

St John Ogilvie

Parent Partnership

Meeting Minutes Held on 23 February 2026

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Heather Semple	Lorna Murray	Gayle Watt	Nicola Gray
Kelly Muir	Claire Connell	Fiona MacNeil	Fr Ryan Black
Alison Brady	Jemma McDowell	Maura Edgar	

Apologies

Nikki Minelly	Louise Williamson	Frances MacInnes	Magdalena
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Welcome and Introductions

Heather welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and supporting the parent partnership. Fr Ryan led the school prayer.

Review of Previous Minutes (Meeting on 12 January 2026)

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Update from Fr Ryan

We are now in the holy season of Lent and it was nice to see the children at the cathedral on Ash Wednesday for mass.

The annual Stations of the Cross service will take place prior to the Easter holidays.

Sacramental preparation in place for Primary 4 who will be making their First Confession on 25th February and First Holy Communion on 25th April.

Sacramental preparation also for Primary 7 who will be making their Confirmation.

Do This In Memory of Me programme for the children and their families leading up to the sacraments.

There will be a retreat day for Primary 4 to St Mirin's Cathedral hall on 22nd April.

There will be a retreat day for Primary 7 to Carfin Grotto.

Currently preparing for the Golden Jubilee Mass in June. Bishop Keenan has accepted the invitation.

Feast Day Mass will be held at 10am on 10th March.

Update from Church Representative

Maura presented an update on the discussions within the Diocese on the Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill.

Religious Education remains a central part of the curriculum and will continue to be an entitlement for all pupils. In Catholic schools, Religious Education will remain within the authority of the Bishops' Conference. The Scottish Government has acknowledged the intrinsic nature of Religious Education and Religious Observance in Catholic schools and, despite these being de-coupled in law, has committed to respecting and continuing both. The Government has also committed to involving Scottish Catholic Education Service in drafting the statutory guidance. Furthermore, the retention of the term "Religious Instruction" in law ensures that the Religious Character of Catholic schools is not reduced solely to classroom learning. Any future legislation must uphold the UNCRC's intention to support families, not diminish their role.

It was discussed that it is essential that Catholic schools continue to be protected in law and safeguarded for our children.

Update from Headteacher and Request for Expenditure

The outdoor classroom will hopefully be finished shortly. A huge thank you to the parent partnership for supporting the classroom as it will make a huge difference for the children and staff.

Looking to put a mural on the green wall.

The monkey bars on the outdoor playground equipment are to be replaced.

One of the rooms in the school has been turned into a podcast studio. The school put together a grant application for literacy – listening and talking and the application proved to be successful. Some of the children will go along to Brick Lane in order to see/learn how to podcast.

The children plan to put some of their podcasts on Dojo for parents to hear.

An intro jingle for the podcast has been created.

The pupil council asked for a room or area for pupils to go when they feel overwhelmed or over stimulated.

Show Racism the Red Card were in the school to speak with Primary 5, 5/6 and 6.

The girls football team strips arrived back and now have the numbers on strips – the team are delighted.

Harp lessons for P5 and P6.

There are lunchtime clubs available most days.

Residential trip for Primary 7. Thank you to the PP for paying the transport costs.

Young leaders of learning – a group of children and teachers from West Primary will be attending the school on Monday with a focus on community.

Parents evening is coming up shortly.

St John Ogilvie golden disco and talent show coming up soon.

Fun Day in June.

Revised Parent Partnership Constitution

Heather would like to give due notice and propose changes to the parent partnership constitution. Heather explained there is nothing wrong with the current constitution or wording, it just felt like the right time to revise and make the constitution a more professional document.

Heather provided everyone at the meeting with the existing constitution, along with the proposed constitution to review.

Parent Kind are a government funded body who support parent partnerships. As a member, we are entitled to use their templates, including their constitution template. Heather has used this template for the proposed constitution.

One point raised after the last meeting, was in relation to decision making, and whether everyone's vote within the PP was required. Heather discussed this point with Parent Kind and the feedback and consensus was this would not be required. It would over complicate the decision making process and potentially could take too long to obtain everyone's vote.

Heather has asked if everyone could review the proposed constitution, and confirm if anything else should be included. The constitution will not be formally adopted until the AGM in April.

Golden Jubilee Year

At the previous meeting the parent partnership discussed gifting the children a small token to celebrate the jubilee year. Some suggestions were bookmarks, pens, water bottles, pencil cases, chocolate bars, keyrings or a keepsake of some kind. However, the discussion turned to providing more of a memorable gift and something the children would remember e.g. expanding the fun day to include additional fun activities.

Fr Ryan suggested a small gift for the senior pupils which was more focused on St John Ogilvie.

The Golden Scot Draw is coming up and Heather would like to thank everyone for their generosity and contributions. The prizes so far are as follows: -

- Donations for hampers
- Golden retriever café
- Golden puppy toy
- Tunnocks hamper
- Scotland signed football
- Travis Vinyl
- Whiskey – thank you to Maura

Open Day

The open day will take place on Saturday 20th June, from 10:00 - 12:00

- Tea room
- Bouncy castle
- Memory board for people to write memories
- Paisley panda

Close of Meeting

Heather thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and contributing ideas.

Heather reiterated that the committee are approachable and available for parents to come forward with their thoughts and ideas.

The next meeting will be the AGM which will be held on Monday 20th April at 5:45pm.