

St John Ogilvie
Parent Partnership
Minutes of meeting held on 6th October 2025

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Heather Semple	Kelly Muir	Nicola Gray	Fiona MacNeil
Maura Edgar	Lorna Murray	Gayle Watt	Magdalena Zacharewicz
Pauline Shearer	Marianne Leven	Nikki Minelly	Louise Williamson
Amy Finnell	Karen Frame		

Apologies

Alison Brady	Claire Connell	Jen Cairns	Fr Ryan Black
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Summary of meeting actions

Action	Action owner
To put out a request for volunteers to sell Halloween disco tickets nearer the time.	Heather
To check with Adult tombola stall holders to get their opinion on how best to run the stall.	Nikki
To ask friend, who has previously used face painting stencils, for advice on ease and benefits of use.	Pauline
To ask son if he would like to be the inflatable Christmas tree. And to check if other inflatables she has access to could also be used.	Pauline
To check if any Fayre games structures in the school shed need touched up/fixed.	Miss Murray
To arrange Golden Jubilee leaflets for the Christmas Fayre tearoom.	Heather
To ensure feedback for diocesan meeting is an agenda item for the January meeting.	Heather
To ensure proposed changes to crossing patrollers is included in discussions at next meeting.	Heather

Welcome

Heather welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Review of previous minutes (from meeting on 25th August 2025)

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Heather confirmed the previous minutes are available on the school website.

Halloween Disco (28th October)

Heather confirmed that we have enough volunteers for both the lower and upper discos.

Disco tickets will be on sale in school on the 27th and 28th October. One volunteer per day will be needed to sell tickets. As agreed at the previous meeting tickets will be £1.

Action - Heather will put out a request for volunteers to sell tickets nearer the time.

Christmas Fayre (15th November)

Raffle tickets -

- Raffle tickets have been printed and will be delivered this week.
- Several donations have already been received, and the top prizes have been confirmed.
- Heather asked PP members to reach out to any local businesses they know well and feel comfortable with, to see if they'd be willing to donate a raffle prize.
- A list of prizes will go in school bags along with tickets.
- The PP is hosting the St Mirren Coffee Morning on Sunday 12th October and will sell tickets there. Heather asked for volunteers to run the coffee morning and sell tickets.
- It is still to be decided if we will sell tickets after mass one weekend, as previously this has not proved to be worthwhile.

The meeting quickly ran through key points relating to several stalls –

- Carrier bags available at stalls – Heather confirmed last year each stall had several carrier bags under their tables, but that this was probably not well communicated to stall holders. We will do this again this year and ensure stall holders are aware. We have also purchased additional paper carrier bags. It was suggested a roll of white bin bags could be available on stalls, particularly the toy stall, for people to use.
- The price of the Adults Tombola was discussed as feedback from last year suggested it was too cheap. **Action – Nikki** will check with tombola stall holders to get their opinion on how best to run the stall. Also agreed to move the position of the tombola away from the gym hall door as the popularity of the tombola made entry and exit from the gym hall difficult.
- This year the craft room will be run by Crafty Kids Paisley who are donating their time and supplies. A PP volunteer with a PVG will still be needed in the room.
- Tearoom – a reminder that the urn should be checked the night before to ensure it is working and then filled and turned on first thing on the morning of the Fayre. Also to request additional kettles, from those working in the tearoom if possible.
- Hair Braiding –
 - Better hand stamps will be used this year to ensure it is clearer who has paid.
 - It is not yet known if we will have enough hair braiders this year, this is to be checked.
 - Hair preparation stations were suggested to speed up the process e.g. untie hair, brush it through etc.
 - It was suggested have lots of purple and blue braids as they may be popular this year based on the Demon Hunter film.
- Games room – it was agreed we could use an area of the games room for tattoos to offer boys (and also girls) something equivalent to hair braiding.
- Face painting – it was acknowledged that space is tight in the P1 classroom for both hair braiding and face painting. Unfortunately, space is limited and so there is nowhere else that face painting could be positioned. It was suggested we could use stencils for face painting to make the process simpler and quicker. **Action – Pauline** will ask her friend, who has previously used stencils for advice.
- Outside – we have purchased an inflatable Christmas tree to keep the queue entertained while they wait for the Fayre to open. A volunteer is needed to be the tree. **Action – Pauline** will ask her son if he would like to be the tree. And will check if other inflatables she has access to could also be used.
- Candy Cane Lane – gold tape to be added to candy canes the night before to save time.

