

BULLETIN

ST. CHARLES' PRIMARY SCHOOL April/May 2025

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Dear Parents,

We are starting our final term of the year, which is a very, very busy one for us all. Please take a screenshot of all the important dates at the end of this bulletin to ensure you don't miss any important upcoming events involving your child.

PARENT HUB & PLANNED EVENTS

The next planned Parent Hub meetings will be held in the school on Wednesday 28th May at 6.30 pm. All parents/carers are welcome to attend so please come along if you can. This is an opportunity for you to share your ideas and hear about the work of our school. St Charles' Primary Parent Hub can be found on Facebook <https://tinyurl.com/y54j5wuj>.

SCHOOL DISCO

There has been a good response to the request for parent volunteers who are willing to be PVG checked. This means, that as we now have around 20 adult supervisors, I can happily report that school discos can be re-introduced. There will be a Spring Disco on Thursday 1st May in the school hall. Please note that children can only attend if a ticket is purchased in advance as there is no entry at the door. Please look for the coloured slip in your child's school bag on Friday, which must be completed and returned to school with £3 for individual tickets or £5 if buying tickets for more than one child.

Disco times are as follows:

P1-P3 children 6.00 pm-6.45 pm

P4-P7 children 7.00-8.00 pm

Children should be dropped off & collected by an adult for both events.

PARENT HUB FAMILY BBQ

This annual event is planned for Friday 6th June if you feel you can help out on the night or in the few weeks running up to the event please contact [@StCharlesParentHub](https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesParentHub) or pass our name onto the school office or any member of the Parent Hub. **Helpers for this event do not require to be PVG checked.**

EQUITY STRATEGY

As a school community, we have an Equity Strategy in place which we would like to review before Session 25/26.

Our Equity Strategy sets out our school's vision to raise attainment for all learners and details how we address the poverty-related attainment gap to ensure all children will have their needs met irrespective of any disadvantage they may have in their lives that may/may not be a barrier to their learning.

If this is something you would be interested in being involved in, and you have a spare hour on MONDAY 9th JUNE, please come along to a meeting to hear more and share your ideas on how this could be further developed and improved in our school.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

YOU SAID & WE DID information which provides a summary of the responses received from our most recent parent survey has been issued. Results of pupil survey were shared month with learners, and we are now in the process of discussing & planning improvements with them.

WEAR SOMETHING RED DAY

All pupils are invited to wear something RED to school on Friday 25th April and donate £1 which we will gift to Haemophilia Scotland. This is a charity we like to support annually as we have a pupil in our school who suffers from Haemophilia; a serious bleeding disorder for which there is no known cure. Our young pupil presented information about his condition at assembly this week. Well done for demonstrating our school value of DETERMINATION in front of our whole school community.

(Something RED can be a top, a hair ribbon or bobble, a pair of gloves or socks, it doesn't need to be a complete outfit -NO CROP TOPS PLEASE)

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

The P7 children who will be presented to Bishop John to be confirmed attended a spiritual retreat today in the Parish. They had a wonderful time and were complimented by the team for their behaviour & participation. Thank you so much to Fr Jim our chaplain & the Net Ministry team for giving our children this opportunity and supporting them in their formation of faith. The sacrament will be conferred during holy mass at St Mirin's Cathedral on Wednesday 30th April. Information has been issued directly to families involved.

Children in Primary 4, are to be presented for the sacrament of Holy Eucharist (First Holy Communion) on Saturday, 17th May at 10 am & 12 noon masses.

There will be a mass of Thanksgiving the following day (Sunday 18th May) which the parish extend a warm invitation to children & families to attend. Children can wear their communion outfits to this mass on this day if they wish to do so.

Please keep all of our First Communicants & Confirmandi in your prayers

In the Roman Catholic church, the month of May is celebrated as a Marian month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. All children will be learning about & saying The Holy Rosary in class this month and the P3 pupil prayer group led by Miss Hanlon will meet each Wednesday at lunchtime during May. We will also be hosting a whole school Rosary event with Fr Jim in May – date to be confirmed.

The Travelling Rosary will also continue to be sent home to families during May

SHARING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

Our Digital Leaders worked very hard last term to develop St Charles' Bluesky page. This term they will be visiting classes every week to take photographs of events, children's learning & classwork which will then be posted on Bluesky. If you are not yet on Bluesky please join & follow us [@stcharlesprimary.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/stcharlesprimary.bsky.social)

We previously had a following of around 1000 people on X, but as we are no longer permitted to use X we have moved to Bluesky. The content is similar & it is another great way for parents and families to get a flavour of the magic that happens inside the school each day. Please follow us to share in your child's learning experiences.

FAB CLUB will begin on Thursday, 22nd May and will run this year for four consecutive weeks after school. This family learning club is funded using Pupil Equity Fund money allocated to the school each year by the Scottish Government. More information will be issued directly to the classes involved.

