



NEWSLETTER

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

The first few weeks of our school term have gone swiftly, but smoothly! Everyone seems to be settling back into life at school and, for our new Primary 1 children, they are also doing their best to get used to being at school. It has been wonderful to see our Primary 7 Buddies take on their role so responsibly and in such a nurturing way. Thank you Primary 7!

I want to offer my sincere thanks to everyone for their efforts with School Uniform and, in particular our PE Uniform! The vast majority of children are coming to school on PE days in the agreed PE Uniform. We will work with those who haven't quite managed this as yet. There is more about this in the newsletter, along with a wee reminder to you all to make sure that **every item that belongs to your child is clearly labelled with their name!**

We have a busy term ahead of us, with lots of plans in place. Please take some time to mark any dates in your own calendar, so that you can attend events when possible and so that the children know what is happening too!

We have been delighted to welcome some new families (over and above our Primary 1s) and we hope that they are quickly feeling part of our school community! Please do your own bit to welcome them, as it is not always easy to settle into a new community and new school. We have also welcomed new members of staff. Welcome to Mrs McDaid in the Nursery as well as Mr Thomson and Miss Humes to the Teaching Staff.

Finally, as we move through September, the weather is set to be a mixed bag. Please plan for all eventualities! We have had rainy days which started off sunny and lots of children with no jacket or waterproof. A light waterproof is handy, especially when the rain comes as a surprise. Try to look ahead... we all know how unpredictable the Scottish weather can be!

As always, if I can be of any help or support, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

With renewed prayers and good wishes,

Mr Thomas

Head Teacher



STAFFING FOR 2023 - 2024

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:

P1, P2 & P3

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

Mrs Murtagh Principal Teacher (Wed/Thurs 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, Mrs M McDaid

P1A Miss K Millar

P1B Miss E Byrne

P1C Miss N McCardie

P2A Mrs C McCluskey/Mrs A Mulgrew

P2B Mr S Thomson

P3A Mrs C McKay

P3B Mrs C Moodycliffe

P3C/P4A Miss A Humes

P4B Mrs CA McDade

P4C Mr M McLaughlin

P5A Mrs JC Reeves/Mrs P McDonnell

P5B Miss R Williamson

P6A Mrs C Bell

P6B Miss L Agnew

P7A Miss L Thomson

P7B Miss J Howard

Nurture: Mrs L Dickson

Teacher Class Non-contact Time:

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

Support for Learning:

Mrs Murtagh, Mrs Byers, Mrs McDonnell, Mr McCann

SUPPORT STAFF:

Office Staff: Mr A Johnston

Mrs J. Cummings

Classroom Assistant: Mrs B. Bradley (P/Time)

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

Miss S. McDonald (F/Time)

Ms R Ahmed (P/Time)

Ms K Davidson (P/Time)

Mrs S Ferguson (P/Time)

Mrs S Zahir (F/Time)

Mrs S Feeney (P/Time)

Lunch Hall Assistant: Mrs A McGhee

Janitors: Mr S Cairns

Mr J McGuire

Educational Psychologist: Mrs G Bilsland

Music Specialist: Mrs L McGregor

Brass Instructor: Mr D Kane



JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

The start of a school year always means I need to send out some reminders about various routines and expectations for our Parents, Carers and others who help you with the school run!

These routines 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.

Maybe not all of these reminders will be relevant to you, but they are relevant to others. **Something** will be relevant to everyone!

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.

I don't send these out to you all in order to complain! I send them in the hope that everyone will recognise that it takes a team effort to create a positive ethos in our school.



**PLEASE DO YOUR BIT AND TRY TO FOLLOW
OUR ROUTINES AND EXPECTATIONS.**

**IF THE ADULTS DO THIS, THEN THE CHILDREN
WILL KNOW THAT IT IS IMPORTANT.**

HEADLICE & TREATMENT

Head lice are tiny insects that live in hair. Nits are the empty egg cases attached to hair that head lice hatch from. Head lice are a common problem, particularly in school children aged 4 to 11. They're largely harmless, but can live in the hair for a long time if not treated and can be irritating and frustrating to deal with. Please click [NHS Inform](#) for information about Headlice and how to prevent/treat it. **Children with long hair should have this tied back at ALL TIMES.** Staying off work or school and washing clothing and bedding on a hot wash is unnecessary, as it's unlikely to help prevent the spread of head lice.

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. **At one point in the last two weeks, we had 4 dogs in the grounds at the same time!**

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 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! We will lay these out for you to reclaim in the coming days.



DOES YOUR CHILD BRING A WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL? NO ENERGY OR FIZZY DRINKS IN SCHOOL!

