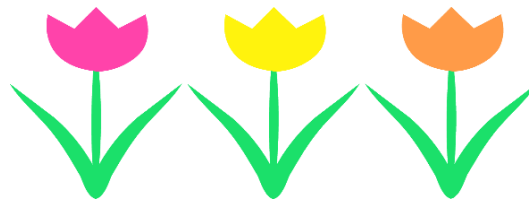




St. Peter's Primary School and ELCC Class Parental Newsletter - April 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of term already and Spring is now upon us. I hope you have seen the wonderful progress your child is making at school and home and I am sure you are all feeling very proud! As the term draws to a close, I would like to thank our staff team for all their hard work and efforts in ensuring our children engage in many fantastic experiences at school to help them learn and grow. I would also like to thank you for your continued partnership. I hope you are all looking forward to some family time at home or away as the Spring break begins.

Staffing Update

Congratulations!

I am sure you will all join with me in wishing lots of good luck to Miss Stevenson who gets married during our Spring break. Miss Stevenson is our primary 2/3 teacher and when we return to school, Miss Stevenson will be known as Mrs McQueen. We all hope she and her new 'soon to be' husband have a wonderful day with lots of special memories to treasure.

Congratulations!

New staff

We will soon welcome a new ELCO to St. Peter's ELCC class to replace Maryam who sadly left us this term to begin a new career. Mrs McLean, Lorna and I will be interviewing shortly after the new term begins and will inform you of the selection process once this is complete using Renfrewshire Council recruitment procedures.

Parent Volunteers

Please remember we are always happy to welcome parents/carers to our school and ELCC Class as volunteers who can assist with many aspects of school life. Please let me know if this is something you would be keen to become involved in. We would be so delighted to have you on board and I am sure you would find it very rewarding!

School Review

We had many visitors from Renfrewshire Council Headquarters on 10 and 11 March this year. They visited to gain an understanding of what St. Peter’s is doing well and help us agree actions moving forward so that we are always striving to make improvements within our school and nursery class. They highlighted many successful aspects of the work our staff and children do and they were able to hear about the extremely effective partnership we have with so many of our parents/carers and partner agencies. The strong and positive ethos that exists within our school community was very evident to everyone who came to visit and was commented upon regularly. This is something we are always very proud of and it is encouraging to see this was highlighted as one of our strong points. The caring and respectful relationships that we work hard to build were seen to be a contributing factor in the successful learning, teaching and assessment that children engage in daily.

One important area for improvement that was discussed was school attendance. While I am aware that so many of you do your best to ensure your child attends school when they are well and able to participate fully in the curriculum, we do have a large percentage of children whose attendance falls below 90%. This was discussed at length and will be an area that we will be focusing on so that we can work in partnership with you to improve school attendance and achieve better outcomes for our children. Please look closely at the diagram below as it provides some startling information which really emphasises the importance of children being present at school.

The report will soon be available for everyone to view once the final draft is complete.

KEY FACTS TO PROMOTE STRONG ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Why is attendance at school and punctuality important?

Because every second counts.

90% attendance may sound good. However, this is the equivalent of missing a **half day of schooling EACH WEEK.**

If this continues **over every five years** a child spends at school, a child with **90%** attendance will miss **HALF A YEAR'S** schooling.

A child with **80%** attendance will lose **A FULL YEAR** of schooling over the same period.



Did You Know?

A 2 week holiday during the school term means that the highest attendance your child can achieve is 94.7%

Did You Know?

If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed 2 full weeks of School in one year!!



Attendance Ladder



5 minutes
late per day
3
school days



10 minutes
late per day
6.5
school days



15 minutes
late per day
10
school days



20 minutes
late per day
14
school days



St. Peter's Church, 154 Braehead Rd, Paisley PA2 8NG

Religious Life of our School

Thank you, as always, to Mrs McLean (DHT) who coordinates the Religious life of our school and keeps everyone informed of key dates. I would also like to thank Fr Thomas and Mrs Pat Hallan (Community Parish Link Member) who visit our school when they can to help develop the important partnership between school, home and parish.

Congratulations to all of the children in primary 4 who received the Sacrament of First Confession recently. They all prepared beautifully and are now busy preparing for the Sacrament of First Communion which takes place on Saturday 9 May at 10am. I know there will be many parents/carers who are busy supporting their children at home by completing the many home tasks associated with the preparation and encouraging their children to attend Sunday Mass.