As advised last month, we have purchased a licence for Collins ebooks, which means all of the core reading books will now be available in digital format for your child to access at home. Classteachers have issued information on how this resource can be accessed.

Reading is incredibly important for children's development. Daily reading benefits language development by expanding vocabulary, developing comprehension & phonological awareness. Daily reading aids cognitive development by improving concentration, memory & focus, critical thinking & problem-solving skills, and developing empathy. Reading sparks children's imagination and creativity and develops their social awareness and understanding of the world. Daily reading builds a strong foundation for academic success, as it is the basis for understanding other subjects and learning new concepts. Research shows that children who enjoy reading tend to perform better in school and have a greater chance of success in future careers.

As a Reading School, we strive to develop a lifelong love of reading in our children, which benefits the individual beyond childhood. We want to empower our children to pursue lifelong learning and personal development.

Please encourage your child to read at home every day.

PRIMARY 7 TRANSITION ACTIVITY & LEAVERS EVENTS

Transition- Members of the pastoral care team from St Andrew's Academy will be visiting P7 classes next week to speak to the children and discuss transition needs with Mr McGoldrick & the classteachers. All P7 children transferring to St Andrew's in August will spend two days visiting and experiencing some aspects of secondary school life on Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st May with children from all other associated primary schools.

Care- experienced children can also access additional support if this is required. Mr McGoldrick can make all necessary arrangements with the Pastoral team at St Andrew's Academy if you feel this is required for your child.

Leavers Events- dates for events at end of this bulletin. Additional information will be issued directly to P7 parents.

HEALTH LIFESTYLES

Every class has two hours of Physical Education each week, and the expectation is that all children participate unless they are unwell or injured in which case parents must inform the school office or write a note for the teacher. A number of children at all stages are coming to school without gym kit on the days this is required.

Please can you ensure your child brings shorts/joggers and a t-shirt as well as suitable footwear to participate indoors and outdoors. Participation in PE is very important aspect of children developing healthy lifestyles & habits for the future.

NEW ENTRANTS AUGUST 2025

All children due to start school in August 2025 will soon receive an invitation to visit our school. We have two induction afternoons planned for Wednesday 14th & 21st May and all new entrants are invited to attend both. All children will have the opportunity to spend time in their classrooms & meet their teachers & classmates on these dates. Information has already been shared on SeeSaw by Mrs Kelly to all families transferring.

Parents are asked to accompany their child & attend the session in the school hall with Mrs Kelly. It is a great opportunity for parents to receive information about our school, the curriculum we offer and to ask any questions they may have relating to their child. Should you have any questions regarding your child's nursery/P1 transition, please contact Mrs Kelly. Key worker from St Charles' ELCC will be taking pre-school children transferring to P1 for some shared learning visits. There have already been some Team Around the Child (TAC) meetings convened for children transferring in from ELCC & transferring out to secondary education. These meetings will continue until the end of term.

Some dates for your diary

I have issued advance notice of as many future events as possible to help you plan.

Please note that these dates may be subject to change.

