



Monday 1 May
Holiday - school closed

Thursday 4 May
First Thursday Mass

Saturday 6 May
P4 First Holy Communion

Wednesday 10 May
P7 Confirmation

Tuesday 16 & Wednesday 17 May
P7 High School Induction Days

Thursday 25 May
In-Service day

Friday 26 May and Monday 29 May
Holiday - school closed

Wednesday 31 May
Joint P1 Induction Day

Monday 5 to Friday 9 June
Health Week

Friday 9 June
Sports Day - PM

Thursday 15 June
Whole School trip

Tuesday 20 June
School Show

Thursday 22 June
P7 Ceilidh

Sacraments

In this month of May, when we show special devotion to Our Blessed Lady, we also celebrate our P4 and P7 children receiving the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We ask that you keep the children in your prayers at this very special time in our Liturgical calendar.



First Holy Communion

P4 children will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on Saturday 6 May at 10am in St James' Church. More detailed information for P4 families has been sent out. If you require any further information, please contact the school office.

Confirmation



P7 children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Mirin's Cathedral on Wednesday 10 May at 7.00pm. Bishop John will visit the school to meet our children before they are confirmed on Thursday 4 May.

St Andrew's Academy S1 School Transport



Each year, council staff spend a considerable amount of time in August and September trying to establish accurate numbers of children who are/should be travelling on school contract vehicles. This is largely due to parents who have not applied for home to school transport for their children when transferring from Primary to Secondary. Parents often do not realise that they have to apply for transport and pupils will, in some cases, use the transport and not be on the system. This can lead to overcrowding on vehicles and causes a delay in staff being able to issue privilege passes to non-entitled pupils.

An online application can be made by searching school transport on the council website www.renfrewshire.gov.uk. This takes you straight to a link for the online application form. The transport eligibility address list is also available online and parents can check if their address qualifies.

Vandalism

Sadly, our shared campus grounds have been a recent target for vandals. Please be vigilant and help us keep the building and grounds safe and operational by reporting any concerns you may have. Thank you.



Health Week

As part of our Health and Wellbeing programme, we will be holding a Health focus week from Monday 5 - Friday 9 June. If you think you could be of service please don't hesitate to get in touch. In particular, if you are employed or trained in any health related capacity and would like to volunteer to come and share your knowledge and skills we would be delighted eg Nurse, Oral Hygienist, Trained First Aider, Chef, Dance Teacher, Yoga Instructor

P7 Induction Days

Our P7s have been preparing for their transition to high school. As part of this process the children will attend St Andrew's Academy on Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 May. The children should arrive at school as usual at 9.00am in full school uniform and will be transported to St Andrew's. Children will return to school at 3.00pm.



WELCOME!

P1 Induction Days

Our new P1s will be coming to school on Tuesday 23 May from 9.30-10.30am for a play date session with Mrs Dempsey. The children will return on Wednesday 31 May from 1.45-2.45pm and again on Tuesday 16 June for their induction days.

Show Rehearsals



Staff and pupils are working really hard on preparing for the school show which will be held in the Beechwood Community Centre on the evening of Tuesday 20 June. Characters are learning their lines, props and stagehand-teams are planning their artwork and teachers are, remarkably, showing no signs of stress!

Information on ticket sales will be out later this month but we would like to appeal to you for donations for our raffle that evening. If you can support us with this we would be very grateful.



P7 Leaver's Mass & Ceilidh

Our P7 will enjoy a Ceilidh provided by school on Thursday 22 June. It starts at 6.30pm until 8.30pm and is held in our gym hall. We look forward to seeing our children enjoying their last Primary School events!

Update on Building Works

The current phase of building works, which was scheduled for completion by the end of April, is slightly behind schedule. We hope that this work on the main entrance/office area of the school will be completed by mid May. Then, the final phase concentrating on the playground can get underway. We look forward to the start of the next school session when our playground has been landscaped and all building works have finished.

Zoolab Visit

Our P5 pupils have been invited to Love Street Disability Centre to enjoy a display from Zoolab, they will be given the opportunity to see various animals and maybe even get to hold them.



Whole School Trip

This year we are taking all our pupils to Kelburn Country Estate on Thursday 15 June. It will be an exciting day full of fun and adventure exploring the park. We would like to take some parent volunteers, if you are interested then please contact the school office.