

BULLETIN

ST. CHARLES' PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I would like to thank the members of the Parent Hub who organised and hosted the Halloween Disco event last Wednesday night in the school. A big shout out to Geoff the DJ who made the night a great success. The children all seemed to have a wonderful time. This event raised £660.86 in total from ticket sales, tuck shop & the sale of glow sticks. Everyone enjoyed dressing up in school on Friday too and all the children had the opportunity to be involved in fun activities with their teachers in class.

The next Parent Hub event is the annual Christmas Bazaar on Friday 21st November. If you would like to be involved in the preparation on the lead up to the night and/or you can help out on the actual night the Parent Hub would love to hear from you. Please contact Ashley King (Chairperson) on stcharlespaisleyparentcouncil@gmail.com or contact the school office and staff will be happy to pass on your name and contact details.

The Parent Hub will begin collecting donations for the Bazaar this week (Friday). Children can come into school every Friday in November wearing casual clothes (no need to wear school uniform) in exchange for a small donation for the Christmas Bazaar.

Friday 7th November- Chocolate or sweets

Friday 14th November- Bottles (including alcohol)

Friday 21st November- Decorated & filled jars

On each date representatives from the Parent Hub will be at the gate to collect donations. Please note alcohol should only be dropped off by an adult.

Parent Hub information can also be found on Facebook (st charles paisley parenthub)

Raffle tickets for Christmas Draw at the Bazaar will be issued in school bags later this week.

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

On the 4th of November each year we celebrate the Feast of our Patron Saint Charles Borromeo.

Below is our school prayer that all children say each day in class. Please encourage your child to say this prayer at home each day.

Saint Charles our patron, we ask you to guide us on our path that we may be gentle and faithful ambassadors like you. Enable us to be great learners, great friends and to celebrate our talents. Help us to show love and respect to all those that we meet and to grow in knowledge by following your loyal and faithful example. Amen.

Yesterday we introduced the children P4-7 to our new school hymn. We hope to share this with our parents in the months ahead.

NATIONAL BOOK WEEK 2025

This year "Book Week Scotland" begins on Monday 17th November. The theme is **FRIENDSHIP**. In school we will be having lots of fun events & activities throughout the week. Parents are asked to support their children by reading to &/or with them for at least 20 minutes each evening and chatting to them about the reading activities they have been involved in that day.

I am very grateful to Miss Tormey & Mrs Lamont-Hargan who are our literacy Co-ordinators in St Charles' PS. They have organised a very full & fun programme for staff & children which I know we will all enjoy greatly while learning.

Letters will be issued to children at different stages with all relevant information regarding the events which parents are included in. Dates & times listed at end of this bulletin.

- Children in ELCC will have a Book Bug Story Session
- P1, P2 & P3 children will be gifted a Book Bag
- P4 & P5 parents & children will be invited to enjoy a BINGO, BOOKS & BUNS event.
- P6 & P7 will enjoy Mystery Reader Story Time with milk & cookies.

INVITATIONS TO SHARE YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

Thank you to all the Parents & extended family members who have attended our "Best Seat in the House" assemblies and "Open Doors" afternoons so far this year. There are several others planned for this school session. The next "Best Seat in the House" assembly for P6 parents is on Thursday 27th November at 9.15am.

The children have really enjoyed sharing some of their learning with friends & family. Remember Open Doors is very informal, and parents do not need to attend for the full-time allocation. It is fine to come along and stay for just a little while.

"Storytime by Fairy light" is a parent/child activity we introduced a few years ago for P2 children & it was so well received by participants we now host it annually. The sessions promote books & a love of storytelling. We plan to host two sessions early in the new year. More information and a sign-up form will be issued to P2 parents. Spaces are limited & will be offered on a first-come basis.

I respectfully ask that parents do not arrive before scheduled times for any events as we have no waiting area if the weather is inclement.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE

We are hoping to have a Christmas Jumper Sale on Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th November during parents' evenings. We are asking that you look out & launder last year's jumpers/ sweatshirts/tee-shirt that is now too small for your child & donate it to our sale. If you have any adult size jumpers, they would also be welcome. All items in the sale will cost £1. Please send any donations into school office as soon as possible.

LUNCH DEBT

I would ask all parents to ensure children always have adequate funds available on Parent Pay to cover the cost of school lunches. While all children P1-P5 are entitled to a free school lunch, a number of children in P6 & P7 are regularly presenting for a school lunch with no means to pay. The school is required to issue debt letters each week until any outstanding balance is paid. Please speak to Mrs Hannigan if you are experiencing difficulty in providing your child with a midday meal.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Parent/teacher interviews will be held in the school on Weds 12th November 5.30pm-8.30pm and on Thursday 13th November 3.30pm-6.30pm. Appointments are now available to book on Parent Portal. You should have received a text yesterday to advise the booking system has gone live. Booking system closes on 11th November & appointments can be changed or cancelled up until 3pm on that date.