We encourage our children to remain hydrated throughout the day and there are a number of water coolers throughout the school. Water is the preferred option for a drink in the classroom, however, a small amount of diluting juice would be acceptable, if children are unable to drink water. **Under no circumstances should children bring energy drinks or cans/bottles of fizzy juice to school.** There is scientific evidence to suggest that these drinks have a negative impact on our children's health and, importantly in school, their **BEHAVIOUR!**

PLEASE LEAVE TOYS, CARDS & OWN FOOTBALLS AT HOME

As with previous years, we ask that children do not bring toys and cards into school. It's not that we want to spoil any fun, but that they can, and do cause problems in the classroom, in the playground and in the dining room. We have plenty of fun things for the children to play with at school and we provide an ample supply of footballs for the football pitch. We aim to reduce fall outs and to ensure property is not lost or damaged. **TOYS SHOULD ONLY BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL IF IT IS RELATED TO LEARNING AND IS REQUESTED BY THE CLASS TEACHER.** Please ensure that your child does not bring their swapping cards to school as we are having increasing issues with these.

ATTENDANCE, LATE ARRIVAL AND EARLY COLLECTION

Attendance at school is very, very important to a child's development. This is true, not only of their academic progress, but their overall development socially, mentally and physically. The target for every child should be 100% attendance, but we know that this is not possible for a number of reasons.

IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL:

- Please contact the school to report this absence ASAP, either by phone, email or through the absence reporting option on **PARENT PORTAL**.
- Not reporting an absence will mean that your child's absence is marked as **Unexplained**.

THE NORTH LANARKSHIRE TARGET FOR ATTENDANCE IS 95%.

LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL IS DISRUPTIVE FOR EVERYONE! Please aim to have your child in school by 9am each day, if not before.

EARLY COLLECTION OF CHILDREN BEFORE 3PM IS AN ONGOING PROBLEM. It is also disruptive to everyone! Please only collect your child early if it is absolutely necessary and not simply to beat the traffic or avoid the busy car park.

PARENTS NIGHT APPOINTMENTS

As previously mentioned, we will have our first Parent/Carer appointments on **Thursday 12th October 2023**. Appointments can be made through the online booking system.

Whilst our office staff are more than willing to help if you have a problem booking, I ask that you make every effort to make your own appointment via the online portal before making contact with the school for help.

The online booking system will be open from:
Monday 25th September at 9am
and will close on
Monday 9th October at 10pm.

You should make your appointment through the Parent Portal.



PARENT COUNCIL

We are very fortunate to have an active Parent Council at St. John Paul II, but the start of a new school year is an ideal time to drum up some more support and volunteers! To find out more about the Parent Council and what they do, click [HERE](#) and this will take you to their web page.

The Parent Council are always looking for volunteers. Even if you cannot attend all of the meetings (or any of them), perhaps you would be willing to support the events and help with supervision? If you would like to volunteer for the Parent Council—please click [HERE](#) to share your details or just come along to the next meeting. Meetings always take place in the school Dining Hall at 6pm on the specified dates.

Halloween Disco:	Thursday 26th October (Fancy Dress) P1-3 FROM 6PM - 7:15PM P4-7 FROM 7:30PM - 8:45PM
Meeting 2:	Tuesday 14th November
Meeting 3:	Tuesday 16th January at 6pm
Movie Nights:	Thursday 1st February (P1-3) Tuesday 6th February (P4/5) Thursday 8th February (P6/7)
Meeting 4- AGM:	Tuesday 23rd April at 6pm
Beach Party:	Thursday 13th June P1-3 FROM 6PM - 7:15PM P4-7 FROM 7:30PM - 8:45PM



St. John Paul II

Parent Council

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Our annual Halloween Parade will take place on **Tuesday 31st October 2023**. We have chosen to ensure this coincides with the actual date of Halloween, as many of the children will be dressing up anyway. The arrangements are:

- Children can be collected for an early lunch at 12:15pm and should return for 1:15pm. All children will be dismissed from the **Main Gate (including Primary 1)**.
- Children who are not going home can bring a costume to school if they wish and we can assist them to get changed.
- Children are not permitted to come to school dressed in their costume, as we will be working as normal until lunch time!
- The Halloween Parade is for **children only**. We cannot accommodate the number of adults who would like to attend.
- Children will be dismissed at the end of the day as normal. P1 will exit through the Dining Hall.



HALLOWEEN COSTUM APPEAL - St. John Paul II Halloween Boo-tique!

Do you have any pre-loved costumes from previous Halloween celebrations? We would be delighted to take any costumes you have so that we could offer them to other children.

