F/Time)

Mrs S Ferguson (P/Time)

Mrs M Bowman (P/Time)

Lunch Hall Assistant: Mrs J. Cummings

Janitors: Mr S Cairns

Mr J Legget

Educational Psychologist: Mrs G Bilsland

Music Specialist: Mrs L McGregor

Brass Instructor: Mr D Kane



We continue to be supported by a great cleaning staff along with all of the catering staff, as well as all of the other professionals and visiting specialists who work our school. I thank them all for their continued efforts and support of the children.



SOME REMINDERS FOR EVERYONE!

The start of a school year always means we need to send out some reminders about various routines and expectations. These help with the safe, smooth and successful running of our school. It is only with the co-operation of everyone that our school operates in those ways. If people ignore these and think these reminders are not for them, then this can lead to discontent with other Parents/Carers and it can also lead to otherwise avoidable situations. **PLEASE DO YOUR BIT AND TRY TO FOLLOW OUR ROUTINES AND EXPECTATIONS!**

NUT ALLERGIES

We have a number of children and some staff who have **severe nut allergies**. It is important to make all Parents/Carers and Children aware of the dangers of bringing items which contain nuts in them to school. You may think that it is only when a person comes into direct contact with nuts that they can be affected. However, people can take a reaction even by touching the hand of someone who has come into contact with nuts. Therefore, we ask that you send nothing into school with your child which contains nuts. This includes Chocolate Spread, and in particular Nutella.

THIS SCHOOL IS A



CAR PARK ATTITUDES & BEHAVIOURS

The Car Park has been the focus of some recent communications to all Parents/Carers. Despite consistent reminders and appeals, the Car Park still feels like an accident waiting to happen. Please, please, PLEASE... if you or another member of your family is a driver and you enter either of our Car Parks to drop off or collect children, **be safe, be sensible and be courteous**. Drive with care, follow the one way system, park in a safe space and be on the look out for pedestrians.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING DOGS INTO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS!

At the beginning of a new school year, it seems that lots of people have forgotten that absolutely **NO DOGS** are permitted to be in the school grounds, regardless of size, age or breed. Carrying dogs in the school grounds is also not permitted.

I ask for your co-operation with this matter, as we currently have a number of people bringing dogs when dropping off and collecting children. This is particularly concerning during busy times.

It is preferable that dogs are not even brought near the school gates. The areas immediately outside the gates are also busy and can cause dogs to become distressed and agitated. This is particularly concerning when there is more than one dog in the area at the same time.



No dogs allowed
in the school
grounds



HAVE YOU LABELLED YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS?

The lost property mountain had been cleared, but it is rising from the ashes again! Despite repeated calls for all items to be labelled, we find numerous items every day with no name and no way of returning them to their owners. **It is so sad to see these garments and other belongings going unclaimed. Please help us! Label everything!**

St. John Paul II



Nursery News

WELCOME TO OUR NURSERY NEWS SECTION!

Our Nursery children have been settling in so well since the start of the new school year. As you know, the Nursery Class is a busy place and we are really delighted to be welcoming Parents/Carers back into the building for drop off and collection as well as other events we are planning throughout the year.

The staff are always available to chat and offer support or an update. Please do keep an eye on the school Newsletter, App and Website for relevant updates and news items.

NURSERY DROP OFF AND COLLECTION

As you all know, the Nursery doors are open from 8:40am and you can drop your child off from then. Our collection time at the end of the day is 2:40pm. Between 8:40am and 2:40pm, you have the freedom to make use of the 1140 hours of provision and you can drop off and collect whenever necessary in consultation with our Nursery staff. However, **the Nursery day ends at 2:40pm and children should be collected at this time.** If you are going to be late, please contact the school office and inform staff. This saves us trying to call emergency contacts. Thank you for your co-operation.

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

We are so happy to be arranging *in person events* again, after such a long time! This kind of thing really helps to build positive relationships with our Parents/Carers and the wider community. Here are some dates for you to put into your diary. Please come along and support when you can...

Week Beginning 19th September: Settling in reports to be issued

Wednesday 21st September: Parent Consultations (appointments to be issued)

Week Beginning 3rd October: Sponsor Week

From 27th October: Roar Football Coach (5 week block)

Tuesday 15th November: Stay & Play Session - Parents/Carers can stay from 8:40—9:40am

LEARNING CONTEXT

We are currently learning about Autumn within the context of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children are enjoying exploring the school grounds!

