



NEWSLETTER

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

March is upon us and we are beginning to see the lighter mornings and lighter evenings too, which is always a welcomed change in the year! This means that we are, hopefully, moving into better weather in the coming weeks, although not quite yet!

I appreciate that you have had some further disruption this term and I thank you for the supportive way in which you have dealt with this.

When we move into March, we as a school find ourselves in a situation where we are continuing with our plans for the current school year, whilst planning ahead for the next one! Transition is high on our agenda, both for those who will become our new primary one children as well as helping our P7s prepare for their move to Secondary School. We are also in the throws of receiving applications for our Nursery Class. On top of this, some of our children are moving to different establishments and we are working with their families to make this as smooth as possible.

All the while, the day to day business of our school continues with our children at the heart of it!

Please take some time to catch up on what is happening in our school community and to take note of things which are specific to your child or children!

With renewed good wishes,

Mr Thomas
Head Teacher

INSIDE THIS ISSUE...

This edition of our Newsletter is packed with information. Here are some of the main highlights you might want to look out for...

- Nursery News
- Introducing FUSION - the new way to order school meals!
- Parent Portal & Online Payments
- Transition Information
- Lent 2023
- Sacraments
- School Improvement Update
- Reporting to Parents/Carers

And much more...!

BANK HOLIDAY FOR THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

The UK Government has announced that **Monday 8th May will be a National Bank Holiday** following the Coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6th May 2023.

All schools and early years establishments will be closed on Monday 8th May. This is an additional holiday and has only just officially be confirmed by North Lanarkshire Council.

INTRODUCING FUSION *Changes are coming to the School Meal Ordering Service*

For some time now, we have had a lunch ordering system in place within North Lanarkshire Schools. This service is being upgraded and will now be carried out digitally!

The changes are:

- **This is open to ALL children; those entitled to a free school meal (P1-7) and those who currently pay.**
- Parents/Carers will be able to download an App. You will be able to see the menus and order up to two weeks in advance for your child. This will then show in school and in your child's class.
- Children will still be able to order for themselves each morning in school. They will do this using the SMARTBoard.
- Orders are digitally sent straight to the school kitchen by 9:30am in the morning.
- Coloured bands will still be issued to all children who order a lunch. This helps keep the service in the kitchen running smoothly and as swiftly as possible.

Have you signed up for online payments? If not, you will need to do this to access the online menus and meal order service. Click [HERE](#) to sign up! Contact us if you need help!



Technicians will be in school to set this up on 14th March, with the system expected to go live on 15th March.

What should I do just now?

For now, you only need to make sure that you are signed up for Online Payments using the link in the speech bubble above. This is useful for lots of other things such as trips, etc. We will circulate further information on:

- Downloading the Fusion App
- How to use the App and what happens next

You cannot link to the App for now, as you need to insert an **on-boarding code** which we will issue in due course (when the system goes live). As always, we are learning to work with this new system together!

P6 & P7 UNPAID SCHOOL MEALS

Catering Services have brought to my attention that there are significant outstanding amounts for school meal/breakfast club purchases in P6 and P7.

P6 = £319 P7 = £400 (from a week ago)

Please check your child's account to see what outstanding amounts are there and, if you are able to, try and contribute something to lower this.

It may be the case that you have simply lost track of your child's account. However, I understand that all of our families could be finding things financially difficult right now as the cost of living increases. *Please consider applying for Free School Meals if you think your child would be entitled. Click [HERE](#) to apply.*

If you would like to talk to me about this, I can assure you of confidentiality and a sympathetic ear! I have suggestions on how families can maximise income and also people I can contact on your behalf if you require further support.

LENT



PRAY



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ARRANGEMENTS FOR LENT 2023

We have made a great start to our Lenten Journey at St. John Paul II. We are being supported by both Father Bogan and Father Morris in our efforts.

We are encouraging the children to **Pray, Fast and Give** during the season of Lent and we have lots planned to help them do this.



PRAY

We have **Daily Mass** in the school Assembly at 8:20am. Everyone is welcome to attend this and Breakfast Club is available afterwards. Parents/Carers/Grandparents/Parishioners are all very welcome. Children are given a Lenten Journey Card which is entered into an Easter Egg Raffle

Stations of the Cross are held each Monday. 12noon for P6 & P7 and 2pm for P4 & P5. Again, all are welcome to join us.

Our end of term Service will be on Thursday 30th March at 11am in the school. All welcome.

