



Attendance

This term, our attendance pupil group have developed a new attendance initiative...

Every Learner, Every Day!

Each day your child attends school, they will get a stamp in their stamp card. When they reach 10 stamps, they can exchange it in the attendance shop for a prize of their choice. They can decide to splurge in the shop that day or save their stamps and get an even bigger and better reward when they reach either 20 or 30 stamps! We look forward to seeing **Every Learner, Every Day** to earn stamps to spend at the shop!



Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

Earlier this month, we were delighted to welcome Bishop Frank for his very first pastoral visit to our school. His visit was extra special as he joined us for our celebration marking the launch of the Jubilee Year.

Our pupils truly shone on the day, and Bishop Frank was full of praise for their wonderful participation in our Jubilee Service. A huge well done to our senior Faith Pupil Voice group, who led us beautifully in prayer and reflection, and to our P1-4 Faith Group, who filled the room with joy through their fantastic singing.

We can't wait to welcome Bishop Frank back again soon. But most importantly, as we continue through this Jubilee Year, we hope to spread hope and kindness in our daily interactions, through our hard work, and by being of service to others.



Infant Shared Learning

Primary 1 to 4 were super excited to invite our parents and carers to our classrooms for an afternoon of Sharing our Learning! We got to be the teacher and demonstrate all the different ways we learn in



Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing. Our parents were really impressed with all our active learning opportunities and our ability to explain what we get up to every day. This was our first time hosting this kind of event and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. The turnout across the department was amazing so a huge thank you to everyone who came and hopefully we will be able to build on this for the future.



Upper Shared Learning

Our P5 and P6 classes recently hosted their very first Shared Learning Afternoon, welcoming parents, and carers into the classroom for a hands-on experience of school life. It was a fantastic opportunity for families to see firsthand the different ways our pupils learn, not just by observing, but by getting involved in fun and interactive learning games.

Parents were impressed by this approach and appreciated the chance to explore a variety of resources and materials from across the curriculum. It gave them a clearer insight into how we support learning in our school. As always, our pupils stepped up with confidence, demonstrating fantastic leadership skills as they guided their families through the activities.

A big thank you to everyone who took part—we look forward to hosting more events like this in the future.



Parent Council Valentine's Disco

Our wonderful Parent Council hosted their annual Valentine's Disco on Friday 14th February at St Margaret's Cathedral. This event is a favourite among the pupils with lots of messages being written for the Valentine's postbox and lots of excitement in the build-up. The event was a huge success and extremely well attended. Children enjoyed dancing, participating in games and having lots of fun with their friends across the school. Thank you to our Parent Council for organising this and please remember that all funds raised by them, go back to the pupils so please continue to support in any way you can.



Senjokai Karate Academy (P1-4)

On Friday, Primary 1 to 4 had some special visitors from the Senjokai Karate Academy including a National Champion who lives just 5 minutes away from our school. Sensei Liam taught us some basic moves, practiced focus and discipline, and we all had lots of fun while getting a taste of this dynamic martial art. We even learned some Japanese words and phrases! At the end of the session, we got to take home a leaflet with a free session.



Lent 2025 at St John's

As we step into the season of Lent, we have some wonderful activities planned to bring our school community together in reflection, prayer, and giving.

We will begin with a special Ash Wednesday service led by Deacon Bill, setting the tone for the weeks ahead. Families are encouraged to chat about Lenten promises with their children—whether it's giving up a treat, saying extra prayers, or helping others, it's a great way to embrace the themes of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

Throughout Lent, we will have a Lenten Reflection Breakfast which will offer a chance to gather, pause, and share in the meaning of the season and the whole school will be going to Mass together at St Margaret's Cathedral.

To finish on a high note, we'll be hosting a Fun Run on the last day of the term to raise money for charity. Following consultation with parents, staff, and pupils, each house has now been allocated a charity, and this has been shared in department assemblies. Some of the charities are local and some national. A portion of all funds raised will go to Missio Scotland. We're looking forward to some friendly competition to see which house can raise the most! We plan to make the Fun Run as vibrant as possible, with pupils wearing their house colours with pride.

Thank you for your support—we can't wait to share this special time with you!

School Show

Preparations are well under way for our upcoming production of 'The Magic of Music'. P4-7 have been hard at work rehearsing and, we cannot wait to showcase our performances on Tuesday 1st April 2025 and Wednesday 2nd April 2025. Tickets are now on sale via the school box office.



Advanced Diary Dates

March 2025		
Saturday 1 st March	Parent Council Race Night	CANCELLED
Tuesday 4 th March	School Show Afterschool Club (High School Musical Whole Show)	3-4pm In School
Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday Service	In School
Thursday 6 th March	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Thursday 6 th March	School Show Afterschool Club (Charlie & the Chocolate Factory Whole Show)	3-4pm In School
Thursday 6 th March	Dance Afterschool Club (School Show)	3-4pm In School
Sat 8 th & Sun 9 th March	Rite of Enrolment	All Masses
Thursday 13 th March	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Thursday 13 th March	Dance Afterschool Club (School Show)	3-4pm In School
Thursday 20 th March	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Thursday 20 th March	Dance Afterschool Club (School Show)	3-4pm In School
Tuesday 25 th March	Lenten Mass	10am in St Margaret's
Thursday 27 th March	P5 Swimming (Last session)	The Citadel
Thursday 27 th March	Dance Afterschool Club (School Show)	3-4pm In School
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
Thursday 15 th May	QMA Cluster Cup (Netball)	During school day
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	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		
Mon 18 th & Tues 19 th August	SCHOOL CLOSED	IN-SERVICE DAY
Wednesday 20 th August	SCHOOL RE-OPENS	Welcome Back