This is an excellent way to reduce waste as well as the impact on your bank balance!

Some costumes are only worn once or twice and then a new one is bought the next year. We will be happy to take them off your hands!

Please send them into school as soon as possible! We can then offer them to the children.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Having listened to your feedback and following on from our survey which was carried out last year, we invited the School Photographer into school earlier than ever before. 100% of Parents/Carers who responded to last year's survey said that they wanted the Photographer into school before the end of September. I am pleased that we have been able to accommodate your requests. Information about how to order has been placed on our website. Click [HERE](#) to view it.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER APPEAL

You may be thinking that we are slightly early with this appeal, but we would like to repeat our Christmas Jumper Appeal. This will be the third year we have had this appeal and we would love to take all of your pre-loved Christmas Jumpers off of your hands!



This is a great way to ensure Christmas Jumpers which have been outgrown are put to good use! The sooner we start collecting these things, the better. We can ensure that they are all washed and ready to go for our Christmas celebrations. All you need to do is send them into the school office.

REPORTING TO PARENTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR VIEWING YOUR CHILD'S WORK

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. This is partially due to the fact that we must now issue all writing reports to via Parents Portal.

Your opportunities will be as follows:

- October:** Parent Consultation Night 1
- November:** Parents As Partner Events for P4-7
Short Written Interim Report
- January:** Parents As Partner Events for P1-3
- March:** Parent Consultation Night 2
- June:** Full Written Report



PARENTS PORTAL

As you know, we are encouraging our Parents/Carers to get involved in signing up for Parents Portal. This is the one stop digital portal for everything regarding school... reports, absence, permission slips, etc.

We know that many of you are having problems linking your account to your child or children. We are seeking support from NLC and also Parents Portal and will be in touch when we have a solution. This is the very thing which puts people off of going digital! We hope to have this sorted ASAP and to then offer support sessions to get everyone up and running. Thank you for your patience.

HOLIDAY WEEKEND - NON UNIFORM DAY

You will see that Friday 22nd September and Monday 25th September are holidays. Our tradition is that we have a NON UNIFORM DAY on the Thursday before. This will be held on Thursday 21st September. Children can come to school without uniform. However, **NO FOOTBALL STRIPS** should be worn, as per North Lanarkshire Council regulations.

We will gratefully receive donations for Non Uniform days (usually around £1 per child). However, all children can take part, regardless if they make a donation. Money will go to school funds to support activities/treats for the children.

MRS BRADLEY IS RETIRING

The vast majority of our Parents/Carers will know Mrs Bradley, who is our Classroom Assistant. Mrs Bradley has been a valued member of our staff team since St. John Paul II Primary School opened in May 2006. She was previously a Classroom Assistant at St. Gabriel's before the school amalgamated with St. Columba's. Mrs Bradley has gone above and beyond in so many ways for our school, but most importantly, for our children. She has supported so many children to develop their skills and talents and this is particularly true in the area of Literacy, where she has supported the teaching of writing in classes as well as reading. The number of children who have been part of Mrs Bradley's Rainbow Reading Groups is countless! Mrs Bradley was also our Breakfast Club Supervisor for many years. Mrs Bradley's last day will be Wednesday 11th October. We are sad to see Mrs Bradley go. She has given so much to our school and she will be sorely missed by our children as well as our staff team who consider her not only a valued colleague but a friend too. We wish Mrs Bradley every happiness in this next chapter and we hope that she will not become a stranger to us! Thank you for everything Mrs Bradley!



FEAST OF ST. JOHN PAUL II

This year, our official Patronal Feast Day falls at the end of the October Holiday. We will therefore celebrate our Patronal Feast Day on **Monday 23rd October**.

We will have our Feast Day Mass at 11am in the Assembly Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend this!

We will also have a Cinema afternoon as a treat and we will provide the children with a snack for this.

Uniform should be worn as normal. There is no charge for the Cinema afternoon.



ST. JOHN PAUL II

Primary School & Nursery Class

The children and staff invite all members of our school community to join them for a

Mass of Thanksgiving

to mark the Retirement of

Mrs Bernadette Bradley

on Wednesday 11th October 2023 at 1:30pm in the school assembly hall.

All are welcome to join us.

PREPARING FOR FIRST CONFESSION, FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

If your child is due to make one of the following Sacraments;

First Confession (P3)

First Communion (P4)

Confirmation (P7)

then you should have received a letter of invitation to attend an initial **Enrolment Meeting** from Fr Morris and Fr Bogan.

The meeting will take place on:

Thursday 28th September

in both churches and you should attend the meeting in your own parish.