The tradition during Lent is to give something up, or abstain from things they usually do. For example, lots of children give up sweets and save up the money for charity. Others will donate their pocket money or spend less time on their games console.



FAST



GIVE

Alms giving is another tradition during Lent, where we offer charitable donations to various causes. We tend to focus on SCIAF, Missio and Mary's Meals. However, when things are difficult and many are feeling the challenge of the cost of living, we can give up our **TIME!** Our Lenten Charity Fun Day is on 31st March. Please only give what you can.

Try to encourage the children to get involved in the school Journey of Lent! It is part of who we are as a school community. You are most welcome to join us too!





NURSERY NEWS - *Message from Mr Thomas*

There is a lot happening in our Nursery over the coming weeks and months! We have included some advanced dates for your diary so that you can put them into your calendar. Please do try to come along to the events if you can. I remind you all that we appeal for a weekly donation towards the provision of snacks for the children (not lunch as this is provided free of charge!) Every donation helps.

DAFFODIL TEA

We are so excited to invite our nursery families to our Daffodil Tea. The Christmas coffee morning was such a success and enjoyed by all. This can be a lovely opportunity for you to meet other nursery parents/carers and bring your families along to be included in our nursery family!

The Coffee Morning will be on **Friday 17th March at 9am-10.20am in the School Dining Hall.**

The children would like to sing some of their favourite springtime songs for you all and we will hold a raffle. Any donations of raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. If you would be interested in helping with the coffee morning, please speak with a staff member. The children can arrive at nursery at the usual time of 8.40am and families will have access to the hall from 9am. Staff will bring the children through to the hall.

If you are able to attend it would be very helpful to staff to have a rough idea of how many people will be coming along to ensure we have catered for the right number.

Please let staff know as soon as you can. On this day the children will celebrate Mother's Day.



EASTER PARTY

We would like to invite the children to attend our Easter Party on **Friday 31st March**. In previous years we have had an Easter Bonnet or Crazy Hair Day – both have been a huge success and enjoyed by everyone. This year we would like to give you the choice. If the children would like to participate, they can either create their own Easter Bonnet or show off Crazy Hair designs.

On this day the party will take place in the morning, and we will hopefully have a very special visitor.

NURSERY TO P1 TRANSITION

Our Nursery to School Transition for pre-school children starting Primary School in August will be starting soon. The children already have daily opportunities to visit the school and have been enjoying the opportunity to visit and work in a Primary 1 classroom. We will begin visits into the playground at playtime in March. **We have a timetable in place for ALL Nursery children to visit the School Library, Trim Trail, Pitch, Gym Hall and ICT Room.**



As part of our transition planning, we would like to give all children the opportunity to bring a packed lunch on the last Friday over every month. On this day the children will have the opportunity to bring a packed lunch or order a snack to go. The dates are as follows;

Friday 5th May 2023

Friday 12th 2023

Friday 19th May 2023



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Library Visit			
		ICT Room Visits		Gym Hall
Classroom Visit	Playground Visit		Classroom Visit	
		Playground Visit		Classroom Visit
Trim Trail	Classroom Visit		Trim Trail	
		Trim Trail		Pitch Time
	Trim Trail			

NURSERY DROP OFF & COLLECTION TIMES

Just a little reminder that the times are 8.40am – 2.40pm. Each morning a staff member will be present at the door from 8.40am – 9am. If you are running a little late, please don't worry, however, it would be greatly appreciated if you let our school office staff know as we order lunches each day at 9am. Children must be dropped off and collected by an adult.

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: *Please check the calendar at the back of this Newsletter for Holiday Dates.*

Stay and Play Session

We like to take this opportunity to invite you to our Stay and Play session on **Friday 19th May 2023** from 8.40am – 9.40am. On this day the children will show you around their nursery and tell you all about their learning. Our last Stay and Play on Tuesday 15th November 2022 was a great success.

Sports Day

Our Nursery Sports Day will be on Friday 5th May. More information will be communicated closer to the date.

Nursery Reports

Reports will be sent out week beginning on Friday 2nd June. This will only be for the children starting School in August. All children returning to nursery will get a learning insert into their learning story.

Parents Consultations

These will be on **Tuesday 6th June** and like before **10 minutes** will be allocated to each appointment. Please speak with the staff to arrange an appointment. If there are no appointments that suit staff will try to accommodate an appointment at another time. The children will have the opportunity to take their learning story home to share their learning.

