

BULLETIN

ST. CHARLES' PRIMARY SCHOOL February 2026

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Dear Parents,

Our recent HMIE inspection has now concluded, and I would like to thank our whole school community for their support throughout the process. We expect to receive notification of publication of the formal report in the coming weeks, and I will advise when this is available.

The inspection team were highly complementary about many aspects of our school. They were particularly impressed by our children and the way they consistently demonstrate and live our school values of KINDNESS, HONESTY & DETERMINATION in their learning, behaviour, and relationships. Inspectors commented on how their pride in our school was evident throughout the visit.

"RESPECT ME" ANTI-BULLYING

There are FREE parents & carers eLearning modules are now live on the Respect Me website [Bullying – A Guide for Parents and Carers | Learning Academy | respectme](https://respectme.org.uk/parents-and-carers-learning-academy/). These modules have been created specifically to support parents and carers understand and respond to bullying, to increase confidence and gain new practical skills to support children and young people. This eLearning module complements Respect Me's updated booklet which can be accessed here ([bullying-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-2025.pdf](https://respectme.org.uk/assets/documents/bullying-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-2025.pdf)). Four live webinars are being offered for parents/carers in 2026.

Dates for these will be available on the website soon.

SAVE THE DATE- SCHOOL SHOW PERFORMANCES

Senior pupils from the Thursday Drama Club will be performing "Matilda" the musical on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd June 2026. Both performances will be in the school hall with curtains opening at 7pm.

Please save the dates for now & more information will be shared on how to purchase tickets after Easter.

LENTEN FUNDRAISING & EASTER EGG APPEAL

Lent is the period leading up to Easter, from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday. It is a time of preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Lent invites us all to make our minds and hearts ready for remembering the life, death and resurrection of Christ. This year Ash Wednesday is **Wednesday 18th February 2026** which is an In-Service Day, when school and ELCC are both closed to pupils. Distribution of Ashes will be available at all parish masses on this day & Fr Jim warmly invites all children & families to attend.

During the season of Lent, we encourage our children to pray, reflect on the Word of God, worship at Mass & give alms to those who need help. Our Mini Vinnies Citizenship group will be leading this year's Lenten fundraising campaign which will include "Toast for the Weekend" initiative. From **Friday 20th February** (the first Friday after Ash Wednesday) until **Friday 27th March** (the Friday before term ends for Easter holidays), the group will be selling slices of toast with butter or jam in the dining hall at playtime. The cost will be 50p payable in cash; all proceeds will be donated to SCIAF – the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund.

I am sure this will be a popular and meaningful way for our pupils to put their faith into action during Lent, and as always, we are grateful for the continued generosity of parents.

We will also be working in partnership with Steven Cameron Funeral Directors as we have done on previous years to gather & give alms in the form of Easter eggs. These will be distributed to children in the local area who may otherwise not receive one. We are asking that every child in the school donates **one** Easter egg on the following dates. Children may want to participate in one or both of these activities.

- **Tuesday 24th March- Wear Your Pyjamas to School Day**
- **Friday 27th March- Crazy Hair Day**

Last year we collected 244 chocolate eggs, this year we are aiming to collect even more.

PRIMAY 7 LEAVERS EVENTS

Lots of exciting activities are planned before the end of summer term. P7 parents can read information shared via teams for important dates.

RESIDENTIAL TRIP-DUMFRIES HOUSE

This year two groups of Primary 7 children will be setting off on adventures to Dumfries House in Cumnock. The first group will leave on **Monday 2nd March** - returning on Friday **Thursday 5th March 2026**. Miss Leck will be the group leader on this trip. The second group will leave on **Tuesday 10th March** - returning on **Friday 13th March 2026**. Miss Tormey will be the group leader on this trip.

Mrs Winters will accompany both groups & I will also visit & spend time there with the children as they access the activities on offer. Information regarding this trip has already been shared with the parents of children who will be attending. If any parent requires more information or has any concerns, please contact Miss Leck via school office or email stcharlesenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

PARENT HUB EVENTS

The next planned Parent Hub meetings will be held in the school on **Wednesday 18th March 2026** at 6.30pm. 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/3h2kd3xt>

The Parent Hub will be hosting a Valentine's Disco on **Thursday 12th February**. P1-3 children at 6-6:45pm & P4-7 children at 7-8pm. Envelopes have been issued to children today, these should be returned with a consent slip & money to the office and tickets will be issued next week. Tickets £3 per child/ £5 sibling tickets. Tickets include DJ, drink & snack. Glow sticks available on the night for £1.

SAVE THE DATE – Friday 8th May 2026

Parent Hub are hoping to host a Summer BBQ Event this year on this date.

