



St Fillan's Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 26th May 2026

Annual General Meeting

1. Present:

Mrs McPherson (JMcP)
Mrs McWilliams
Heather M Fellowes
Heather Hughes
Michelle Byrne
Mel Young
Karen Kininmonth
Margaret Esson
Vivienne Dempster
Louise Shepard
Mary
Karen Hayes Bush
Siobhan Vosloo
J. Marshall
Liona

2. Apologies

Mo McGovern
Dianna Jaconelli

3. Chairperson's Report & Constitution

Heather Mitchell Fellowes provided chairperson's report for academic session 2025/2026. A group of 10 parents who regularly attended our meetings and actively involved in our fundraising efforts. The Parent Council met 4 times – one per term. Copies of the Parent Council Constitution provided to those present. No changes were made.

4. Appointment of new members

All office bearer roles were put forward as this meeting was the last for the current Chair, Heather Mitchell Fellowes.
The committee members were elected and for the 2026/2027 year the following roles will be fulfilled by:



Chairperson Michelle Byrne
Vice Chairperson Heather Hughes
Treasurer Vivienne Dempster
Secretary Mel Young
Parish Representative Diana Jaconelli

Please note: as no nominations were received at the meeting. Karen Kininmonth was appointed. Before the minutes were approved and published, Diana submitted a nomination, which was accepted after discussion with Karen and the current office bearers.

Parent Council Meeting

1. Head Teachers report & update of allocated funds

Mrs McPherson welcomed all parents to the new academic session and reflected on the positive start to the new school year. She reported that we have secured £40,000 in funding to replace all doors within the school to ensure they meet current health and safety and fire regulations. All the sinks in the lower classrooms have now been replaced and provide both hot and cold running water. Only one sink remains to be replaced in the upper school, along with the installation of hot water throughout the upper area. This work has been approved by finance and will take place during the summer term.

This important work will take place over the summer holidays.

Full details on the Headteacher's report is available on the school website: parents are encouraged to access this through the new website and make use of all the available resources through this.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/public/stfillansprimary/uploads/sites/3043/2026/05/27090353/Parent-Council-Head-Teachers-Report-26.05.2026.pdf>

2. Treasurer's Report & Update on allocated Funds

Vivienne Dempster provided update on fundraising throughout the 25/26 academic term and outgoing expenditure.

Financial Summary 29/04/2025-26/05.26 is as follows:

Opening Balance: £5,506.00

Closing Balance: £5,075.00.



	IN	OUT	TOTAL
Opening Balance 29/04/25			5,506.00
Summer Fayre	1,643.00		7,149.00
Easy Fundraising	355.67		7,504.67
Rag Bin	114.60		7,619.27
Quiz	503.00		8,122.27
Disco	280.18		8,402.45
Xmas Tombola	270.00		8,672.45
Race Night	965.00		9,637.45
50 Club	1,286.00		10,923.45
Lets		118.00	10,805.45
Bank Charges		202.70	10,602.75
Xmas Banners		28.98	10,573.77
School costumes		72.94	10,500.83
Ice Cream Van		114.00	10,356.83
Connect Insurance		137.00	10,219.83
Easter eggs		130.00	10,089.83
Chromebooks		4,460.00	5,629.83
Playground toys		394.33	5,235.50
Bouncy Castle Deposit		150.00	5,085.50
Bar License		10.00	5,075.50
Closing Balance 26/05.26			5,075.50

3. Request for resources

The budget remains very tight, and I would like to thank families who have supported us by ensuring their children are well-equipped with stationery. Donations/support requested to aid the funding applications and running of the new Parent Focus group. It is important to note that this group operates separately from the Parent Council, with a primary focus on sourcing external funding rather than fundraising.

4. 50 Club & Easy fundraising. Easy fundraising works very well, no extra cost, need to promote this significantly more. Total raised this term £355.67. Monthly 50 Club is a good earner; numbers have dropped, raised £1,286.

5. Fundraising events/activities

Racenight again good earner, need more attendees, raised £965



Quiz night enjoyable, next time Heather M Fellowes husband happy to do another with Callum, this raised £503.

Last event of the year, Summer Fayre discussed, planned stalls and help on day noted.

6. Next Meeting

Date of next meeting arrange at beginning of new school term- September 2026

7. AOB

Use of social media channels

JMcP explained school now using bluesky instead of twitter for communication. JMcP reflected that each class whatsapp groups work well for communication. JMcP thanked parents for being patient with recent date changes for events that have occurred in the early weeks of this session. Parents encouraged to refer to newsletter and school website for important dates. JMcP using own account not school one and it's hard to post form.

MB highlighted there are still two facebook groups which can be confusing for parents. This was noted to be a legacy from before Seesaw was in use. Also looking into some new initiatives including ordering uniforms direct from school, to increase fundraising

Action: to archive/deactivate one of the accounts with notifying those on the group 2 weeks in advance, then keep PC one only.

Homework

Not a huge uptake. JMc reflected on council green print strategy which directs excessive printing, which is one of the reasons why homework diaries are no longer used. However, JMc also noted that there is an emphasis within the school to have evidence of academic development which includes homework and jotters will be provided for this purpose.

A few suggested a physical workbook may work better, JMcP there is a cost.

Homework policies to be looked at. There are lots of barriers as to why this is not being done.

More readings eggs may be a solution but is expensive.

Other Points

PC have a good relationship with Church Fundraising Committee- good to share events/publicity

Parish Rep- attend meetings at diocese where possible and acts as a link.



New cooking kitchen, children loving it and food and uptake good.

Karen K asked about football strips for school? Jamie Shephard happy to donate. Mr Fabiani just needs to let him know what is needed.

P7 Prom- DJ, Food, Photo booth. Helpers arranged,

PVG – overlap with parents PVG via school trips. Look for updates that apply for yourself.

Letters to p7 re Credit union.