

ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new academic year. It is wonderful to see all the children return to school, looking very smart in their school uniforms and eager to learn. A big welcome to our new Primary 1 intake. They have all settled in well and are quickly getting used to the school routine.

STAFFING

We are delighted to welcome Miss Anderson to our nursery team and Miss Grogan, Miss Govan and Miss Thompson to our school staff. Miss Hamill has returned to take the P.4/3 class which is a change to what was communicated in June. Mrs McNab has returned from maternity leave and it is great to have her back at St. Michael's Primary. A full staff list can be found at the end of this newsletter.

ENTRY AND DISMISSAL ARRANGEMENTS FROM SCHOOL GATES

The infant and senior gates will be opened by staff at 8.50 a.m. Pupils can enter by either gate and then make their way to the appropriate yard, where they will be supervised by school staff. Please remember that breakfast club is available from 8.15 a.m.

Should your child arrive late for school (after 9.00 a.m.) please ensure they enter via the main school entrance.

The arrangements for dismissal at 3.00 p.m. are as follows:-

Basketball Court Primary 1A, Primary 1B, Primary 2 and Primary 3/2

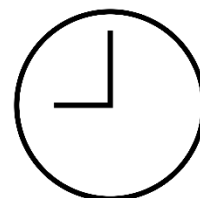
Infant Gate Primary 4/3 and Primary 4

Senior Gate Primary 5, Primary 6/5, Primary 7/6 and Primary 7

Older pupils may enter/exit via the infant gate or basketball court gate with younger siblings should it be required.

ATTENDANCE AND LATECOMING

Please ensure that your child attends school daily and arrives on time to enter the appropriate gate. Absence and late coming has an impact on their learning and disturbs the teaching and learning of their class. Also, in arriving late it may be after the dinner orders are submitted for the day resulting in a restricted choice for lunch.



SCHOOL CORRESPONDENCE

Our main means of communication with parents is via our text and e-mail system. I would ask that you keep all contact details up to date and that you regularly check your e-mails for updates. Annual Data forms will be sent home, please complete and return to the school as soon as possible.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

All pupils from P.1 - P. 5 are entitled to a free school meal. This has not been extended to the P.6 and P.7 at the moment. Please encourage your child to take a school lunch, all meals are freshly prepared on the premises and you can view the menu options by visiting the council website [Primary school menu | North Lanarkshire Council](#)



BREAKFAST CLUB

At St. Michael's we run a supervised breakfast service every morning. Breakfast can be purchased between 8.15 a.m. and 8.45 a.m. and includes cereal, toast, fruit and milk/water. The cost is £1.05 per pupil per day. Where there is more than one child from the same family attending the second child will cost 50p and third child will cost 35p. Those in receipt of free school meals do not pay for Breakfast Club. All P.1 - 5 children are entitled to Universal Free School Meals, including our Breakfast Club. Anyone attending must have breakfast. Children are dismissed into the playground at 8.45 a.m.

MEDICAL FORMS

Please note that any child who needs an inhaler must complete paperwork for the new school year and a new inhaler should be handed into the school. Please contact Mrs Rand for further information.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please remember that we are a nut free school and no snacks or lunches containing nuts are permitted within the school. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

PLAYGROUND



The school playground is well supervised at both playtime and lunchtime by the Management Team and Support Staff. We encourage the children to speak to a member of Support Staff should they have a concern or question during breaks.

STAFF CAR PARK

Please be aware that the staff car park should **not** be used by any parent or pupil at any time as a way to access the playground, either by car or on foot. For the safety of everyone at St. Michael's, please **do not** park on the pavements around the school or the yellow zigzags. There is ample parking at the Co-op or in the church carpark on Blackwoods Crescent, at no point should the entrance to the sheltered housing complex be used or blocked. Please ensure all adults dropping off or collecting your child(ren) are aware of this.



SUN HATS/SUN CREAM

Due to our very welcome late summer please ensure that your child comes to school with a hat and apply sun screen in the morning if required. Thank you.

PARENT COUNCIL

Our first Parent Council meeting will take place on Monday 15th September at 6.00 p.m. in the school staffroom. All our parents are invited to attend and will be made most welcome.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Many thanks for your support in ensuring that all our pupils have returned resplendent in their St. Michael's uniforms. The school uniform is a formal white shirt (no polo shirts) and school tie, brown trousers/shorts, skirt or pinafore with brown (not red) cardigan or jumper. Girls are permitted to wear a green cardigan with the summer dresses from Easter to October week. **ALL UNIFORM can be ordered from our supplier Logoxpres.** You can order online, by visiting www.logoxpres-schoolwear.co.uk. As communicated before the summer break, we are aware that brown uniform is becoming harder to source. Should you have difficulty finding brown uniform, grey is permitted for trousers, skirts and pinafores. Please label all items of school clothing and return swiftly any clothing belonging to another child that your child may have accidentally taken home.



P.E. KITS/OUTDOOR LEARNING

On P.E. days pupils are required to wear full school uniform (including shirt and tie) and to change into their P.E. kit in school. The school P.E. kit (green t-shirt and shorts) is available to order from www.logoxpres-schoolwear.co.uk. Should you not have this at the present time then pupils should bring a plain coloured t-shirt and shorts, preferably in bottle green (no football colours). P.7 pupils may wear plain white t-shirt and black shorts in preparation for High School. Indoor gym shoes are also required. In addition, pupils will require leggings or jogging trouser and school fleece for outdoor learning. **Please send all kit in on a Monday for the week, the children will bring gym kit/outdoor learning clothes home again every Friday.**

ONLINE HOMEWORK

Information about how to join your child's class TEAM along with usernames and passwords as well as information regarding homework will be sent to all parents/carers. All homework will be set weekly by the class teacher on Microsoft TEAMS. If your child has difficulty accessing this, they should notify their teacher. Homework will be issued for all classes on Friday 29th August.