ROAR FOOTBALL

This begins on 27th October for five weeks. Please make sure that the children are wearing something comfortable for taking part in this. Each session will be planned around a theme. These sessions are always very much enjoyed by the children!

OUTDOOR AREA

There has been a new workbench installed as well as a new snack bench outdoors. The children are loving these new additions to the Outdoor Area and are making great use of them. Many thanks to Mr Crawford for his time and effort in building these for us!

WEEKLY DONATION

We know that people will be feeling the pinch of the cost of living... it will be impacting on all families but perhaps some more than others. We understand that circumstances are different for all, but ask that you make a donation whenever possible. This can be any amount. All funds are used directly for the children and fund things like the morning snack which we do not have an allocated budget for. This money is also contributing towards things like the football coach. Thank you for supporting whenever you can.

*Donations
are greatly
Appreciated!*

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY SURVEY OF PARENTS/CARERS

Given the financial climate that families are facing, we decided to survey all Parents/Carers about their preferences in terms of school photographs. The survey deals with the quality of photographs, costs, frequency and preferences.



So far - the overwhelming majority of those who responded have said they want photographs to be taken in term 1 (August - October). As we are now in September, this may prove difficult, but we will do our best!

The majority of people said they trust the school to choose an appropriate photographer. People had various preferences for what photographs are taken and how often, but we will go with the majority.

IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED OUR SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE, YOU HAVE UNTIL [MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER AT 5PM](#) TO DO SO. Please click [HERE](#) to access the survey.

PARENTS PORTAL

parentsportal.scot

Many of our Parents/Carers are already registered with Parents Portal. This is a one stop shop for all aspects of school life involving Parents and Carers. You can...

- ◆ Keep the data we have on file up to date (name/address/emergency contact/medical)
- ◆ Make payments for lunch/snacks/trips, etc.
- ◆ Make appointments for Parents' Night
- ◆ Report and absence
- ◆ Sign permission slips
- ◆ Receive information from the school

Following some of the difficulties we are having with the school App, we would like to utilise this free resource. It is North Lanarkshire's main way of communicating with Parents/Carers.

In the next week or so, we will be contacting all Parents/Carers who have not yet registered (this will include all of our new P1 Parents/Carers.

We will also offer support with registering for those who need it.

We encourage you ALL to make use of this resource. ONE PASSWORD to use all functions!

REPORTING TO PARENTS

During this school year, you will have numerous opportunities to be involved in your child's learning as well as receiving updates on their progress. We have changed the order of this slightly this year. Your opportunities will be as follows:

October: Written Interim (short) report

November: Parent Consultation Night 1

March: Parent Consultation Night 2

June: Written (full) report

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PROGRESS

SCHOOL APP

We have been experiencing some technical difficulties with our App. It seems that the company have to renegotiate their terms with both Apple and Google Play. Therefore, any new subscribers will not be able to subscribe. The company are hopeful for a quick fix and they have offered an extension to our current contract free of charge. Existing users will still be able to access information, but we are unable to send Push Notifications to users.



SCHOOL FINANCES & GENERAL

FUNDRAISING

Ordinarily, throughout the school year, we hold various events to raise money for school funds as well as charitable donations. In the last year, we have done less of this, but we have subsidised a lot of school activities. As Parents/Carers, you have been very generous in this regard. It means that, when we ask you to pay for a trip or another event, we can ask you for less!

We know that things will be increasingly difficult with the cost of living on the rise.

It has always been our philosophy that **no child will be left out!** For those who feel unable to make a contribution, or for those who have more than one child at school, there is never any pressure to contribute the full amount.

Some Parents/Carers have expressed a wish to contribute more to a general fund, which could be used when families are finding it difficult to cover costs of school activities.

We have been discussing all of this as a staff and with the Parent Council to ensure we get the right message across to Parents/Carers.

We are trying to plan events to bring the community back into the building. Our Christmas Show and Christmas Fayres will be coming up and we will have a fun day before the October holiday. Within all of these, we will take steps to keep costs low and ensure that **all children have access to these activities and events.**



FREE SCHOOL MEALS & CLOTHING

GRANTS

Many of our families benefit from the provision of Free School Meals or Clothing Grants. These are great ways to reduce the cost of the school day. However, many of our eligible families do not apply for this provision even though they are entitled. **Children from Nursery to Primary 5 are currently entitled to Free School Meals.**

For children who have moved into Primary 6 and those in Primary 7, applications are required.