This has always been a very successful fundraiser in the past & is a great night out for all the family. More info to follow. Please save the date for now & if you are able to come along as a helper to this event, please let school office know or email stcharlesenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Please note: Helpers at this event DO NOT Require a PVG check as all children attending will be in the care of their own parents/families.

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

Primary 7 pupils are to be confirmed by Bishop John in St Mirin's Cathedral during mass on **Thursday 30th April 2026** in the evening. Mass begins at 6.30pm and children & sponsors should all meet school staff in the Cathedral Hall no later than 6.00pm. Seats inside the Cathedral are reserved only for children & sponsors therefore we advise that all other family members go directly into the cathedral to secure a space.

There will be a pastoral visit to the school by Bishop John on **Thursday 26th March 2026**.

P4 children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) on **Monday 16th March 2026** at 6.30pm & the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist (First Communion) on **Saturday 16th May 2026** at 10.00am (Room 8 children) & 12.00pm (Room 9 children). Please keep all the children in your prayers as they prepare for these significant occasions of faith formation in our school and parish community

SHARING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all our families for their generosity and continued support for the work & fundraising efforts of our Parent Hub. Thanks to your donations, we are delighted to confirm that Seesaw will once again be available for all children across the school.

Seesaw has been a much-valued tool in previous years and was extremely popular with pupils, staff, and parents alike. Unfortunately, due to budget constraints, we were unable to fund the licence this year. The Parent Hub have kindly agreed to meet this cost so that every child will benefit from access to this excellent learning and communication platform, with full rollout planned by the February mid-term break.

Thank you to the Parent Hub for making this possible & for your support in all the fundraising efforts. This is a wonderful example of their hard work & dedication making a positive difference to our school community.

More information on rollout will be issued next week.

PROMOTING RACIAL LITERACY & INCLUSION

Every day in our school we are providing learning & opportunities to help our children understand and appreciate diversity, challenge stereotypes, and build empathy and respect for all cultures and backgrounds. We also focus on recognising the important contributions people with disabilities make in our society.

This week is Languages Week & we are celebrating our Scottish culture & the cultures of other countries which many of our pupils have links with. It was wonderful to see so many of our children today wearing items of clothing from around the world-national colours & dress.

On **Friday 20th February 2026** we will be having a visit from Cheef Chebe who a teacher & musician. He is also the founder of the Glasgow African Balafon Orchestra & is a live literature author on the Scottish Book Trust Live Literature Database. He comes to us highly recommended & we look forward to welcoming him into our school this month as a way to celebrate African culture. Cheef Chebe will provide drumming workshops for our children which promise to be fun, entertaining and highly rewarding as children work together to create a beat. Children will be given their own djembe drum and shown how to create simple notes & complex beats. Drumming is known to enhance children's listening skills, develop coordination skills, boost confidence & benefit mental wellbeing.

We are also delighted to be having a visit from the Pachedu, a Paisley based charity, who will provide short sessions aimed at inspiring our children through African culture & storytelling. The programme called Rediscover Africa is designed to celebrate Africa's contributions to world civilization, promoting cultural understanding, creativity, and inclusion within our school's diverse learning community.

Classes involved will be invited to take part in an interactive session using **stories, songs, games, art, traditional dress, African rich foods/snacks and drinks** will also be provided to help children appreciate the beauty and richness of African culture. This will take place in the morning of **Friday 27th February 2026**.

More information on these events will be issued directly to the classes involved.
Yours sincerely