Father's Day Tea

The children will be hosting a 'Father's Day Tea' which will be held on Friday 16th June at 9am-9.45am. This is for the children to say thank you to some of the important people in their lives. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

Summer Party

Our Summer Party will be on Friday 23rd June. On this day we will have party games and hope to have a special visit for the children in the morning! We will also have a lunch time treat...

Graduation Tea

Our nursery Graduation will be on Friday 23rd June, this will be after nursery hours. More information will be sent out nearer the time, but save the date!

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

Our Sacramental Celebrations are well underway for this school year. As always, we encourage you to approach one of our school chaplains if there is anything you wish to discuss with them. They are both very approachable and will be supportive in any way they can.

Father Morris (St. Gabriel's) 01698 817609

Father Bogan (St. Columba's) 01698 813311

WILL YOUR CHILD BE GOING INTO P3 NEXT YEAR? OR ARE THEY GOING INTO P4 AND YOU WANT THEM TO MAKE THEIR CONFESSION & COMMUNION? DO YOU NEED TO ARRANGE BAPTISM FOR YOUR CHILD? Please contact your Parish Priest now, rather than leaving it until next year.



Reconciliation

FIRST CONFESSION (P3):

We congratulate all of those children in Primary 3 who have received the Sacrament of Forgiveness in First Confession. Despite a few nerves and jitters, everyone did very well. Thank you to everyone who has supported the children on their journey so far. I am sure the children are now looking forward to their First Holy Communion in Primary 4.



Communion

DATES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (P4):

St. Columba's - Saturday 13th May at 11am

St. Gabriel's - Saturday 13th May at 1pm

Preparation in school is underway and you will receive further information nearer the time. Please ensure that you have informed us of which church your child will be making their First Holy Communion in!



Confirmation

CONFIRMATION (P7):

Our Primary 7 children have now celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation in both parishes. This was administered by the Right Reverend Joseph Toal, Bishop of Motherwell. They were supported by their sponsors and their families along with our two Parish Priests. The Masses were beautiful and the children were wonderful participants. Well done and congratulations to our Confirmati! (Confirmandi is the name given to candidates **before they are confirmed**. Confirmati is the name given to candidates **after confirmation!**)

PURCHASE OF WORKBOOKS:

Children have been issued with Workbooks and for which there is a small charge of £3 per workbook. You can pay for this using your online account or you can send the money into school.

If you have any questions regarding any of the process or any of the actual celebrations, please do get in touch.

PARENT COUNCIL MOVIE NIGHTS - WHAT A HIT!

Many of our children attended the recent Parent Council Movie Nights. There were three in total and the children who attended seemed to thoroughly enjoy them!

These events would not be able to go ahead without lots of support! Thank you to those who organised and volunteered their time. Thank you to the staff who came along and gave up their evenings after a hard day's work! Thank you to all the Parents/Carers who brought and collected children and of course, bought tickets.

The next Parent Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th April 2023 at 6pm in the School Dining Hall. All Parents/Carers are very welcome to attend this meeting, which will be the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

ICT HARDWARE PURCHASES & ONGOING MAINTENANCE

As you know, Technology is a huge part of the Curriculum and it feeds into almost every aspect of Learning and Teaching. We recently made a significant investment of around £14,485 on 24 laptop devices and 5 desktop PCs. We also purchased 12 new iPads for around £5000. We have made similar purchases previously.

I feel that it is important to keep you up to date on how we are investing in our IT infrastructure. This not only lets you see that there is an ongoing plan for expenditure but it also lets you see how costly it is to keep on top of this! With so many children using the devices they do need to be continually topped up or replaced. There is no way we can make such large investments every year... we need to save up!

EXISTING DESKTOP PCs

Our existing inventory of Desktop PCs is most certainly an aging collection! Our Technician is planning on working through all of these to work out which ones are upgradable, which ones can last another while and which ones are no longer viable.

SMARTBOARDS

Our original SMARTBoards are also nearing the end of their shelf lives! We have a good number of modern Interactive Panels and I am costing some further additions. One installation can cost £1700!

EARLY COLLECTION BEFORE 3PM

I have previously appealed to our Parents and Carers regarding the number of children who are collected before 3pm.

On a daily basis children are collected from as early as 2:20pm.

Early collection should only take place when it is **absolutely necessary!**

When you collect your child early it impacts upon the entire school. Children are annoyed which interrupts Learning and Teaching. The end of the day is just as important as the start. Classes review their learning, are finishing off tasks and setting homework. Classes prepare for the events of the following day.