In the recent announcement of Scottish Government Business for the coming year, a commitment was made to extending Free School Meals to children in P6 and P7. We await an announcement of when this is to begin.

Free School Meals do not include Tuck Shop purchases. They do, however, include Breakfast Club provision.

PUPIL EQUITY FUNDING

The amount of Pupil Equity Funding we receive as a school from the Scottish Government is directly linked to the number of children in receipt of these grants. The more people we have applying, the more our children benefit from the additional funding for our school.

DO YOU NEED HELP OR ADVICE?

Contact us at the school. We are happy to assist you in any way we can with completing the form, or providing you with a copy of it.

FURTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE FROM THE NLC FINANCIAL INCLUSION TEAM:

The council's Financial Inclusion Team can assist residents with welfare benefits and money advice. Contact them at fit@northlan.gov.uk or on 01698 332551.

Please contact Mr Thomas if you require help or support.

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR 2022/23

ENROLMENT MEETING

WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2022

St. Gabriel's Church: St. Columba's Church:

P3: First Confession @ 6pm

P4: First Communion @ 6:30pm

P7: Confirmation @ 7pm

Meetings will take place simultaneously in both churches. Please attend the meeting in your own parish.

Click [HERE](#) to download the letter which was sent home recently and posted on our website.

We await a decision on dates for First Confession and First Communion. However, we have been informed by the Diocese of Motherwell that our Confirmations will take place in St. Columba's on 28th February 2023 at 7pm and then in St. Gabriel's on 1st March 2023 at 7pm.



Non Uniform Day

Thursday 22nd September 2022

On this day, children are not required to wear uniform.

**NO FOOTBALL STRIPS/TOPS
PLEASE!**

We will collect for school funds on this day. We suggest £1 but any donation will be welcomed!

There is **NO PRESSURE** to donate anything though, so all children can participate!

P5 KODALY MUSIC LESSONS

We are delighted to welcome Mrs McGregor to our staff team this year. Mrs McGregor has worked with us for many years now and she has worked with hundreds of our P5 children in that time. The Kodaly Music initiative is a learning approach based on singing games and rhymes. The children always thoroughly enjoy these lessons which happen every fortnight.



CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENTS

ABC CREATIVE MUSIC

As we continue in our journey towards a more normal school year, we are working to ensure that our children are participating in a Broad General Education. To this end, all staff are being trained in ABC Music, which will become our core resource for Learning and Teaching within the Music Curriculum. This is a Scottish resource which has a proven track record in multiple schools throughout the country.

TALK FOR WRITING

As you will see from our Curriculum Evening flyer, we are introducing 'Talk for Writing' as part of our core Literacy programme. You will hear a lot more about this throughout the school year and we encourage you to come along to our event on 20th September.

MODERN LANGUAGES

All children are participating in Spanish Lessons and even our Nursery children are having a go! Mrs MacFadyen will be working with each class. Modern Languages is now an entitlement for all children in Primary School. Children in P5 - P7 will be studying both Spanish and French, however French will begin later in the year. It is wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic about learning a new language!



ST. JOHN PAUL II

Primary School & Nursery Class

Curriculum Evening

Tuesday 20th September 2022

We invite all Parents and Carers to join us to find out a little more about aspects of the Curriculum here at St. John Paul II.

The evening will be led by members of the school leadership team, along with some other members of staff. This is the first event of it's kind for quite some time, due to the pandemic, and we would therefore extend a warm welcome to everyone who is able to attend.

Programme for the Evening:

6:30pm Introduction from Mr Thomas in the Hall.

6:50pm Workshop 1

7:15pm Workshop 2

7:35pm Workshop 3

You choose which workshops you wish to attend. We have included a few minutes in each session for moving around.

HOW TO SIGN UP:

So that we have an idea of numbers, please click [HERE](#) to let us know that you will be attending. However, anyone can turn up on the night!

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU COME ALONG...