Today, our children participated in a very prayerful service in our school hall which highlighted the Easter story through the Stations of the Cross. This allowed our children and staff to reflect on the significance of Holy Week as we continue on our faith journey. The following is a list of dates and times that you can attend with your children:

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| Holy Thursday | 7pm | St. Peter's Church (Cluster Mass) to celebrate the Supper of the Lord |
| Good Friday | 12pm | Stations of the Cross for children and families in St. Peter's Church |
| Holy Saturday | 7pm | Easter Vigil in St. Peter's Church |
| Easter Sunday | 10am | Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord in St. Peter's Church |



Attainment and Achievement – Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to hear about their child's progress during our recent parents' evenings. I hope you enjoyed spending time looking at all of your children's successes while browsing through their profile folders containing many samples of work. Our intention is always that you leave feeling proud of everything that your child is achieving and with a clear picture of areas that can be focused on to ensure all children reach their learning goals. I hope you all enjoyed speaking with your child's teacher and that the conversations that followed with your children were both positive and encouraging. We are fully aware that you are the first educators of your children and we appreciate the support you offer in helping your child be the best they can be.



Primary 6 Swimming Sessions

Primary 6 will participate in swimming lessons at Paisley Lagoon on Wednesday 29 April and Wednesday 6 May. Please look out on class dojo for practical details. Please also let your child's class teacher know if you are able to accompany the children as an adult helper. We always appreciate your support, especially with these type of activities.

Beat Buddies

A huge thank you and a massive well done to all children in primary 4 who entertained so many of our children, parents/carers and staff following many musical sessions led by Graeme Barclay. The confidence that was on display was outstanding and there were so many skills developed by our children during the lead up to the performance and the actual celebration of learning event. Well done to everyone involved!



Parent Council

As always, I would like to offer a massive thank you to everyone involved in the work of our Parent Council. It is lovely to see those who are able to attend each month. I understand that it is not always possible for parents/carers to attend each month but you can continue to make contributions by offering suggestions respectfully via the parent facebook page or offering to support events. I am aware that our Parent Council members have worked extremely hard to put measures in place, ensuring our parents who are helpers have a PVG check carried out meaning you can attend events to help supervise children. If you would like to be included in this, please let our Parent Council Chairperson, Paul Doherty, know and I am sure something can be arranged to include you in the list of those with a PVG.

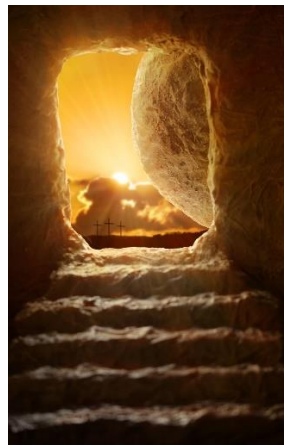
Paul Doherty continues to give very generously of his time and has done so for many years to support the work of this group. He, and others who regularly attend meetings, are always delighted when new people come along and join in the fun – the more the merrier!

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Finally, I would like to thank everyone involved in our school community for making this such an enjoyable and successful term. While it has been very busy, we have achieved so much and have a lot to be proud of. We look forward to hearing all of your ideas as we move forward together to ensure continuous improvements across our school and ELCC class.



I wish everyone a very happy and holy Easter!
Please enjoy spending lots of happy and peaceful times with your friends and family.



Communication

As always, we are really keen to hear your views and provide you with opportunities to speak with us in relation to any matter. While we enjoy welcoming parents/carers to the school, we ask that you continue to contact us by telephone or email in the first instance. Our appointment system is the most advisable option to ensure you are able to speak with someone. Turning up without an appointment cannot always guarantee speaking to a member of the senior leadership team. Your cooperation with this would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Mazzoni Sharon.mazzoni@renfrewshire.school - this is the email which is checked daily and the most preferred method of contact.

gw07mazzonisharon@glow.sch.uk

Mrs McLean gw15mcleancatherinem@glow.sch.uk

Catherine.mclean2@renfrewshire.school (if your enquiry is more urgent)

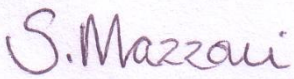
General Enquiries stpetersenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Website <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/stpeters/>

Class Dojo <https://www.classdojo.com/en-gb/?redirect=true>

Please sign up for your child's class dojo account if you haven't already done so. Your child's class teacher will have provided details of how to do this. You should find this a fantastic method of being able to share in your child's learning and achievements as well as this being a very effective way of communicating with your child's teacher via a messaging system. I would ask that you make contact during the working day (between 8.30am and 4.30pm). Any messages sent to class teachers in the evening will not be answered until the following day.