WIDER ACHIEVEMENTS

Every Wednesday during Assembly we will celebrate the 'Wider Achievements' of our children. Children are invited to bring with them any medals, certificates, badges that they may receive through football, swimming, dance, etc. and we will add their photograph to our Wall of Fame and to Class TEAMS.

WATER BOTTLES

I would ask that every child bring a bottle with water to school each day. This helps keep the children hydrated whilst in class (no juice in keeping with dental initiatives). Bottles can be refilled at the water fountains within the school.



PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN IN SCHOOL

Please be aware that photos are taken of all the great learning that goes on each day in St. Michael's. These pictures are shared on our Class TEAMS or displayed within the building. If you do not wish your child's photo to be shared, please put this in writing to your child's class teacher.



LOCAL VISITS

From time to time children may walk to the Church, Co-op, Library or park. These visits will always be fully supervised and as they are local visits we do not send out permission forms. We will assume your child(ren) has permission unless you notify the school in writing to state otherwise. As always, permission slips will continue to be issued for all other formal outings where transport is required.

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

Our children have been issued with an emergency contact form which should be checked, amended and returned to the class teacher as soon as possible. It is important that all contact details are kept up to date due to our text and email messaging service.

BARNARDOS SUPPORT SESSIONS



Our support worker Monica will again be working within the school on Wednesdays and Fridays. The popular 'Stay & Play' sessions, for our under 3's, will restart on Friday 22nd August from 9.00 - 10.30 a.m. The Wednesday 'Drop-in' for coffee and a chat, will also be available to all from Wednesday 20th August from 9.00 - 10.00 a.m.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 28th August - Meet the Teacher at 2.15 p.m., more information to follow

Thursday 11th September - Curricular Workshops at 6.00 p.m., more information to follow

CLASSIFICATIONS

Please find below details of this year's staff and classes.

Teacher	Class
Mrs. Di Mascio	Depute Head Teacher
Mrs. Belam	Principal Teacher
Mrs. Devlin/Mrs. McMullen	P. 1A
Mrs. Stevenson/Mrs. Grogan	P. 1B
Mrs. Cheape/Miss. Govan Th/F	P. 2
Mrs. Lang/Miss. Govan Wed	P.3/2
Miss. Hamill	P. 4/3
Mrs. McNaughton	P. 4
Mrs. McLennan/Mrs. McNab	P. 5
Mrs. Pacitti	P. 6/5
Miss. Thompson/Mrs. McNab	P. 7/6
Mrs. Piraino	P. 7

Please find noted at the end of the newsletter important dates holiday and in service days and the contact details for members of staff.

As always, if there is anything in this newsletter that you would like to discuss or indeed any aspect of school life, please contact via e-mail addresses stated below.

Kind regards

Mrs. N Di Mascio
Depute Head Teacher

Staff	Class
Mrs. Greechan	nlgreechank@northlan.org.uk
Mrs. Di Mascio for Nursery and P.1-3 enquiries	nldimascion@northlan.org.uk
Mrs. Belam for P.4-7 enquiries and Support for Learning	nlbelamk@northlan.org.uk
Mrs. McNab or Mrs Devlin for I.C.T. and Digital Homework queries	nlmcnabk@northlan.org.uk nldevlinn@northlan.org.uk
Miss. Forrester for general school enquiries	nlforresterc@northlan.org.uk
Mrs. Rand for absences, Illness, iPay and Parents Night	nlrandp@northlan.org.uk
Mrs. McMillan for Nursery and contact details	nlmcmillanr@northlan.org.uk

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS AND IN-SERVICE DAYS 2025 - 2026

Tuesday 12 th August 2025	In - Service Day - Staff only
Wednesday 13 th August 2025	In - Service Day - Staff only
Thursday 14 th August 2025	Return for all pupils
Fri 26 th & Mon 29 th September 2025	Closed for September Weekend
Tuesday 30 th September 2025	Return for all staff and pupils
Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th October 2025	Closed for October Break
Monday 20 th October 2025	Return for all staff and pupils
Monday 17 th November 2025	In - Service Day - Staff only
Tuesday 18 th November 2025	Return for all pupils
Thursday 18 th December 2025	Close for Christmas Break at 2.30 p.m.
Friday 19 th Dec - Fri 2 nd Jan 2026	Closed for Christmas Break
Monday 5 th January 2026	Return for all staff and pupils
Monday 16 th & Tuesday 17 th February 2026	Closed for February Break
Weds 18 th February 2026	In - Service Day - Staff only
Thursday 19 th February 2026	Return for all pupils
Thursday 2 nd April 2026	Close for Easter Break at 2.30 p.m.
Friday 3 rd - Friday 17 th April 2026	Closed for Easter Holidays
Monday 20 th April 2026	Return for all staff and pupils
Monday 4 th May 2026	Closed for May Day Holiday
Thursday 7 th May 2026	In - Service Day - Staff only
Friday 22 nd May & Monday 25 th May 2026	Closed for May Weekend
Tuesday 26 th May 2026	Return for all staff and pupils
Friday 26 th June 2026	Close for Summer Break at 1.00 pm
Good Friday 3 rd April & Easter Monday 6 th April	