Going forward, I would ask for your co-operation and consideration:

- ◆ Avoid early collection if at all possible.
- ◆ Only collect your child if another arrangement is not possible.
- ◆ Call the school in advance so that we can assist and have your child ready and their teacher is aware. This can also reduce the calls over the Tannoy!

LATE ARRIVAL IN THE MORNING

Arriving late in the morning is something which is becoming more of a problem in school. We have a steady stream of children arriving late and this can be up to 10am or later! Even being 5 or 10 minutes late is disruptive.

School starts at **9am**. We have a soft start in the morning where children can come into the building from **8:50am**. This allows children to settle and get themselves ready for the day ahead.

If your child is regularly late, please try and work with us to reduce this. Being on time for school means:

- ◆ Children do not miss the start of the day and the morning routine which includes registering, ordering lunch, talking through the timetable for the day and setting the tone for the day.
- ◆ Less disruption to the rest of the class.
- ◆ The Teacher does not need to stop teaching a lesson which has already begun.
- ◆ Your own child doesn't feel any pressure when arriving late.

We know that there will be occasions when exceptions have to be made! We know life gets in the way and late arrivals or early collections need to happen. We just don't want this to be the norm! Lets work together to maximise school attendance. Please contact Mr Thomas if you have concerns about your child's attendance.



NAME AND
NATIONALITY

WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL



Children's rights are learned, understood
and lived in this school.



RIGHT OF THE MONTH: Article 7

Article 7 will be our focus for the month of March. **The right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality, and, as far as possible, to know and be cared for by their parents.**

REPORTING TO PARENTS/CARERS

Parents' Night will take place on Thursday 23rd March 2023 and the booking system **IS NOW OPEN** to enable you to book your appointments. Click [HERE](#) to go to the online booking system. I would encourage you to come along and hear about your child's progress. **Please note:** Your appointment lasts around 8 minutes and so time is limited. You can always request a further meeting should there be something more specific you would like to discuss.

TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS FOR P7

Children in Primary 7 have already started their transition work with staff at Cardinal Newman. This has so far involved:

- ◆ Mr Devlin making class visits and Miss Morrison meeting with class teachers.
- ◆ Miss Morrison meeting with Mrs Martin to discuss Support for Learning requirements.
- ◆ All Head Teachers meeting with Cardinal Newman staff to agree a programme for Transition.

CARDINAL NEWMAN ROADSHOW

Mrs Murray will visit St. John Paul II on **28th March at 6pm**. All Parents/Carers and, of course, the children of P7 are invited to come along to find out more about the move from Primary to Secondary School. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and to hear more about what to expect. The children will also take part in a two-day visit to Cardinal Newman next term.

SCIENCE AMBASSADORS

We are looking forward to welcoming the Science Ambassadors from Cardinal Newman who will work with our P7 classes on an agreed topic.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NETBALL TEAM

Our Netball Team recently took part in a Netball Tournament. Our children were excellent ambassadors for the school. They played well as a team and they demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. Miss Agnew was delighted with their performance and also their excellent behaviour. Well done girls. We appreciate your commitment to the after school Netball Team.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM

Some of our Primary 6 and Primary 7 girls took part in a recent Girls' Football Tournament. Once again, they represented the school so well with their participation and effort. Thank you to Mr Cooney for arranging for the girls to take part and we hope to see them taking part in many more! Well done girls!

GLASGOW MUSIC FESTIVAL

We cannot wait to cheer on our fantastic school choir at the Glasgow Music Festival on **Tuesday 14th March 2023**.

Arrangements have been made and letters have been circulated to the children to take home so that all Parents/Carers have the information about this event.

The festival takes place at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall (Strathclyde Suite) and **tickets can be purchased on the day at the door. No advanced bookings can be made.** The school has not been given access to tickets to circulate to Parents/Carers. There are always plenty of tickets available.

ARE YOU PLANNING ON COMING ALONG? We have a limited amount of seats available on the bus for those who are planning to buy a ticket. Please book your seat by calling the school office.

We thank Mrs McGregor and Mrs MacFadyen for their work with the children and we wish the children the very best of luck in their performance!



PRIMARY 7 VISIT TO STRATHCLYDE PARK

Our Primary 7 children recently spent three days at Strathclyde Park for Outdoor Education Activities. They crammed so many fantastic activities and experiences and the reports from the children are very positive!

