



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 | | |
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| 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 |

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| 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 |