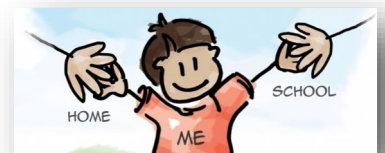
The evening will begin with a short introduction from Mr Thomas, followed by three 20 minute sessions which you can choose from. You will see there are actually four options below, but one of these is specifically for Primary 1 Parents/Carers.

Talk for Writing (All): Mrs Martin & Mrs Byers will introduce you to this exciting new approach that we are using to teach Writing in school.

P1 Literacy (P1 Only): **THIS SESSION WILL LAST LONGER, THEREFORE YOU SHOULD ONLY SIGN UP FOR ONE OTHER WORKSHOP.** Mrs Murtagh and Mrs Bell will work with P1 Parents/Carers to help them understand more about our approach to literacy in P1 and how Parents/Carers can support their child.

SEAL Maths (All): Mr McCann will lead this session, which explains how we teach the number part of the curriculum.

Microsoft Teams (All): Mrs MacFadyen will offer support with all aspects of Teams and demonstrate how to support children to access their homework and other tasks as well as some of the other Teams functions.



ST. JOHN PAUL II PARENT COUNCIL

We are lucky to have a supportive and pro-active Parent Council in our school community. It is an important part of the work of the school. It is a fantastic way to get involved in various areas of school life. As we are at the beginning of a new school year, I thought it would be a good time to fill you in on the work the Parent Council does and the ways in which you could contribute.

There are some misconceptions about what would be expected of you if you joined the Parent Council...

"It would take up a lot of my time..."

"There are too many meetings..."

"I cannot commit to all of the events and meetings which means I shouldn't offer my services..."

"The Parent Council is not for me..."

"If I don't want to participate in the meetings, I can't volunteer for other events throughout the year..."

"It is only certain people who can be part of the Parent Council..."

There are only 4 meetings per year.

However, here are the facts...

The Parent Council is not just about fundraising. They support the school in many ways.

ANY parent or carer can join the Parent Council.

If the official meetings aren't for you, you can always volunteer to support the various events held for the children throughout the year. The more we have, the better for everyone!

There is no expectation that members will attend EVERY meeting and event. We know family life can be busy!

Parent Council Meetings for 2022 -

2023

Tuesday 1st November at 6pm

Tuesday 17th January 2022 at 6pm

Tuesday 25th April 2022 at 6pm (AGM)

Event Calendar for 2022 -2023

Thursday 27th October Halloween Disco

P1-3 6pm - 7:15pm

P4-7 7:30pm - 8:45pm

Tuesday 7th February P1-3 Movie Night

Doors open at 5:45pm

Thursday 9th February P4-6 Movie Night

Doors open at 5:45pm

Thursday 16th February P7 Movie Night

Doors open at 5:45pm

Thursday 4th May: Family Quiz Night

Thursday 15th June Beach Party Disco

P1-3 6pm - 7:15pm

P4-7 7:30pm - 8:45pm

Please remember: You do not have to volunteer for ALL of these events. Please give of your time when you can. However, without volunteers, the events would not happen!

Contact the school office for further information or email: enquiries-at-johnpaul@northlan.org.uk



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES FOR 2022-2023:

Each year, we produce a School Improvement Plan, which outlines our priorities for the continuous improvement of our school. At the heart of all of our improvement activities are the children and improved learning and teaching experiences and outcomes for them. We arrive at these priorities through rigorous self evaluation.

CLUSTER PRIORITY ONE: Improving Attendance

We will focus on working with families to ensure maximum attendance at school whilst supporting children and families to break down any barriers that may keep them from attending school.

CLUSTER PRIORITY TWO: Delivering 'The Promise'

The Promise is a Scottish Government Initiative with a focus on making Scotland the best place for young people to thrive and learn. The Promise has a particular focus on delivering outcomes for Care Experienced Children.

SCHOOL PRIORITY ONE: Improving Attainment in Writing

As previously mentioned, we will use the 'Talk for Writing' approach to improve learning and teaching within this part of our Literacy Curriculum.

SCHOOL PRIORITY TWO: Continue to develop a whole school approach to STEM.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) was part of last year's improvement plan. We aim to continue this development work.



PRIMARY 7 OUTDOOR WEEK AT STRATHCLYDE PARK

Our P7 children are being offered a week of Outdoor Learning at Strathclyde Park. The original date was set for November, however, Mr Thomas has tried to negotiate a later date in order to give more time for payment.

