

JANUARY

Welcome Back.....

P1 Registration

P1 registration is 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. This information will not be available at the school office. If you have not registered your child for August, please contact the school for advice as we will shortly be commencing our transition programme which we hope will be as successful as last year if not more so!



P7-S1 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.

Pupil Support Parents' Evening

We will be having our additional Parents' Evening for pupils who are currently on Staged Intervention targets. This year, the appointments will be on Thursday 6th February. This is only for children who are on Staged Intervention.

At times, children require additional support in school for a variety of reasons. If your child requires support, they will have paperwork called Staged Intervention. This paperwork was discussed with families at the Parents' Evening in October. We are now inviting families to a further meeting with the class teacher to discuss your child's targets and agree together their next steps. Appointment times will be allocated for you and have been sent out. If you haven't confirmed your appointment yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you have had a Team with the Family meeting this year or are due to have one, then your child will not require an appointment.

Learning Journals

Our infant staff have been working extremely hard to introduce Learning Journals across the department. This is a great way of allowing us to share your child's learning with you on a regular basis. As well as publishing stories, observations are uploaded to inform you of academic progress across the year. If you are not able to access these, please contact the school office and we will aim to get this fixed as soon as possible.

Shared Learning for P1-6

This term we are changing the format of how the children share their learning with you. We will be replacing our stage assemblies and access hour for this term with an opportunity for you to come along and let your child share some of their learning activities with you, within the classroom environment. Children will demonstrate some of the different ways they learn in Literacy and Numeracy to give you a better understanding of the importance of active learning. There will also be a short presentation from South Ayrshire Reads in the assembly hall between 2.15pm and 2.45pm. Please note parents from P1-6 can arrive anytime between 2:15 and 4pm on their allocated day.

Shared Learning P7 Burns' Supper

A huge well done to our talented Primary 7 pupils for organizing a memorable Burns' Supper as part of their Term 3 Stage Assembly. Parents and staff were treated to a wonderful afternoon of Scottish culture, complete with poetry, music, and traditional dancing, along with some delicious Scottish snacks. During the event, the pupils impressed the audience with their performances of Burns' poetry, Scots songs, and Highland dancing. Some even showcased their creativity by writing their own 'Address to the Laddies' and 'Address to the Lassies.' A special thank you also goes to our talented pupil from Queen Margaret, who set the tone beautifully by piping in the haggis to begin the celebrations.



This was the final Stage Assembly for our Primary 7s, as next term, we will come together as a whole school for their Valedictory Mass. What a fantastic way to mark this milestone—well done, everyone!

Youth Music Initiative

Both Primary 2/3 and Primary 3/4 have been receiving input from South Ayrshire Music Services this term. The project aims to support children to develop confidence in the foundational music skills of pitch and rhythm. The children have loved all the singing games and songs so far and we look forward to sharing these with you so keep an eye on Learning Journals and give us a like/comment please! We love seeing your comments when we login to check what you think.



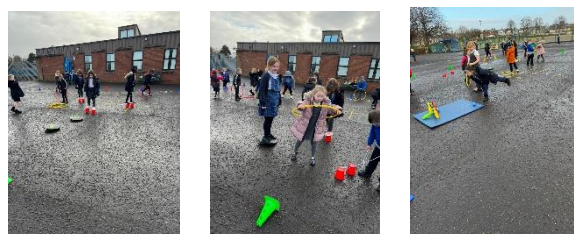
Rite of Enrolment

Some of our P4 children took the next step in their Sacramental journey at both St Paul's and St Margaret's parishes last weekend. The children and their families were welcomed by Fr. David and all the parishioners as they confirmed their wish to become full members of the Church.



Playground Equipment

Another HUGE thank you to our Parent Council for providing us with a second donation to allow us to replenish our playground toys. The children love having a variety of fun activities to enjoy at break times.



P7 Hoodies

Our P7 pupils were delighted to receive their Leavers' Hoodies this month—a much-loved tradition that signifies the start of their journey beyond primary school. There is always a sense of excitement and pride as they receive them, marking another step towards new adventures.

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful Parent Council for their generosity in funding the hoodies. We hope our pupils wear them with pride for the rest of the school year and cherish them as a special keepsake for years to come!



P4-7 School Show

It's SHOW TIME! Our P4-7 children have already started rehearsals for our upper school show, "*The Magic of Music*"

Please encourage your children to learn the songs, their lines, and any stage direction as we want it to be the best show it can be!