Please remember you need to book an appointment for each child. (2 children = 2 appointment times)

If you have any difficulties in booking a suitable appointment, please contact the school office for assistance.

As always, all senior staff are available on the evening on a drop-in basis.

Any child (P1, P4 & P7) who works with Mrs MacLean will be issued with a letter to advise when she is available. The tear off slip should be returned to Mrs MacLean to book the slot.

SANTA DASH

P7 children will take part in a sponsored event to raise money to purchase leavers hoodies on Friday 12th December. Sponsor forms will be issued on Tuesday 2nd December when we return after St Andrew's Day holiday. Good Luck to all the children involved as they dash 5 laps around the perimeter of our school.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

SAVE THE DATE: We are planning to host an event for grandparents and the elderly members of our school & parish community on Monday 15th December 25. More information & invitations to follow.

REGISTRATION OF NEW ENTRANTS (PRIMARY ONE) FOR AUGUST 2026

If your child's fifth birthday is between 1 March 2026 and 28 February 2027, you should register them for school this November.

Registration takes place between Monday 3 and Friday 7 November 2025.

If you, or someone you're helping, can't register online, you can contact your local primary school and make an appointment to register in person during the registration dates.

To register your child to go to another school outside of your catchment area, you'll need to register them at a school within your catchment area first, then make a placing request.

If you can't register your child for school till after Friday 7 November, please contact your local primary school directly.

Children who will be 4 when school starts in August 2026 can apply to be deferred and get an additional year of free nursery and childcare. Please talk to your child's nursery or childminder.

[Apply for school on Renfrewshire Council's website.](#)

During the registration process, you will be required to produce the following documentation to support your child's entry to school:

1. Child's full Birth Certificate
2. Most recent Council Tax Notice or if not currently resident in the property either a concluded missive or a signed and witnessed tenancy agreement/lease.

3. Child Benefit Statement. (In the event that a Child Benefit Statement is not available, a Driving Licence or a Bank Statement/utility bill showing transactions over the most recent 3 months and the applicant's address may be accepted). Or if appropriate to current circumstances: Court Order / Looked After Child/Foster carer document(s).
4. Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate if your child has been baptised.
- You should be able to access further information by searching 'apply for a place at school' on Renfrewshire Council website.

We look forward to welcoming many new children & families to our school community next session.

TEMPEST SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

All children recently had a school photograph taken individually & in sibling group. Parents should have received sample & are asked to complete order online as soon as possible to ensure all the photographs get delivered to the school at the same time. The school office will advise parents when the photographs have been received & are ready for distribution.

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society in St Charles Parish continue to offer support for any family who may find themselves unable to purchase food or pay energy bills. Christmas may be a particularly difficult time for many families. If you find yourself needing some assistance, please speak to Mrs Kelly or Mrs Hannigan who link in directly with the group. No personal information is ever shared with the volunteers.

PROMOTING RACIAL LITERACY & INCLUSION

As part of our commitment to fostering a welcoming and respectful school environment for all, we are excited to introduce a new regular feature in our school bulletin: Promoting Racial Literacy and Inclusion. From January to June, this section will highlight how we are helping children understand and appreciate diversity, challenge stereotypes, and build empathy and respect for all cultures and backgrounds as well as recognising the important contributions people with disabilities make in society. Primary 5 children will be leading on this work. Both P5 classes recently spent an afternoon with a motivational speaker, Bart Gee, learning all about "Turning Disabilities into Possibilities". P5 parents joined their children at the end of the day to share in their learning. Watch this space for more information on what we are doing in school & how you can promote this learning at home.

HEALTHY SNACKS

Lots of our children bring healthy snacks to school each day. If you provide a snack, please encourage your child to choose fruit or crisps as an alternative to chocolate or hard, chewy sweets. Water can be consumed throughout the day and while it is best for children to avoid drinking juice, if they must have it, this should only be consumed with lunch. Lollipops are not safe to consume in a busy playground and children are frequently reminded these should not be eaten in school.

The Pupil Leadership Group have revised the shopping list for Golden Ticket Tea Parties. The list now consists of much healthier options such as, fresh fruit kebabs, watermelon slices, lemon water, bread sticks & cream cheese. This is a much healthier selection than before. There is still a small number of sugary snacks available such as chocolate buttons & chocolate dipping sauce, but these are limited to one portion. House captains conducted an evaluation & it was an overwhelming success with those who had attended.

PARENT HUB

IMPORTANT UPDATE- The planned meeting on **Weds 5th November** will now take place on **Tuesday 4th November 25**.

Some dates for your diary

I have issued advance notice of as many future events as possible to help you plan until Christmas holidays. Please note that these dates may be subject to change.