The new dates are **27th February—3rd March**.

The cost of this trip is £100 and we will open this for online payment **from NOW**. This will give Parents/Carers the chance to pay in small instalments.

The cost includes:

- ◆ 5 packed days led by various coaches
- ◆ Travel to and from the park each day
- ◆ All equipment required

Children will take part in activities like:

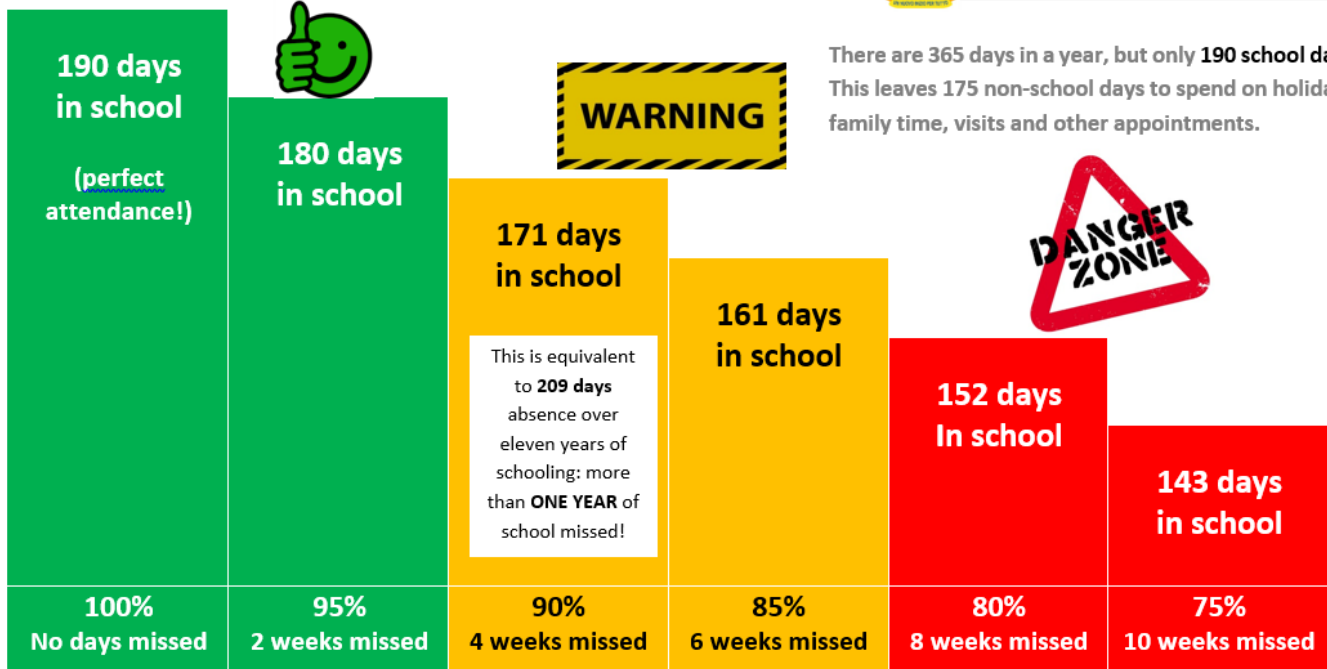
Bushcraft Orienteering Water Sports Speedboat
Mountain Biking Bikeability 1, 2 & 3 (formerly Cycling Proficiency)
Highland Games



Understanding your child's attendance percentage



ST. JOHN PAUL II
Primary School & Nursery Class



There are 365 days in a year, but only 190 school days. This leaves 175 non-school days to spend on holidays, family time, visits and other appointments.

This level of attendance gives your child the **best possible chance** of making good progress and having success in their learning

This level of attendance is **worrying**. It will make it harder for your child to make good progress and they are less likely to have success in their learning

This level of attendance is **extremely concerning**. It will be very difficult for your child to make good progress in their learning and there is likely to be a serious impact on their success in school



ATTENDANCE MATTERS... every school day counts!

PUPIL ATTENDANCE & LATE ARRIVAL - The North Lanarkshire Target is 95% for all children

It goes without saying that the more time a child spends at school, the better chance they have of reaching their fullest potential. Please take a look at the table above. When a child arrives late, this is disruptive for them and for all of the other children in their class at times. Please make every effort to ensure your child(ren) is/are on time for school every day!