Best wishes,



Sharon Mazzoni
Head Teacher



Our School Vision

Our vision is to provide a safe, happy, caring, supportive and stimulating environment where everyone is welcome and no one feels alone. We work, learn and achieve together. We respect and care for everyone and everything around us. St. Peter's Primary is a school that sets high standards of learning and celebrates the achievements of each individual. We live our lives focused on remaining faithful to the teachings of the Gospel.

Our School Values

Respect

Fairness

Responsibility

Honesty

Kindness

Our School Motto



'Choose joy, kindness and love every day and remember that
God is always with you.'

WHAT NEXT ?

Dates for your Diary

All of our significant events are communicated via class dojo so you should never miss an opportunity. Below is a list of those dates to ensure you are aware of all what is happening in our school community.

April

Tuesday 2 10am Stations of the Cross Prayer Service in school hall – everyone is invited!

2.30pm **School closes for Spring Break**

Schools will be closed for the Spring break from 3 April until 19 April 2026

Friday 3 **HOLIDAY – GOOD FRIDAY**

Sunday 5 **EASTER SUNDAY**



Monday 20 9am All staff and pupils return today

11am Bishop John visiting Confirmandi in primary 7 today (shirts and ties to be Worn please)

Wednesday 22 7.30pm Renfrewshire Schools Young Musician of the Year Award Ceremony 2026

Thursday 23 Primary 5-7 Bike Checks in p7 playground (for all who are taking part)

2-2.45pm ELCC Bookbug in 'Strive to Thrive' room in St. Peter's Primary School for ELCC children and families – Lorna (Senior ELCO to lead)

Tuesday 28 Cycling begins for all P7 taking part. Bring bikes, helmets and suitable rain jacket.

Wednesday 29 33 Day Diocesan Consecration to Jesus through Mary begins (ends on Monday 2 June) – primary 7 pupils to participate in school based activities planned and facilitated by class teachers)

Primary 6 attending swimming sessions at Paisley Lagoon (Class teachers will provide details nearer the time)

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| | 10am-12pm | Boys' Football Tournament at Ferguslie Sports Centre (Mrs Maclean, Principal Teacher organising) |
| Thursday 30 | | Young Leaders of Learning – group of pupils and teacher from Todholm Primary visiting St. Peter's today (Mrs Everett and Mrs Maclean organising) |
| May | | |
| Friday 1 | | NON-UNIFORM DAY (£1 per child, £2 per family – donation for school funds) |
| | 10am | First Friday Mass in St. Peter's Church (P5/6 to lead) |
| | 10am-12pm | Girls' Football tournament final at Ferguslie Sports Centre - Mrs McAllister, Lucy Richards (volunteer), parent and 16 children attending (Mrs Maclean, Principal Teacher, organising) |
| Monday 4 | | HOLIDAY |
| Tuesday 5 | | ACN Rosary for Peace – school based activities for p1-7 |
| | | Cycling lesson 2 for all primary 7 children taking part (bring bikes, helmets and a suitable rain jacket) |
| Wednesday 6 | | Primary 6 attending swimming sessions at Paisley Lagoon (class teacher to provide details nearer the time) |
| | 1.30pm | Exchange Transition Visit for primary 7 (class teacher to provide details nearer the time) |
| Thursday 7 | | IN-SERVICE DAY 5 (teachers only attend today – holiday for pupils) |
| | 6.30pm | Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Mirin's Cathedral for primary 7 pupils and families. We will join St. Catherine's, St. Fergus', St. James' (Paisley) and St. John Ogilive. Smart uniform, shirt and tie please. Teachers, children and their sponsors should arrive at 6pm and meet in the Cathedral hall (round the back of Cathedral). Families to take seats in the Cathedral once children have been taken to the hall. Procession into the Cathedral begins around 6.10pm. A group photo will be taken of our children on the altar after the Mass has ended. |
| Saturday 9 | 10am | Primary 4 First Holy Communion in St. Peter's Church |
| Tuesday 12 | | Cycling lesson 3 for all Primary 7 taking part – children should bring bikes, helmets and a suitable rain jacket. |
| Wednesday 13 | | Mental Health Week |
| Thursday 14 | 10am | Whole school attending Mass in St. Peter's Church (p6/7 to lead) |
| Tuesday 19 | | Primary 7 transition visit to St. Andrew's Academy Smart uniform to be worn, shirt and tie please. Phones will be left at Saint Peter's in the morning. Bus to leave Saint Peter's around 9.15am. Children will be collected and brought back to Saint Peter's around 2.20pm. |
| Wednesday 20 | | Primary 7 transition visit to St. Andrew's Academy |