Date	Event	Target Group
Tues 22 nd April	School and ELCC re-opens	
Tues 22 nd April	PATHS @ Home Information Session via Teams – 9.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm and 4.30pm	All invited to access at home
Wed 23 rd April	ELCC Parent Cooking Session in dinner hall – 2.00-3.00pm	ELCC
Wed 23 rd April	Mini Kickers Session 3.00-4.00pm in school hall – Week 1	Selected Primary 4 and 5 pupils
Thurs 24 th April	Childsmile Fluoride Varnish Team visiting	ELCC
Fri 25 th April	Wear Something Red Day- Donation (£1 suggestion) for Haemophilia Scotland.	All pupils
Mon 28 th April	STEM Group Workshop Visit to West College Scotland	Primary 7 (final group)
Mon 28 th April	Bikeability – bike checks	Selected Primary 7 pupils
Tues 29 th April	Confessions in school – 11.00am	Primary 7
Wed 30 th April	ELCC Parent Cooking Session in dinner hall – 2.00-3.00pm	ELCC
Wed 30 th April	Mini Kickers Session 3.00-4.00pm in school hall – Week 2	Selected Primary 4 and 5 pupils
Wed 30 th April	Celebration of Confirmation – St Mirin's Cathedral 6.30pm	Primary 7 Confirmandi
Thurs 1 st May	Parent Hub – Spring disco – more info to follow	All pupils
Sun 4 th May	Thanksgiving Mass – St Charles' Church 10.00am	Primary 7 Confimandi
Mon 5th May	School and ELCC closed – May-Day holiday	
Tues 6th May	School and ELCC re-opens	
Tues 6 th May	Trip to Science Centre, Glasgow	Rooms 3 and 4
Wed 7 th May	Trip to Vikingar , Largs	Room 6
Wed 7 th May	ELCC Parent Cooking Session in dinner hall – 2.00-3.00pm	ELCC
Wed 7 th May	Mini Kickers Session 3.00-4.00pm in school hall – Week 3	Selected Primary 4 and 5 pupils
Mon 12 th May	Bikeability with Mrs Ferguson	Selected Primary 7 pupils
Tues 13 th May	Confessions in school 11.00am	Primary 4
Tues 13 th May	Safe Kids Event at St Mirren Park 12.00noon-2.30pm	Primary 6 pupils
Wed 14 th May	Trip to Amazonia and Bowling	Primary 7
Wed 14 th May	Primary 1 Induction Day (1) – 1.45pm	New Entrant Primary 1s and parents
Wed 14 th May	Mini Kickers Session 3.00-4.00pm in school hall – Week 4	Selected Primary 4 and 5 pupils
Wed 14 th May	Parent's Evening (1) 5.30-8.30pm- more info to follow	Booked appointments only
Thurs 15 th May	Trip to Amazonia	Room 15 (Primary 6 only)
Thurs 15 th May	Parent's Evening (2) 3.30-6.30pm- more info to follow	Booked appointments only
Sat 17 th May	Sacrament of Holy Eucharist – St Charles' Church – 10.00am & 12.00noon	Primary 4- First Communicants & families
Sun 18 th May	Thanksgiving Mass at St Charles' Church	Primary 4- First Communicants & families
Mon 19 th May	Bikeability with Mrs Ferguson	Selected Primary 7 pupils
Tues 20 th May	Primary 7 Induction Day (1) – St Andrews Academy	Primary 7
Tues 20 th May	School Show Night 1 – Aladdin – ticket info to follow	All welcome
Wed 21 st May	Primary 1 Induction Day (1) – 1.45pm	New Entrant Primary 1s and parents
Wed 21 st May	ELCC Parent Cooking Session in dinner hall – 2.00-3.00pm	ELCC
Wed 21 st May	School Show Night 2 – Aladdin – ticket info to follow	All welcome
Thurs 22 nd May	Strawberry Tea event for grandparents/elderly relatives - 9.15am	Ticketed event
Thurs 22 nd May	Fab Club – After School Family Learning – Session 1 – 3.15-4.00pm	Invited pupils and families

Fri 23rd May	In Service Day – School and ELCC closed to pupils	
Mon 26th May	School and ELCC closed – Local Holiday	
Tues 27th May	School and ELCC reopens	
Tues 27 th May	Trip to Science Centre (Planetarium)	Room 7
Tues 27 th May	ELCC Sports Day – 2.00pm	ELCC
Wed 28 th May	ELCC Parent Cooking Session in dinner hall – 2.00-3.00pm	ELCC
Wed 28 th May	Parent Hub meeting in school hall – 6.30pm	All welcome
Thurs 29 th May	Trip to Calderglen	Room 12
Thurs 29 th May	Fab Club – After School Family Learning – Session 2 – 3.15-4.00pm	Invited pupils and families
Fri 30 th May	Summer BBQ – more info to follow	All welcome
Mon 2 nd June	Talent Show- Donate £1 for MISSIO- more info to follow	All pupils
Wed 4 th June	Trip to Montys Farm Park	Room 2
Wed 4 th June	ELCC Parent Cooking Session in dinner hall – 2.00-3.00pm	ELCC
Thurs 5 th June	Fab Club – After School Family Learning – Session 3 – 3.15-4.00pm	Invited pupils and families
Fri 6 th June	First Friday Mass at church	Primary 4
Sun 8 th June	Primary School Day for Pentecoste at St Mary's Church – 2.00-5.30pm - * Please note this event has been cancelled *	Primary 4-7
Mon 9 th June	Trip to Montys Farm Park	Room 1
Tues 10 th June	Trip to Blair Drummond	Room 5
Tues 10 th June	Stage Mass in school hall – 2.00pm	Primary 4
Wed 11 th June	ELCC Parent Cooking Session in dinner hall – 2.00-3.00pm	ELCC
Thurs 12 th June	Fab Club – After School Family Learning – Session 4 – 3.15-4.00pm	Invited pupils and families
Mon 16 th June	ELCC Trip to Montys Farm Park	Group 1
Tues 17 th June	ELCC Trip to Montys Farm Park	Group 2
Wed 18 th June	ELCC Parent Cooking Session in dinner hall – 2.00-3.00pm	ELCC
Fri 20 th June	ELCC Celebration in school hall – 1.45pm	ELCC
Fri 20 th June	Primary 7 Leavers Event in school hall – more info on Teams	Primary 7
Mon 23 rd June	Primary 7 Leavers Mass and PFFA at church – 7pm	Primary 7
Tues 24 th June	Primary 7 Leavers Assembly in school hall	Primary 7
Wed 25 th June	ELCC Parent Cooking Session in dinner hall – 2.00-3.00pm	ELCC
Thurs 26 th June	Whole School Year End Mass in school hall	
Friday 27th June	Early Closure for School and ELCC 1.30pm for Summer Break	

Yours sincerely



Grace Hannigan
HEADTEACHER