The interrupted education our children have experienced means we need a concerted effort between home and school to ensure our children attend school on time and regularly.

IMPROVING PUPIL ATTENDANCE is part of our School Improvement Plan and it is a focus for all schools within the Cardinal Newman Cluster.

Schools in our cluster will be doing the following:

- Regularly reviewing attendance and late coming data (twice per term)
- Contacting Parents/Carers who have children whose attendance levels drop below 95%
- Working with partners to support families with children who regularly miss school

PARENTS & CARERS are asked to co-operate by:

- Keeping planned absences to a minimum during term time (appointments/holidays)
- Ensuring that children arrive for school on time - school starts at 9am
- Ensuring that children are not collected early - school finished at 3pm
- When your child is absent, you must contact the school and provide a valid reason - too many of our children have **unexplained absences**.

Before the end of the month, ALL children will be issued with an Attendance Letter to give you an idea of how their attendance is looking.

SEPTEMBER 2022

Date:	Event:	Time/Venue:
Monday 19th September	BANK HOLIDAY for Queen Elizabeth II's Funeral	School Closed
Tuesday 20th September	Curriculum Evening	See flyer in Newsletter
Thursday 22nd September	Non Uniform Day	Donations gratefully accepted!
Friday 23rd September	HOLIDAY	
Monday 26th September	HOLIDAY	
Thursday 29th September	Choir singing in Carfin Grotto	
Thursday 6th October	P7A, P7B & P6A Parents as Partners	9:10am
Friday 7th October	P6B, P5A & P5B Parents as Partners	9:10am
Monday 10th October	P4A, P4B & P3A Parents as Partners	9:10am
Tuesday 11th October	P3B & P2/3 Parents as Partners	9:10am
Wednesday 12th October	P2A & P2B Parents as Partners	9:10am
Wednesday 12th October	Sacramental Preparation Meeting First Confession First Communion Confirmation	Meetings take place in both St. Gabriel's Church & St. Columba's Church. 6pm 6:30pm 7pm
Thursday 13th October	P1A & P1B Parents as Partners	9:10am
Friday 14th October	Fun Day & Non Uniform Day	Activities all day
Friday 14th October	Interim Reports Issued to Parents/Carers	
Monday 17th—Friday 21st October	OCTOBER HOLIDAY	
Monday 24th October	School reopens	Breakfast Club at 8:15am All pupils at 9am
Monday 24th October	SCHOOL PATRONAL FEAST DAY - THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN PAUL II Feast Day Mass <i>During this Mass we will have a commissioning service for our new P6 Pope Francis Faith Award participants</i> Celebratory Cinema Afternoon	11am in the Assembly Hall Parents/Carers are welcome to join us!
Thursday 24th October	Halloween Disco	P1-3 6pm - 7:15pm P4-7 7:30pm - 8:45pm
Monday 31st October	Halloween Parade (Children Only)	Children can be collected from the main gate at 12:15pm if Parents/Carers would like them to come home and change.
Monday 14th November	INSET DAY	



ST. JOHN PAUL II

Primary School & Nursery Class

The School Year
2022 - 2023

September 2022

Bank Holiday for HM Queen Elizabeth's Funeral: Monday 19th September 2022

September weekend: Friday 23 September to Monday 26 September 2022 (inclusive)

October 2022

October week: Monday 17 to Friday 21 October 2022 (inclusive)

November 2022

In-service day: Monday 14 November 2022

December 2022 - January 2023

Schools close: Thursday 22 December 2022 at 2.30pm

Christmas and New Year holidays: Friday 23 December 2022 to Friday 6 January 2023 (inclusive)

Schools return: Monday 9 January 2023

February 2023

Mid-term break: Monday 13 February 2023 and Tuesday 14 February 2023

In-service day: Wednesday 15 February 2023

April 2023

Schools close: Friday 31 March 2023 at 2.30pm

Spring holiday (Easter): Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April (inclusive)

Good Friday: 7 April 2023

Easter Monday: 10 April 2023

Schools return: Monday 17 April 2023

May 2023

May holiday: Monday 1 May 2023

In-service day: Tuesday 2 May 2023

May weekend: Friday 26 May 2023 to Monday 29 May 2023 (inclusive)

June 2023

Schools close: Wednesday 28 June 2023 at 1pm