More information will be sent out closer to the time, but the dates for your diary are Tuesday 1st April 6pm and Wednesday 2nd April, 10:30am and 6pm in St. Margaret's Cathedral.



Advanced Diary Dates

February 2025		
Thursday 6 th February	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Thursday 6 th February	Pupil Support Parents' Evening	3:10pm onwards
Monday 10 th February	SCHOOL CLOSED	LOCAL HOLIDAY
Tuesday 11 th February	SCHOOL CLOSED	IN-SERVICE DAY
Wednesday 12 th February	PUPILS RETURN	Welcome Back
Thursday 13 th February	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Thursday 13 th February	Tempest Photography (Siblings)	In School
Friday 14 th February	Parent Council Valentines Disco	6-8pm St Margaret's Church Hall
Wednesday 19 th February	P5-6 Shared Learning Event	2.15-4pm In School
Thursday 20 th February	P1-4 Shared Learning Event	2.15-4pm In School
Thursday 20 th February	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Friday 21 st February	Sen Jokai Active School Taster Session (P1-4)	In School
Friday 21 st February	ASA South Ayrshire Boccia Competition	The Citadel (During School Day)
Thursday 27 th February	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
March 2025		
Saturday 1 st March	Parent Council Race Night	
Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday Service	In School
Thursday 6 th March	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Sat 8 th & Sun 9 th March	Rite of Enrolment	All Masses
Thursday 13 th March	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Thursday 20 th March	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Tuesday 25 th March	Lenten Mass	10am in St Margaret's
Thursday 27 th March	P5 Swimming (Last session)	The Citadel

Friday 28 th March	Parent Council Family Games Night	3-4pm In School
Monday 31 st March	P3 Reconciliation	7pm in St Margaret's
April 2025		
Tues 1 st & Wed 2 nd April	School Show	St Margaret's Cathedral
Friday 4 th April	School closes for Easter Holidays	
Friday 4 th April	Parent Council Easter Egg Hunt	3-4pm
Tuesday 22 nd April	SCHOOL REOPENS	Welcome Back
Tues 22 nd & Wed 23 rd April	Childsmile P1-4 Fluoride Varnishing	In School
Wednesday 30 th April	Whole School Parents' Evening	3:10pm onwards
May 2025		
Thursday 1 st May	P4 Confirmation	7pm in St Margaret's
Monday 5 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED	MAY DAY HOLIDAY
Tuesday 6 th May	SCHOOL REOPENS	Welcome Back
Tuesday 6 th May	QMA Afterschool Transition Club	4-5pm at QMA
Tuesday 13 th May	QMA Afterschool Transition Club	4-5pm at QMA
Tuesday 20 th May	QMA Afterschool Transition Club	4-5pm at QMA
Wednesday 21 st May	P7 Dolphin House Class Visit + Parent Session at end of school day (3pm)	In School
Monday 26 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED	LOCAL HOLIDAY
Tuesday 27 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED	IN-SERVICE DAY
Wednesday 28 th May	SCHOOL REOPENS	Welcome Back
Saturday 31 st May	First Holy Communion	10am in St Margaret's
June 2025		
Tuesday 3 rd June	QMA Afterschool Transition Club	4-5pm at QMA
Thursday 5 th June	Sports Day	TBC
Thursday 5 th June	P6-7 Sports Transition Festival	QMA
Friday 6 th June	Parent Council Summer Fayre	3pm In School

Monday 9 th June	P7 Retreat at QMA	During School Day
Tuesday 10 th June	QMA Afterschool Transition Club	4-5pm at QMA
Tues 10 th & Wed 11 th June	P7 Bump Up Days	QMA
Wednesday 11 th June	P7 Transition Disco & Parent Carer Info Evening	7pm at QMA
Thurs 12 th & Fri 13 th June	P7 Dolphin House Residential Trip (Group 1)	Culzean Castle Estate
Tuesday 17 th June	QMA Afterschool Transition Club	4-5pm at QMA
Thurs 19 th & Fri 20 th June	P7 Dolphin House Residential Trip (Group 2)	Culzean Castle Estate
Tuesday 24 th June	Valedictory Mass	10am in St Margaret's
Tuesday 24 th June	QMA Afterschool Transition Club	4-5pm at QMA
Friday 27 th June	School closes for Summer Holidays	
August 2025		
Monday 18 th August	SCHOOL CLOSED	IN-SERVICE DAY
Tuesday 19 th August	SCHOOL CLOSED	IN-SERVICE DAY
Wednesday 20 th August	SCHOOL RE-OPENS	Welcome Back