- Fayre Games – **Action – Miss Murray** to check if any games structures in the school shed need touched up/fixed.

Miss Murray has offered the use of the school if a further Christmas Fayre planning meeting is needed.

Golden Jubilee

We have received 12 sponsors for the Golden Jubilee calendar. Each sponsor will sponsor a page of the calendar. The sponsors will be thanked when the calendars go on sale and will be individually thanked when their month comes around.

The price of the calendar was discussed. It was agreed they could potentially be sold for between £3 and £5.

Suggestions of where the calendars could be sold include at each Nativity performance, in the school playground and in school similar to how disco tickets are sold.

Volunteers will be needed to help sell the calendars.

It was suggested that we could promote the Golden Jubilee at the Christmas Fayre to make the school community aware of the celebrations. Suggestion of having leaflets in the tearoom to asking people to share their memories

Action – Heather will arrange Golden Jubilee leaflets for the Christmas Fayre.

Update from Father Ryan

Fr Ryan will present on the new House Saints at assemblies, with a focus on how they might celebrate their respective Feast Days, including with their families.

In November Fr Ryan and Fr Joe will lead a retreat to Carfin for P7 pupils as preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next year.

Recently met with P4 families in preparation for them receiving their Sacraments. It was very well attended.

Discussions are underway about how the Gospel in 60 Seconds can be used as a resource in school. Videos can be found on the diocesan social media pages.

A Faith Walk has been organised for staff in November.

Additional volunteers are needed for the Children's Liturgy to allow this to continue weekly at 11am Mass. A rota is in place, so you are not required to be involved every week. Please speak to Fr Joe or Fr Ryan if you are interested.

Update from Church Representative

Recently attended the diocesan meeting with Heather. Further details of this meeting will be discussed at the PP meeting January as the diocese is looking for feedback on some areas of their work.

Action – Heather to ensure this is an agenda item for January meeting.

The Scottish Government consultation on religious education in schools is ongoing.

St Carlos Acutis relics will be on display in St Columba's High, St Luke's High, St Andrews Academy and in the Cathedral.

The Bishop is establishing a diocesan RE commission.

SALT (Scripture and Liturgy Teaching) is a Montessori-inspired approach to RE teaching. It allows time for practical, hands-on learning (e.g. physical materials to learn about scripture) and reflection. It is currently being trialled in three schools.

Update from Headteacher and request for Expenditure

Renfrewshire Council are proposing moving crossing patrollers from Lacy Street. This can be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting.

Action – Heather to ensure this is included in discussions at next meeting.

Miss Murray gave an update on the school priorities and improvement plan for 2025/26. This included – raising attainment in literacy with a priority focus on reading, embedding a digital strategy, continued focus on health & wellbeing including the sensory garden, outdoor classroom and greater use of Seedhill playing fields, developing opportunities for STEAM across all stages of the school and working with West Primary to identify strengths and improvements around the theme of Our School, Our Community.

Miss Murray asked PP members to promote amongst their class groups the online safety sessions for children and parents. Uptake is currently low and the sessions will need to be cancelled if not enough people sign up to them. The sessions will also be promoted via letter.

Currently awaiting a quote for the outdoor classroom from a second company.

Skipping is increasingly popular in the playground and therefore additional and possibly new skipping ropes may be needed. Staff will review the current stock of skipping ropes and let the PP know if budget is needed for new ropes.

Close of Meeting