

Merry Christmas!

As we come to the end of another busy term, December brings with it a special sense of excitement and reflection across our school. The classrooms are filled with festive cheer, happy voices, and a wonderful buzz as children enjoy seasonal activities and celebrate all they have achieved this term. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and kindness, and grateful for the continued support of our families and wider school community. We hope this newsletter gives you a glimpse into the many special moments that have made this term so memorable as we head towards the Christmas break.

Cluster Carol Service

We all had a lovely night at St. Margaret's Cathedral to hear all cluster schools perform some Christmas Carols and hymns. It was a fantastic evening and Bishop Frank commented on how amazing the children's singing was. Well done to our P6-7 choir who sang a beautiful version of O Holy Night. Not a dry eye in the house! A huge thank you and well done to Miss McKeown who prepared the children so well for their performance.



P7 QMA Christmas Ceilidh

On Tuesday 2nd December, as part of their transition events, our P7 pupils were fortunate to attend the Christmas Ceilidh at QMA. This festive event provided a wonderful opportunity for our P7 pupils to connect and build friendships with their peers from other cluster primaries. P7 thoroughly enjoyed their Ceilidh dancing and look forward to more transition opportunities throughout the school year.

"It was an exciting event, and we were all very enthusiastic to learn new Ceilidh dances at QMA!" - Olly - P7



Christmas Choir

Our Christmas Choir have been busy performing at a variety of events throughout December. We have performed at the St Margaret's Church Fayre, our own School Fayre, in our local Tesco to raise funds for Missio Scotland and at Ayr Central in aid of SPRED and Hansel. We are very proud of the pupils who have shown great commitment to lunchtime rehearsals and lots of performances. They have really enjoyed performing and the audiences loved their variety of songs. They have brought smiles to the faces of so many! A very special 'Thank You' to **Starbucks**, who kindly provided our choir with a special treat after their performance!



Pantomime at The Gaiety

Last Friday, the whole school made their way to the Ayr Gaiety Theatre for this year's pantomime 'Aladdie.' The children absolutely loved their visit and joined in well. It was a magical experience and really got us into the Christmas spirit. Our Parent Council very kindly covered the cost of the event, ensuring that all children were able to attend. **Thank you very much!**



P1 Nativity - 'Baarmy Bethlehem'



Our P1 pupils delighted a huge audience last week with their fantastic Nativity performance, *Baarmy Bethlehem*, at St. Margaret's Cathedral. The children looked amazing in their costumes and delivered their lines, songs and actions with great enthusiasm and confidence. All their hard work and practicing truly paid off. Thank you to our families for their wonderful support – the children loved the clapping and cheering. There are certainly some future stars in the making!



Christmas Lunch

Our school Christmas lunch was a joyful and festive occasion filled with delicious food and excited chatter. The children were treated to a traditional Christmas menu of either steak pie, turkey or Quorn roast, followed by a tasty treat of either sticky toffee pudding or ice cream. The hall was buzzing with laughter, music, and a lovely sense of community spirit. We would like to extend a warm thank you to our cook, Gina, and to all our catering staff for helping make this special meal possible.



Infant Department Christmas Parties

Our Infant pupils have worked incredibly hard throughout the term and thoroughly enjoyed their well-deserved party day this week. They had lots of fun creating Christmas crafts, including snowflakes, Christmas trees, and relaxing with festive movies such as *Nativity* and *The Santa Claus*. The highlight of the day was definitely our party in the hall where we played some lively games, won some prizes, and enjoyed delicious treats. A big thank you to the staff for organising such a lovely day, and a huge thank you to **McKinstry Solicitors in Ayr** for generously donating a gift and selection box for every child in the school. We were also delighted to receive, once again, support from **Saint Vincent de Paul** who supplied party treats for every child.



Upper Department Christmas Parties

This month, our Upper pupils have embraced their Christmas spirit, enjoying lots of festive celebrations during their year group party days. Each year group made a festive craft before enjoying a relaxing Christmas movie. Then they headed to the highlight of the day - their party! Here they enjoyed traditional Scottish dancing and exciting party games with some fantastic prizes. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the **McKinstry Company** and **Saint Vincent de Paul** for our gifts and treats, making our celebrations extra special.



Pro2 Wrestling

Huge thanks to **Pro2 Wrestling** for body-slamming their way into our school on the very last day before the Christmas holidays 🎄💪 The kids absolutely loved it! They were cheering, booing, laughing, and getting fully involved from start to finish. It was loud, lively, and packed with panto-style fun, making it the perfect way to wrap up the term. A brilliant, unforgettable send-off into the Christmas break — thanks for bringing the drama, the laughs, and the festive excitement! 🙌



Head Teacher Message

As we reach the final day of the school year, I would like to extend my very best wishes to all members of our school community for the festive season. I hope this time with family and friends brings you joy, warmth and happiness. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year.




From Mrs Patterson and all of the staff from our school community.



Advanced Diary Dates

January 2026		
Monday 5 th January	PUPILS RETURN	School Open
Wednesday 7 th January	Ayr United Afterschool Club Restarts	3-5.30pm
Monday 12 th January	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Friday 16 th January	P1-4 Fluoride Varnishing	In School
Monday 19 th January	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Saturday 24 th & Sunday 25 th January	Rite of Presentation for Confirmation & First Communion 2026	All Masses
Monday 26 th January	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
February 2026		
W/c Monday 2 nd February	Reading Schools Week	In School
Monday 2 nd February	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Friday 6 th February	SCHOOL CLOSED	LOCAL HOLIDAY
Monday 9 th February	SCHOOL CLOSED	LOCAL HOLIDAY
Tuesday 10 th February	SCHOOL CLOSED	IN-SERVICE DAY
Wednesday 11 th February	PUPILS RETURN	School Open
Monday 16 th February	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Wednesday 18 th March	Ash Wednesday Service	In School
Saturday 21 st & Sunday 22 nd January	Rite of Enrolment (First Sunday of Lent)	All Masses
Monday 23 rd February	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
March 2026		
Monday 2 nd March	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Monday 9 th March	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Thursday 12 th March	Stations of the Cross	In School

Monday 16 th March	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Monday 23 rd March	P5 Swimming (Last session)	The Citadel
Monday 23 rd March	Lenten Penitential Service P3 Reconciliation	7pm in St Margaret's
Tuesday 24 th March	Euro Quiz	TBC
Tuesday 24 th March	School Show	6.30pm in St Margaret's
Wednesday 25 th March	School Show	10.30am & 6.30pm in St Margaret's
Tuesday 31 st March	Lent / End of Term Mass	10am in St Margaret's
April 2026		
Thursday 2 nd April	School closes for Easter Holidays	
Monday 20 th April	PUPILS RETURN	School Open