There was disappointment when we were not permitted to spend the full five days at the park with the children. Miss Agnew and Miss Williamson were both willing to work on those strike days. Despite this, the children had a great time and their teachers were very proud of the way the children behaved and participated throughout the week.

Well done Primary 7!

ARE P6 THE POLITICIANS OF THE FUTURE?!

On Tuesday 7th March, our Primary 6 children conducted a debate in the school hall in front of our P4, P5 and P7 children. They debated in front of a panel who judged their responses, arguments and research. The children were split into two groups... **FOR and AGAINST.** What was the topic for debate?

Should Wet Playtimes be banned?

Of course, this was a very emotive topic!

The children had researched their arguments depending on the side they were arguing. They were respectful of the views of opponents. They listened to responses from the audiences.

Well done to everyone in P6 and thank you to Mr McLaughlin and Miss Thompson for organising!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please remember that the expectation is that **ALL CHILDREN** wear school uniform when they attend school.

We ask that all children wear their school tie. The reality is that, when they attend secondary school, they must wear a tie without exception! Therefore, the more they wear it at primary school, the easier it will be for them in the future.

Please make every effort to send your child to school in school uniform. If you need support with this, please get in touch and we can help you with uniform.

WHAT TO WEAR OR NOT TO WEAR FOR PE!

Whilst we do not ask children to change into their PE kit in school these days, we do ask that they wear a kit that is appropriate.

The most appropriate kit is:

Black tracksuit bottoms/shorts, school polo shirt, school sweatshirt, trainers.

FOOTBALL STRIPS ARE NOT PERMITTED. This includes ALL football strips or track suits. More and more children are wearing football related garments and this has never been permitted. Please do not send your child to school with ANY football items - including bags and other accessories.

DENTAL INSPECTIONS

Dental inspections for P1 and P7 will take place on Monday 20th March 2023. These are routine inspections.

SCHOOL APP

You will have noticed that we no longer use the school app to communicate with you. This is because the company have had issues with both Apple and Android App Stores. We actually pay around £500 per year for this facility and have not been able to have any new people subscribe to the App since before the Summer Holiday.

I have decided not to renew the App subscription. I would encourage all of our Parents/Carers to sign up for Parent Portal which will give you access to many of the functions you require to keep in touch, make payments, report absences, etc.

FATHER MORRIS - 50 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD

In June this year, on the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, Father Morris will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood.

This is wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate with the parishioners of St. Gabriel's and for us to say a huge thank you to God for the gift of Father Morris. He has spent the largest part of this priestly service here in Viewpark. Just think for a moment of all of the Baptisms, First Confessions, First Communions, Weddings and Funerals Father Morris has been celebrant at. Think also of all of the other Masses he has said with us and for us both in St. Gabriel's Church and also in our school. Father Morris is always at the service of the school, always wishing to do his best to bring us into the Lord's presence. By word and by deed he sets an example to us of deep faith. Most of all, he always shares his happiness with us... happiness that comes from his faith in the Lord, Jesus.

Watch out for more information on how we will mark this wonderful occasion as a school community!

NEW LITERACY RESOURCES

In recent months we have purchased a large number of reading materials to compliment our extensive range for all stages (P1 to P7).

These resources will give more choice to the children and their teachers. They will also give us a greater variety of texts at banded levels, making sure children are not re-reading a previous text.

The novels from P3 to P7 come from the Pie Corbet Reading Spine and these texts work well with our new *Talk for Writing* approaches.

Part of this investment was on some much needed non-fiction texts for our P4-7 children.

The children and staff are loving getting to know these new resources. Approximately £10,000 was spent on these resources.

MAKE UP AND JEWELLERY

Everyone should be aware of our policy around the wearing of make up and jewellery in school. We ask that:

- Children do not come to school with make-up on.
- Children do not wear hooped ear rings or ones that could easily be pulled.
- Children only wear stud ear rings.
- Children do not come to school with fake/acrylic nails on. These cause issues in terms of being able to carry out some simple tasks. They can also cause avoidable injury to the wearer and others! It is not appropriate.

These requests apply on ALL DAYS and not just PE Day. Please do your best to adhere to these requests for the health and safety of all children.

CAR PARK

Whilst we have had no serious altercations in the Car Park of late, we continue to remind you of some simple and easy to follow guidelines to make the Car Park safe for pedestrians and drivers alike...