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| Thursday 21 | 10am-12pm | Renfrewshire Council Activity Day at Renfrew Sports Centre – small group of pupils will attend to represent St. Peter's Primary School (Mrs Maclean, Principal Teacher, will provide further details nearer the time) |
| Sunday 24 | 2-5pm | Primary School Day – Pentecost in St. James' Church, Paisley for all p4-7 pupils Please encourage your child to attend this fun event where they can meet other children from the Paisley Diocese |
| Monday 25 | | HOLIDAY |
| Tuesday 26 | 9am | All pupils and staff return today Cycling lesson 4 for all primary 7 pupils taking part. Pupils should bring bike, helmet and suitable rain jacket. |
| Wednesday 27 | 3.30-4.30pm | 'Meet the Pupil Support Teacher' drop-in session at St. Andrew's Academy for Primary 7 parents/carers (ASN focus) |
| Thursday 28 | 2-2.45pm | ELCC Bookbug in 'Strive to Thrive' room in St. Peter's Primary School for ELCC children and families – Lorna (Senior ELCO to lead) |

June

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| Tuesday 2 | | Cycling lesson 5 for all primary 7 pupils taking part. Pupils should bring bike, helmet and a suitable rain jacket. P7 vs Teachers/Family match in the school playground – Mrs Maclean, Principal Teacher, will provide details nearer the time. Please consider taking part in this fun activity which is always very popular with our pupils! |
| Friday 5 | 10am | Mass of Thanksgiving for pupils who received Sacraments this session in St. Peter's Church (primary 4 to lead) |
| Monday 8 | am | Young Leaders of Learning group attending Renfrewshire Council celebration event (Mrs Everett to accompany) |
| Tuesday 9 | | Primary 7 Active Schools Outdoor Day – appropriate gym clothes to be worn as activities will take place outdoors (class teachers will provide further details nearer the time) |
| Thursday 11 | 11am | On-road cycling – Primary 7 with Victoria Collins (Active Schools Coordinator) and Mrs Maclean, Principal Teacher. This is only for children who complete the playground safety checks and assessments. |
| | 7.15-9.15pm | Primary 7 Leavers' Celebration at Blackland Mill Bowling Club (organised by primary 7 parents/carers) |
| Friday 12 | | Annual Pupil Progress Reports to be distributed to all parents/carers today ELCC profiles to be shared with parents/carers by today Classification letters to be distributed to parents/carers today |
| Wednesday 17 | 9.20-10.20am | Primary 7 Sports Day held within grass area of the playground (all p7s to be included as one group) Further details will be provided nearer the time. |

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| Wednesday 24 | | Summer Fun Day (Primary 1 – Primary 7) – taking place within St. Peter’s grounds |
| Thursday 25 | | ELCC Summer Fun Day – taking place within St. Peter’s grounds |
| | 3.30-4.30pm | Primary 7 Awards Ceremony (parents/carers and family members invited to this extremely important and emotional event) |
| Friday 26 | 10am | Primary 7 Thanksgiving and Leavers’ Mass in St. Peter’s Church (primary 7 to lead Mass) – all families welcome to join us to celebrate our fantastic primary 7 year group |
| Monday 29 | 10am | Whole school to attend Mass - Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul (all invited) |
| | pm | Primary 7 shirt signing and year book signing in school hall |
| Tuesday 30 | 1pm | School closes for the Summer Holiday |



August

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| Friday 14 | | Teachers return – IN-SERVICE DAY 1 |
| Monday 17 | | IN-SERVICE DAY 2 |
| Tuesday 18 | 9am | Primary 2-Primary 7 pupils return to school for the new academic session |
| | 9.30am | Our new primary 1 pupils begin and will finish at 2.30pm |
| Wednesday 19 | | All pupils (primary 1 – primary 7) will attend from 9am until 3pm from today |

