



Weekly Head Teacher's Blog

Welcome to this week's news

Friday 8th May 2026

Happy Friday Everyone!

Although it has been a shorter week, with the holiday on Monday and our in-service day on Thursday, there has still been lots happening at OLOP and we are looking forward to another busy few weeks ahead.

Our **Primary 7's** (and staff) had an amazing time on their trip to York last week. The children were a credit to our school throughout the visit, showing excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and manners. I hope you all enjoyed the regular updates and photos that were shared on our Facebook page!

Tomorrow, we are very much looking forward to celebrating **the Sacrament of First Holy Communion** with our Primary 4 children and their families. This is always a very special occasion in the life of our school and parish community.

A huge thank you to **Mr McElhone and Miss Byrne** for preparing the children so well for this important sacrament, and to **Mrs Wilson** for all of the work taking place behind the scenes in liaising with parents, Father Jim Duggan, Father Paul Laverty and our parish representatives. Thank you also to **Mrs McDowall** for preparing the choir so beautifully for the celebration.

Please keep our Primary 4 children in your prayers as they take this important step in their faith journey.

For anyone walking or driving past the school yesterday, you may have wondered what our teachers and support staff were doing outdoors! We enjoyed a full day of professional learning focused on **Outdoor Learning**, delivered by **Learning Through Landscapes**. Staff took part in a range of practical activities and discussions exploring how outdoor experiences can support children's learning, wellbeing and creativity. This will form part of next year's School Improvement Plan, and we look forward to sharing more with you in the months ahead.

Highlights of this Week - Ask your child about it!

We were delighted to welcome **Bishop John Keenan** to our school on Wednesday morning. He spent time with our **Primary 7's** as they continue their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will take place in **St Mirin's Cathedral** on **Wednesday 27th May**. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this very special occasion.

Congratulations to our **Primary 4 children** who received the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (First Confession) on Wednesday afternoon. Father Paul also spent time speaking with the rest of Primary 4 as they continue preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday. The children had lots of thoughtful questions for Father Paul and enjoyed learning more about this special sacrament, as well as what it is like to be a priest.

Upcoming Events – Next Week

- **Monday:** P5 Lunch Time Football - MUGA; Lunch Time Friendship Club; P6 & 7 Woodwind Lessons; P2 & P3 Mini Kickers – 3:00pm-4:00pm; **P6 to Safe Kids Event at St Mirren Football Club.**
- **Tuesday:** P6 & 7 Chanter Lessons; Lunch Time Friendship Club. **Fèis Phàislig Gaelic Music Workshops for whole school**
- **Wednesday:** Assemblies; Lunch Time Dodgeball for P4-7; **New P1's visiting the Dining Hall**
- **Thursday:** P5-7 Irish Dancing Lunch Time Club; **Ascension Thursday Mass, St Conval's Church**
- **Friday:** **P6 & P7 Police Football Tournament at the On-X**



Wider Achievements

Please encourage your child to tell me about their successes or complete our Wider Achievement Form: [Wider Achievement at OLOP – Fill in form](#)



Reminders/Suggestions:

- Please do not allow your child to bring **smart watches** to school. If a child does bring one, they will be asked to place it in the **class mobile phone box** during the school day, and it will be returned to them at 3pm.
- If your child brings a **scooter or bike** to school, please ensure that it is **clearly labelled with their name**, as several children have the same or similar ones.
- **Why not add our school website to your phone's home screen?** This will make it easier to access my weekly blog and school lunches. Click on this link and select 'Add to Home Screen': [Our Lady of Peace Primary School | Erskinefauld Road, Linwood, PA3 3PR](#)
- Please click on the link below to see next week's school meals menu. **Next week is WEEK 3.** [School Meals | Our Lady of Peace Primary School](#)
- If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school office 0300 300 0173 or ourladyofpeaceenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

(P1-4: Mrs Wilson, P5-7: Mr Reid, Pupil Support Coordinator: Mrs Wilson)



- Tuesday 19th May: New P1 Induction Day 1, 1:30pm-2:45pm
- **Monday 25th May: Holiday**
- Wednesday 27th May: P7 Confirmation, 6:30pm, St Mirin's Cathedral
- Tuesday 2nd June: Summer Disco
- Monday 1st – Friday 5th June: Health Week
- Wednesday 3rd June: New P1 Induction Day 2, 1:30pm-2:45pm
- Friday 5th June: Sports Day from 1pm
- Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th June: P7 Induction Days, St Benedict's High School
- Friday 12th June: P7 Leavers' Dance, 6:30pm – 9:00pm
- Friday 26th June: P7 Leavers' & End of Year Mass, 1:00pm, St Conval's Church
- Tuesday 30th June: School stops for summer at 1:00pm 😊

And finally

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

A special thought and prayer for our Primary 4 children and their families as they celebrate their First Holy Communion - we hope you have a very special and memorable day together!

Best Wishes,
Lesley-Anne Dick

