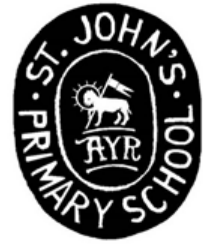




# JANUARY



This is my final newsletter as Headteacher before taking up my new post after the February holiday. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children, staff and parents for all of their support over the years. I have so many fond memories that I will take with me. St. John's primary is an amazing place to work and I feel really blessed to have had so many wonderful years here. The secondment ends in December 2025 and I will return to St. John's in January 2026. During this time Mrs Patterson, is Acting Headteacher and Miss Casey, is Acting Depute Headteacher. Miss Slider rejoins us on a fulltime basis to support in primary 7.

## Sharing your child's learning survey

Thank you to all of our families who returned our survey. We had responses from 58 families. You have also provided us with some great ideas for other ways to share your child's learning we will discuss with the Parent Council. A few people mentioned a Facebook page. The Parent council run a page and the link is <https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsPrimaryPC>

## Details from survey

### We asked - Which platforms do you access to find out about your child's learning?

● Twitter	31
● Stage Assemblies	44
● Access Hour	33
● Parents Appointments	55
● Annual Report Cards	50



2. Do you agree that the platforms above allow you find out about your child's learning?

[More Details](#)

● Yes, I agree	56
● No, I disagree	2



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**We send a newsletter out each month do you access it?**

● Yes	57
● No	1



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### **P7 Burns' Supper**

What a great start to the year! Our P7s planned and organised a full Burns supper for their parents and carers. Every child participated in some way. We had singing, dancing, poetry, presentations and of course some Scottish snacks. Well done to all our children who put on quite the performance. Thank you to our Piper, Mr Murphy and to our parents for coming along.



### **P7 Registration**

Registration for secondary school should now be complete. All families who have registered for Queen Margaret Academy, which is our catchment school, automatically have a place, if you live in South Ayrshire. Results of all placing requests are in April/May. This information will come directly from South Ayrshire.

### **P1 Registration**

P1 registration is also now complete, if you are in our catchment area you will automatically have a place. If you are awaiting the outcome of a placing request this will be confirmed in April directly from South Ayrshire Council. If you have not registered your child for August please contact the school for advice.

### **P7 Hoodies**

As part of our continued commitment to 'no cost to the school day' P7 leavers hoodies have been provided for all of the children from the Parent Council Fundraising. They loved their 'hoodies ceremony' where they all said a small speech about another pupil and wished them luck in their final few months at St. John's.



### **Staged Intervention Parents' Evening**

There are a number of children across the school who receive some additional supports for a variety of reasons and have additional plans called 'Staged Intervention Plans'. The plans highlight the targets that the children are working on. Over the last few years we have added an additional parents' night for the teacher, parent and child to discuss progress and set new targets.

Only children who have a Staged Intervention Plan have this additional appointment and will receive a message from the school to book a suitable time. If parents are struggling with the online booking portal the school will provide an appointment for them. The online booking portal will close at 12pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

## P4-7 Show/concert

Our P4-7 show is back!! The auditions are done and the children have started working on scripts and songs. The performances will be Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March with more details to follow. This year will be 'Music from the Movies' and will involve P4 and P5 as choir with P6 and P7 in the main parts. Parents will be required to book tickets via the school box office from the end of February. There will be no cost to attend the show, however, we will have lucky programmes for sale and a raffle to try and support school funds. Costumes, music etc. can be costly and with a 'No Cost to the School Day' policy we want everyone to be able to enjoy but those who are able can support the school funds on the night with the purchase of raffle tickets. We will also be looking for donations for our raffle as well. More info will follow in February.



## Attendance

St John's Primary places great emphasis on good attendance and timekeeping and we are working hard on monitoring attendance issues. Please ensure you communicate with the school if your child is absent or has an appointment. The South Ayrshire Authority attendance policy means that we have to let you know what the attendance looks like over the year so, you will receive an attendance letter if your child's attendance percentage falls below a certain threshold.

**'Every Learner, Every Day.'**



### Sacramental dates

Sacrament of Confirmation	St Margaret's Cathedral	Thursday 8th February - 7pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation	St Margaret's Cathedral	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March - 7pm
Sacrament of Holy Communion	St Margaret's Cathedral	May - all masses - TBC

### Afterschool Clubs

Monday		Ayr United After School Care	3-5.30pm
Tuesday		P1-7 Community Choir (P1-4 parental attendance required)	3-4pm
Tuesday		P5-6 Gymnastics	3-4pm
Wednesday		Ayr United After School Care	3-5.30pm
Thursday		P6-7 School Show Dance Troop	3-4pm
Thursday		P6-7 School Show Main Cast (Timetable to follow)	3-4pm

If children are attending sports afterschool clubs then please ensure that they have PE kit in school.

### Term 4 Assembly Dates

We hope that you are enjoying seeing your children performing in person this session. The staff work incredibly hard to try to continue to share the learning with you. This term we are showcasing their final learning of the year. There will be a raffle and some fundraising at the final assemblies to support trips in June.

P6	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	9.10- 9.40 In-School
P5	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	9.10- 9.40 In-School
P4	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	9:10-9:40 In-School
P3	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	9:10-9:40 In-School
P2	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	9:10-9:40 In-School
P1	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	9:10-9:40 In-School
P7	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	St. Margaret's Cathedral 10am mass

### Access hour

Term 3 Access Hour is on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. This is a further opportunity for you to visit your child's class and see the progress in their learning. Teachers and the senior leadership team are also on hand at this time to answer any general questions.

### Advance notice of Diary Dates

<b>February 2024</b>		
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	P3 & P4 Assembly	9:10am In School
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	School Choir Afterschool Club	3-4pm In School
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Dance Afterschool Club	3-4pm In School
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	School Show Afterschool Club	3-4pm In School
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	P4 Confirmation	7pm at St Margaret's Cathedral
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	P1 & P2 Assembly	9:10am In School
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	INSERVICE DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday	In School
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Staged Intervention Parents' Evening	In School
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Dance Afterschool Club	3-4pm In School
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	School Show Afterschool Club	3-4pm In School
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Council Valentine Disco	Printhouse, Nile Court, Ayr
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Rite of Enrolment	All Masses at St Margaret's Cathedral
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	School Choir Afterschool Club	3-4pm In School
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Whole School Access Hour	3-4pm In School
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Dance Afterschool Club	3-4pm In School

Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	School Show Afterschool Club	3-4pm In School
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	School Choir Afterschool Club	3-4pm In School
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Dance Afterschool Club	3-4pm In School
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	School Show Afterschool Club	3-4pm In School
<b>March</b>		
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	School Choir Afterschool Club	3-4pm In School
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance Afterschool Club	3-4pm In School
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	School Show Afterschool Club	3-4pm In School
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	School Choir Afterschool Club (Last One)	3-4pm In School
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance Afterschool Club (Last One)	3-4pm In School
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	School Show Afterschool Club (Last One)	3-4pm In School
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	School Show Rehearsal	St Margaret's Cathedral
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	P3 Reconciliation	7pm at St Margaret's Cathedral
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	School Show 'Music from the Movies'	St Margaret's Cathedral
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	P5 Swimming (Last One)	The Citadel
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parent Council Easter Treasure Hunt	Straight after school in the Ash Park Area
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	EUROQUIZ	Ayr Town Hall

