

**St John Ogilvie**  
**Parent Partnership**  
**Minutes of meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

**Sederunt**

Heather Semple	Kelly Muir	Nicola Gray	Fiona MacNeil
Maura Edgar	Fr Ryan Black	Lorna Murray	Magdalena Zacharewicz
Pauline Shearer	Marianne Leven		

**Apologies**

Alison Brady	Claire Connell	Gayle Watt	Frances MacInnes
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**Welcome**

Heather welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance and confirmed this was Nicola's first meeting as Treasurer.

Father Ryan led the meeting in the school prayer.

**Review of previous minutes (from meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025)**

We had agreed at the February meeting to publish previous meeting minutes on the school website. This has not yet been done but Miss Murray will arrange this.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

**Update from Father Ryan**

Fr Ryan will be celebrating the P7 leavers mass and end of term mass in school during June.

Request to the Parent Partnership to promote the Pentecost Retreat Day for P4-P7 pupils on 8<sup>th</sup> June in St James's Church. Please share the information with your class groups. Currently no SJO pupils have signed up to the retreat.

The Parent Partnership has promoted the day on our social media channels and will do so again.

Fr Ryan thanked the Parent Partnership for their support with the St Mirin coffee mornings.

Fr Ryan and Fr Joe have been enjoying taking part in the school inductions for the new Primary 1 class and meeting the children and their families.

Fr Ryan will begin meeting with schools soon to start planning for the 2025/26 school year.

Fr Ryan has been involved in discussions with school staff on changing House names from geographical locations to saint's names.

Fr Ryan thanked Maura for representing the diocese at Parent Partnership meetings.

**Update from Church Representative**

No further updates at this time from Maura.

**Update from Headteacher and request for Expenditure**

Miss Murray thanked the Parent Partnership for all the support given to the school this year.

Mr McCarthy, Miss Higgins and Miss Johnston are now permanent members of staff in the school.

Interviews for an acting Principal teacher are taking place week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> June. Post is in response to expanding numbers.

The school roll for next year is (currently) approximately 255 pupils.

The Young Leaders of Learning will link with West Primary School next year. They learned a lot from Our Lady of Peace for 24/25 school year and hope to do the same next year with West Primary.

The VR headsets have arrived and plan to test them out with some classes over the next month. The headsets will be integrated into learning from August.

The School Improvement Plan is currently being written. There is an opportunity for the school community to contribute to this, and the PP can remind people about this if we wish.

The Mini Vinnie market is a great success and the process for food collection is working well. The children are enjoying being part of this and supporting their local community.

There has been a good uptake from P4 pupils to become altar servers following their communion.

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school is next year. Proposing that the school marks this in some way each term, with a big celebration at the end of the school year.

**Summer Party**

The summer party is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 7-10pm in St Mirin's church hall.

Local businesses have provided prizes for the raffle.

There will be a tuck shop, ice cream and ice lollies for people to buy,

Volunteers needed from 6:30pm to set up the hall before the party.

### **Leavers/Graduation Disco**

The P7 leavers disco is on 12<sup>th</sup> June. Twenty-two pupils will be attending.

PP agreed to provide prizes for party games.

The PP will provide pizza, crisps, chips and fizzy drinks for the disco.

Volunteers who are helping with set up of the disco to be in school for 3pm.

### **Golden Jubilee 2026 – Ideas Appeal**

The PP will be celebrating the school Golden Jubilee as well and we will begin planning this in August.

Fr Ryan confirmed masses will be held in the school and Cathedral to mark the jubilee. It is hoped that Bishop Keenan will be able to celebrate one of the masses, but this is diary dependant. Miss Murray confirmed that the school are considering holding the school mass in the playing fields to allow as many people to attend as possible.

Please start thinking of ideas and we can begin planning properly at the August meeting. Some initial ideas put forward at the meeting were –

- Golden tickets in chocolate bars
- An updated 'SJO' photo
- Memory board / photographs from former pupils who are still part of the school community e.g. now parents, grandparents or current pupils.
- Commemorative item e.g. tea towel, mug, jubilee bear.

### **Close of Meeting**