Date	Event	Target Group
Tuesday 4 th November	Feast of St Charles Borromeo- Patron Saint of our school community – Mass for all pupils with School Chaplain Father Jim	
Tuesday 4 th November	Parent Hub Events Subgroup Meeting (panning for Christmas Bazaar) @ 6.30pm in school hall	
Wednesday 5 th November	ELCC Cookery Club for children & parents	
Thursday 6 th November	Flu Immunisations administered to children with written parental consent	All pupils
Thursday 6 th November	P7 Parent Information Evening in St Andrew's Academy @ 5pm	
Friday 7 th November	ParentHub Collection of Sweets/Chocolate - non-uniform day	
Tuesday 11 th November	Rescheduled Date- Winter Jacket sale- All items £5 or less	ALL WELCOME
Wednesday 12 th November	ELCC Cookery Club for children & parents	
Wednesday 12 th November	Parents' Evening 5.30pm-8.30pm	By appointment only
Thursday 13 th November	Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm	By appointment only
Friday 14 th November	ParentHub Collection of Bottles - non-uniform day	
Sunday 16 th November	P7 Confirmation Mass of Commitment at St Charles' Church @ 10.00am	P7 Confirmandii
Monday 17 th November	Primary 1 Book Bag gifting session @ 9.15am.	P1 children & parents
Monday 17 th November	P5 Stage Mass in school @ 2pm	P5 children & families

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Tuesday 18 th November	Primary 3 Book Bag gifting session @ 9.15am	P3 children & parents
Tuesday 18 th November	Books, Buns and Bingo @ 1.45pm	P4 & 5 children & parents
Wednesday 19 th November	Primary 2 Book Bag gifting session @ 9.15am.	P2 children & parents
Wednesday 19 th November	ELCC Cookery Club for children & parents	
Thursday 20 th November	Bedtime Reading on the Skoobmobile 5-7pm for P1 children-more information to follow	
Friday 21 st November	Mystery Reader Story time with milk & cookies	P6 & P7 children
Friday 21 st November	Christmas Bazaar in school 6pm-8pm	ALL WELCOME
Thursday 27 th November	Best Seat in the House @ 9.15am	Primary 6
Thursday 27 th November	Bedtime Reading on the Skoobmobile 5-7pm for P1 children-more information to follow	
Tuesday 23 rd November	P4 Communicants – Mass of Enrolment – 10 am St Charles Church	P4 children & families
Tuesday 25 th November	Celebrating Scottish Culture in ELCC- Scottish Country Dancing with McCreadie School of Dance	
Tuesday 25 th November	Blessing of the Crib (& travelling Cribs for P2 children to bring home)	P2 children
Wednesday 26 th November	ELCC Cookery Club for children & parents	
Thursday 27 th November	Bedtime Reading on the Skoobmobile for P1 children-more information to follow	
Monday 1st December	ST ANDREWS DAY – School & ELCC closed	
Tuesday 2 nd December	Pupils Return	
Tuesday 2 nd December	P2 Story Time by Fairy Light - Week 2	Invited children & families
Tuesday 2 nd December	P1 & P7 dental inspections	P1 & P7 pupils
Wednesday 3 rd December	ELCC Cookery Club for children & parents	
Wednesday 3 rd December	P7 Parents Meeting for children attending Dumfries House Residential Trip (FEB)	
Thursday 4 th December	P1 Jingle Walk 1:30pm	P1 children & parents
Thursday 4 th December	Bedtime Reading on the Skoobmobile 5-7pm for P1 children-more information to follow	
Friday 5 th December	First Friday mass @ 10am – St Charles Church	Room 14
Sunday 7 th December	P7 Confirmation prep – St Charles Church @ 10am	P7 confirmandii
Monday 8 th December	Confessions in school	P5, 6 & 7 pupils
Wednesday 10 th December	ELCC Cookery Club for children & parents	
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Lunch for school and ELCC	
Tuesday 9 th December	Infant Nativity dress rehearsal	
Thursday 11 th December	Infant Nativity 1:45pm (P1 & P2)	Ticket only
Friday 12 th December	Infant Nativity 1:45pm (P1 & P2)	Ticket only
Friday 12 th December	P7 Sponsored Santa Dash	P7 children
Monday 15 th December	Carols by Candlelight	Grandparents & friends
Tuesday 16 th December	Nursery Nativity 1:45pm	Ticket only
Wednesday 17 th December	Final Date for returning Sponsor forms & cash donations (P7 Santa Dash)	
Friday 19 th December	Whole school Christmas service with Father Jim- Please wear school uniform	
Friday 19th December	2pm EARLY CLOSURE for ALL CHILDREN in school & ELCC	

Yours sincerely



Grace Hannigan
HEADTEACHER