The times for the meetings are as follows:

First Confession (6pm), First Communion (6:30pm) and Confirmation (7pm).

Please make every effort to attend the relevant meeting, as this is your opportunity to enrol your child for the preparation programme. Children need not attend, but can do so if you have an issue with child care.

We have a collection of First Communion Dresses which are available for anyone to have for free. We also have brand new shoes and some other accessories. You are welcome to pop in and take a look at any time!

HOUSE CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS

We recently held elections for House Captain and Vice Captain for all five of our school houses. All children and staff are assigned to a house and throughout the year, house tokens are awarded. Each week, the tokens are added up and totals are announced at assembly. Those weekly totals are added to running totals for each house and, at the end of the school year, the winning house is awarded a special treat! Last year's winning house was Knock and they went along to The Vue Cinema for a private film viewing.

To earn house tokens, children are encouraged to follow our school values and our **All About Respect** motto. At St. John Paul II, we show respect to ourselves, others and property.

At the beginning of the school year, we revisit these approaches so that everyone is clear on the expectations placed upon them. We want to set high standards of behaviour, work ethic, effort and attitude in order to create a positive ethos with positive relationships.

WHERE DO THE NAMES OF OUR HOUSES COME FROM?

Our houses are all names after places of Pilgrimage associated with Our Lady. The reason for this stems from the large M that you will see on our school badge. Our badge is similar to the coat of arms of St. John Paul II when he was Pope. The M highlights his devotion to Mary, the Mother of Jesus.



SCHOOL MEALS FOR P6 & P7 ARE NOT FREE FOR NOW.

The Scottish Government has paused the roll out of Free School Meals for children in P6 and P7. This means that Breakfast Club and Lunches must be paid for, unless you have applied for and are in receipt of Free School Meals for your child.

If you think your child qualifies for Free School Meals because of your income, then you should apply by completing the form. If you do not apply, then you will be required to pay **£3.10** per day and there will also be a charge for the Breakfast Club. The charge for Breakfast Club is incremental, starting at £1 for one child.

Further information about Clothing Grants and Free School Meals can be found at the link below. You can apply for this at any time in the school year.

[Free school meals and clothing grants | North Lanarkshire Council](#)

If you have any problems with applying, please do get in touch with the school office.

P6 & P7 CHILDREN WILL REQUIRE THEIR ONLINE PAYMENT ACCOUNTS TO BE TOPPED UP REGULARLY.

Please also note, that Free School Meals do not extend to items from the Tuck Shop at morning interval. To this end, I have asked the catering staff to direct the children to our school office, where we can provide them with a snack if they do not have one.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE TACKLING POVERTY TEAM:

The above team has been set up to help families to maximise their income and ensure that they are receiving the correct support and/or benefits. You can get in touch with them by email or phone:

TPteam@northlan.gov.uk

01698 322551

P.E. UNIFORM



*We are having a big push on the wearing of **PE Uniform**. Lots of information has been sent out about this towards the end of June, during the holidays and before the beginning of the new school year. We want to discourage children from coming to school on PE days dressed as though it is another non-uniform day! It is not good for their work ethic or the ethos of the school and it also places unnecessary pressure upon families to be providing expensive gear to wear to school!*

*If you stick with the suggested **PE Uniform**, then your child is dressed for a day at school! There are plenty of opportunities for children to dress down on fun days, non-uniform days, parties and Halloween.*

PE UNIFORM IS:

Plain black jogging bottoms/leggings/shorts, pale blue school polo shirt, royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan. It's up to you if you want the badge to be on any of these garments.

*Some children are coming to school wearing school hoodies. This is a privilege reserved for P7 as a leavers' treat! **Please note that HOODIES are not part of school uniform**, but could perhaps be worn on PE days, if they are school colours (royal blue) and you have already made the purchase. However, they should not be worn out with PE days and preferably not at all.*



IF YOU NEED ANY HELP OR SUPPORT WITH THE SOURCING OR PURCHASE OF ANY ITEMS OF UNIFORM, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH! WE HAVE WAYS TO SOURCE HELP AND THIS CAN BE DONE WITH DISCRETION AND



Community Drop-In Session

Viewpark Parish Church Hall
400 Old Edinburgh Rd, Uddingston
Tuesday 3rd Oct
10.30am-12.30pm

Come along for some information,
advice, or just a chat!

Please contact
fiona.beggs@hopeforautism.org.uk
for more details!



HOPE FOR AUTISM

Hope for Autism are a fantastic charity who support families of autistic children and young people across North Lanarkshire.

This event is open to any parents/carers of children or young people with autism or who are pre, post or during diagnosis. It is easy to feel as though you are alone when you are trying to get your head around a diagnosis, or if you're experiencing something new and don't know how to handle it.