- Keep to the 10mph speed limit
- Only park in an allocated space
- No parking on the double yellow lines
- Disabled spaces are for Blue Badge holders only
- Do not block empty spaces for other uses
- Use the overflow Car Park where possible
- Park elsewhere if you can (not in a neighbour's space!)
- Walk/cycle/scoot to school where at all possible
- Keep the bus bay free

CALLING ALL IRISH DANCERS

To mark St. Patrick's Day this year, which falls on a Friday, we would like to invite any of our children who are Irish Dancers to showcase their skills at our assembly.

If your child would be willing to dance for us at assembly, please let us know and we will try to arrange this.



PARENT/CARER/GRANDPARENT VOLUNTEERS

In August, we asked for volunteers to support us with various activities such as trips, support groups with their learning, parent council events and other things that happen during the school year.

We had 16 responses. We are renewing our appeal so that we can plan ahead for things that are happening next term. Please click [HERE](#) to complete the form. If you're not sure if you already completed it, don't worry! You can do it again!

Thank you in advance!

LENTEN CHARITY FUN DAY

Friday 31st March 2023

We will be holding a Fun Day on the last day of term. This will partly be to raise money for charity and partly for school funds.

As always **EVERYONE** will be able to take part, regardless of whether they bring money to school.



We will have:

NON UNIFORM DAY

Voluntary donation of £1 per child (or a maximum of £2 per family)

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

£1 for 2 tickets

Staff will donate Easter Eggs

CUDDLY TOY TOMBOLA

£1 per shot.

We are looking for donations of cuddly toys! These don't need to be new, but clean and in good condition.

PRIZE TOMBOLA

£1 for 2 shots

CAKE & CANDY

£1 for 3 items

We are looking for donations of shop bought, individually wrapped sweets, cakes, biscuits, crisps.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Free of charge for all.

HOW MANY EGGS IN THE JAR?

£1 for 2 guesses to win the jar

TATTOOS

£1 for 2 Tattoos.

GUESS THE RABBIT'S BIRTHDAY

£1 for 2 guesses.

You can see everything is £1 for ease, so start collecting those £1 coins!
All donations gratefully received!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Here are some important dates for the next few months. Please take a look and mark them in your own calendar!

DATE:	EVENT:	DETAIL:
Tuesday 14th March	Choir to the Glasgow Music Festival	Glasgow Royal Concert Hall
Wednesday 15th March	Digital Lunch Ordering Service goes live	All information will be circulated prior to this.
Thursday 20th March	P1 & P7 Dental Checks	
Thursday 20th March	Parents' Night	Appointments to be made online
Thursday 23rd March	Parents' Night	
Tuesday 28th March	Cardinal Newman Roadshow	For P7 children and their Parents/Carers 6pm in the Assembly Hall
Thursday 30th March	End of Term Service	11am in the Assembly Hall
Friday 17th March	Nursery Daffodil Tea	Parents/Carers welcome from 9am in the School Dining Hall
Friday 31st March	School Lenten Fun Day	Details in the Newsletter
Friday 31st March	Nursery Easter Party	Children Only. Easter Bonnet/Crazy Hair.
Friday 31st March	School/Nursery Closes at 2:30pm	
Monday 17th April	School Re-opens	8:15am Breakfast Club
Tuesday 25th April	Parent Council AGM	6pm in the Dining Hall
Monday 1st May	HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 2nd May	INSET DAY	Pupils should not attend
Friday 5th May	Nursery Sports Day	
Monday 8th May	HOLIDAY	Coronation of King Charles III
Saturday 13th May	First Holy Communions	11am in St. Columba's & 1pm in St Gabriel's
Thursday 18th May	Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord	Holy Day of Obligation Mass at 11:15am in St. Columba's
Friday 19 th May	Nursery Stay & Play Session	8:40am - 9:40am

NORTH LANARKSHIRE TACKLING POVERTY TEAM

The Tackling Poverty Team exists to help families to **maximize** their income. They work with families to ensure that they are receiving everything they are entitled to and can very often bring new resources and finance to families.

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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

King's Coronation Bank Holiday: Monday 8th May 2023

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

June 2023

Schools close: Wednesday 28 June 2023 at 1pm

August 2023

Teachers return and in-service day: Monday 14 August 2023

In-service day: Tuesday 15 August 2023

Pupils return: Wednesday 16 August 2023

September 2023

September weekend: Friday 22 September and Monday 25 September 2023 (inclusive)

October 2023

October week: Monday 16 to Friday 20 October 2023 (inclusive)



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