Grace Hannigan
HEADTEACHER

Some dates for your diary

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

Date	Event	Target Group
Monday 2 nd Feb	Language week – Wear an item to represent your country	All pupils
Monday 2 nd Feb	Women in STEM workshop – 1pm	Selected P5,6 & 7 girls
Monday 2 nd Feb	Football friendly – Dargavel @ 3.30pm	Selected P7 boys
Tuesday 3 rd Feb	Best Seat in the House assembly @ 0915am	Primary 7 & families
Tuesday 3 rd Feb	Afterschool – Football – coached by Mr Craig in school hall	Selected P7 boys
Wednesday 4 th Feb	ELCC Cookery club for children & parents	
Thursday 5 th Feb	School Show (Matilda) rehearsals	Cast & teachers
Tuesday 10 th Feb	Stage Service – school hall @ 2pm	Primary 2 & families
Tuesday 10 th Feb	Renfrewshire Schools Cross Country event – KGV Renfrew @ 10am	Selected P6 & 7 pupils
Tuesday 10 th Feb	Afterschool – Football – coached by Mr Craig in school hall	Selected P7 boys
Tuesday 10 th Feb	Storytime by Fairy Light (night 1) – 5pm	Selected P2 pupils & families
Wednesday 11 th Feb	ELCC Cookery club for children & parents	
Wednesday 11 th Feb	Afterschool – Multisports	Selected P4-7 pupils
Thursday 12 th Feb	Best Seat in the House assembly @ 0915am	Primary 6 & families
Thursday 12 th Feb	School Show (Matilda) rehearsals	Cast & teachers
Thursday 12 th Feb	Parent Hub – Valentine's disco	All pupils
Friday 13 th Feb	Non uniform day	All pupils
Monday 16 th Feb	SCHOOL CLOSED	
Tuesday 17 th Feb	SCHOOL CLOSED	
Wednesday 18 th Feb	SCHOOL CLOSED – IN-SERVICE DAY (ASH WEDNESDAY)	
Thursday 19 th Feb	School Show (Matilda) rehearsals	Cast & teachers
Friday 20 th Feb	African drumming workshop	All pupils
Sunday 22 nd Feb	Welcome mass – St Charles Church @ 10am	Primary 5 & families
Tuesday 24 th Feb	Best seat in the house assembly @ 0915am	Primary 1
Tuesday 24 th Feb	Afterschool – Football – coached by Mr Craig in school hall	Selected P7 boys
Tuesday 24 th Feb	Storytime by Fairy Light (night 2) – 5pm	Selected P2 pupils & families
Wednesday 25 th Feb	ELCC Cookery club for children & parents	
Wednesday 25 th Feb	Afterschool – Multisport	Selected P4-7 pupils
Thursday 26 th Feb	Best seat in the house assembly @ 0915am	Primary 5
Thursday 26 th Feb	School Show (Matilda) rehearsals	Cast & teachers
Friday 27 th Feb	Pachedu Rediscover Africa workshop	P1-3 pupils
Sunday 1 st Mar	P4 Communion Service of Preparation – St Charles Church @ 10am	P4 Communicants
Monday 2 nd Mar	Dumfries House residential trip	Room 14
Tuesday 3 rd Mar	Afterschool – Football – coached by Mr Craig in school hall	Selected P7 boys
Thursday 5 th Mar	World Book Day (more info to follow)	All pupils
Thursday 5 th Mar	School Show (Matilda) rehearsals	Cast & teachers
Thursday 5 th Mar	Dumfries House residential trip return	Room 14
Friday 6 th Mar	First Friday mass – St Charles Church @ 10am	Room 11
Sunday 8 th Mar	P4 Communion Service of Preparation – St Charles Church @ 10am	P4 Communicants
Tuesday 10 th Mar	Dumfries House residential trip	Room 15
Tuesday 10 th Mar	Afterschool – Football – coached by Mr Craig in school hall	Selected P7 boys
Wednesday 11 th Mar	ELCC Cookery club for children & parents	
Thursday 12 th Mar	Best seat in the house assembly @ 0915am	Primary 2

Thursday 12 th Mar	School Show (Matilda) rehearsals	Cast & teachers
Friday 13 th Mar	Dumfries House residential trip return	Room 15
Monday 16 th Mar	Sacrament of Reconciliation – St Charles Church @ 6.30pm	P4 Communicants
Tuesday 17 th Mar	Afterschool – Football – coached by Mr Craig in school hall	Selected P7 boys
Wednesday 18 th Mar	ELCC Cookery club for children & parents	
Wednesday 18 th Mar	Parent Hub meeting – school hall @ 6.30pm	All welcome
Thursday 19 th Mar	School Show (Matilda) rehearsals	Cast & teachers
Monday 23 rd Mar	Stage Service – school hall @ 2pm	Primary 1 & families
Tuesday 24 th Mar	Wear Pyjamas to school – donate an easter egg	All pupils
Tuesday 24 th Mar	Afterschool – Football – coached by Mr Craig in school hall	Selected P7 boys
Wednesday 25 th Mar	ELCC Cookery club for children & parents	
Thursday 26 th Mar	School Show (Matilda) rehearsals	Cast & teachers
Friday 27 th Mar	Crazy hair day – donate an easter egg	All pupils
Sunday 29 th Mar	Parent hub – K-Pop demon hunter event (more info to follow)	
Monday 30 th Mar	Confessions in school	Primary 5, 6 & 7 pupils
Tuesday 31st Mar	Afterschool – Football – coached by Mr Craig in school hall	Selected P7 boys
Thursday 2 nd April	Lenten mass in school	All pupils
Thursday 2 nd April	School Show (Matilda) rehearsals	Cast & teachers
Friday 3rd April	School & ELCC close for easter break	All pupils
Monday 20th April	School & ELCC reopen	All pupils