Why not try and pop along to the drop in session?

There will be staff from HOPE for autism there along with partner organisations:

*Staff from the neurodevelopmental service (NHS)
North Lanarkshire Carers Together
Social Security Scotland
North Lanarkshire Disability Forum
Other local autism charities*

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES FOR 2023-2024

Each year, we set ourselves Improvement Priorities as part of our Annual Improvement Plan. We are always striving to take our school forward and to continuously improve in various areas. This is the same for all schools!

This year, we have two priorities which we are sharing with the other schools in the Cardinal Newman High School Cluster.

- CLUSTER PRIORITY 1:** Continue to improve standards and levels of attendance at school.
- CLUSTER PRIORITY 2:** Embed the national commitment to "The Promise" across our cluster practice.

- SCHOOL PRIORITY 1:** To raise attainment in writing through our 'Talk for Writing' approaches.
- SCHOOL PRIORITY 2:** To ensure quality learning experiences for all children underpinned by a reviewed curriculum.

We will provide regular updates on our progress and will offer opportunities for the Parent Forum to be involved in our Annual Improvement Activities.

CARDINAL NEWMAN CLUSTER OF SCHOOLS



St. Gerard's | Sacred Heart | Cardinal Newman | St. John Paul II | Holy Family



FRIDAY NIGHT PROJECT

BIRKENSHAW SPORTS HALL

FREE SPORTS AND YOUTH WORK ACTIVITIES FOR ALL.

JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT FROM FROM 6.30PM - 9.30PM FOR FREE SPORTS SESSIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN NORTH LANARKSHIRE AGED 9 - 18 YEARS OLD

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT SPORTSDEV@NORTHLAN.GOV.UK

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The School Year 2023 - 2024

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)

November 2023

In-service day: Monday 13 November

December 2023 - January 2024

Schools close: Friday 22 December 2023 at 2.30pm

Christmas and New Year holidays: Monday 25 December 2023 - Friday 5 January 2024 (inclusive)

February 2024

Mid-term break: Monday 12 February and Tuesday 13 February 2024

In-service day: Wednesday 14 February 2024

April 2024

Schools close: Thursday 28 March 2024 at 2.30pm

Spring holiday (Easter): Friday 29 March - Friday 12 April 2024 (Inclusive)

Good Friday 29 March

Easter Monday 1 April 2024

May 2024

In-service day: Thursday 2 May 2024 (to coincide with UK Parliamentary elections, but may be subject to change)

May holiday: Monday 6 May 2024

May weekend: Friday 24 May 2024 and Monday 27 May 2024 (inclusive)

June 2024

Schools Close: Wednesday 26 June 2024 at 1pm

August 2024

Monday 12 August 2024 (Return date for Teachers & In-Service Day)

Tuesday 13 August 2024 (In-Service Day)

Wednesday 14 August 2024 (Return date for Pupils)



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please take a look at our school diary and take note of any events that involve you or child. Some dates may be subject to change!

DATE:	EVENT:	DETAIL:
Thursday 21st September	Non Uniform Day	Children can dress down. Donations welcomed.
Friday 22nd & Monday 25th September	September Holiday Weekend	
Thursday 28th September	Sacrament Enrolment Meeting	Meetings will be held in both St. Gabriel's and St. Columba's Churches at the same times. You should attend the meeting taking place in your own parish: First Confession (P2) at 6pm First Communion (P4) at 6:30pm Confirmation (P7) at 7pm
Friday 29th September	P7 at Mass for the Feast of St. Gabriel	9:30am in St. Gabriel's Church Parents/Carers welcome to attend.
Wednesday 11th October	Retirement Mass and Presentation to Mrs Bradley (Classroom Assistant)	1:30pm in the Assembly Hall
Thursday 12th October	Parents' Evening 1	Appointments will be made online. More details to follow.
Friday 13th October	Fun Day	More details to follow
Monday 16th to Friday 20th October	October Holiday	School re-opens on Monday 23rd October
Monday 23rd October	Feast of St. John Paul II—our school Patronal Feast Day	Mass at 11am in the Assembly Hall. All Welcome. Cinema afternoon and treat.
Thursday 26th October	Parent Council Halloween Disco	6pm - 7:15pm P1-3 7:30pm - 8:45pm P4-7 Fancy Dress permitted but optional
Tuesday 31st October	Halloween Parade	This event is for children only. More details in Newsletter. Children can be collected at 12:15pm (no earlier please!) and return for 1:20pm if they wish to go home and change.



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Faith | Respect | Friendship | Trust | Kindness | Equality