

### Message from Mrs Gray

Due to ongoing concerns regarding social media and the advertising associated with online platforms, we will be closing our Twitter/X account from June. Almost all classes have now moved to secure online learning journals, where we will continue to share photographs and updates in a safe and protected environment. Our Parent Council Facebook page will remain active and will continue to share our monthly newsletter and key updates.

### Cluster Faith Work

St. John's Faith Pupil Voice Group had an exciting opportunity to work with the different Faith groups from St. Ninian's, St. Patrick's, Sacred Heart and St. Cuthbert's Primary Schools. They discussed the amount of events that schools host every year, and Mrs Gray did an input on No Cost to the School Day and how much these events can cost families. Pupils came up with some ideas that don't cost money but still support children's learning. Here's what a couple of pupils who attended the event had to say about it.



Macy Drain Friday 08:52

At the cluster faith group meeting we had conversations with other schools to see what they did at there school and to get new ideas. At the meeting we got to meet new people and talk about stuff we did at our school like the fun run, culture day and gold day and way more. i feel like we all had fun and got to meet new people!!



Lily Drain Friday 09:00

10 People got to go to the cluster faith group meeting where we had to split up into different groups with different pupils from other schools and have a chat about what we have done through out the year then we had to share our ideas out loud . we also got some crisps and Haribo's it was a very fun experience . it is also good to talk to people who also might be going to QMA 😊

The Faith and Equalities Group are currently organising the 3rd Children's Day in St. John's and have invited the cluster primaries to join in. The event will take place during the school day on Monday 15th June.

### **Pupil Focus Group**

Pupils in P6 and P7 had a visitor from HMIE. They wanted to hear from our pupils how they can make the inspection process better for children and schools. Our pupils spoke about making sure every child's voice is heard and ways in which they could make this happen.



### **Football Fixtures and Tournament Success**

Our school football team has had a very busy and successful month of May. The team played three fixtures, beginning with a match against St Patrick's Primary on the 5th of May, followed by games against Heathfield Primary on the 11th of May and Kingcase Primary on the 19th of May. In addition to these matches, the team also took part in the Cluster Cup Tournament at Riverside Arena on the 11th of May.

Across all games and the tournament, our pupils demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship. They have represented the school with pride, consistently showing great effort, hard work, and a strong competitive spirit.

### **P7 Sports Championship**

On Tuesday 12th May, a group of our Primary 7 pupils attended the QMA Sports Championship at Riverside. They took part in a wide range of athletics events and performed exceptionally well throughout the day. Their enthusiasm, resilience, and encouragement of one another were fantastic to see, and they represented the school brilliantly.

### **Ascension Thursday Celebration**

On the 14th of May, we came together as a school community to celebrate the Holy Day of Obligation, Ascension Thursday. The children were a credit to the school, participating fully and respectfully throughout the celebration. Many parishioners commented positively on how well the pupils conducted themselves, with praise given to our readers for their confident and reverent contributions.



## **P7 Careers Fayre**

Our Primary 7 pupils attended a Careers Fayre at the Town Hall, organised by the Rotary Club. This was a highly worthwhile experience, offering valuable insight into a range of possible career paths as pupils begin to think about their future and their transition to secondary school. The event was both informative and inspiring for all involved.



## **K'Nex Challenge Success**

Two of our Primary 6 pupils, Callum Molloy Duncan and Riley Hughes, proudly represented the school at the annual Cluster K'Nex Challenge, held at Queen Margaret Academy. Organised by the Technical Department, this event provided an excellent opportunity to showcase creativity, teamwork, and design skills. Both pupils rose to the challenge, finishing 3rd, and did extremely well - we are very proud of their achievement!

## **First Holy Communion**

Congratulations to our pupils who celebrated their First Holy Communion on the 30th of May. This was a very special and memorable occasion for the children and their families. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Father David, our class teachers, and especially the families of the communicants for their support and commitment throughout the process of sacramental preparation. Thanks also to the parishioners for setting up the hall and buffet for the families of the children.



## Parent Assemblies

Over the course of this month, we have been delighted to welcome parents and families into school for our class assemblies, including Primary 1, Primary 4, Primary 5/6, and Primary 7. These assemblies marked a final showcase of the school session and provided children with a wonderful opportunity to share their learning and demonstrate their performance skills through songs and presentations.

As always, we thank parents and carers for attending and supporting these events. Your involvement is greatly appreciated and gives you a valuable opportunity to see and celebrate your child's progress.

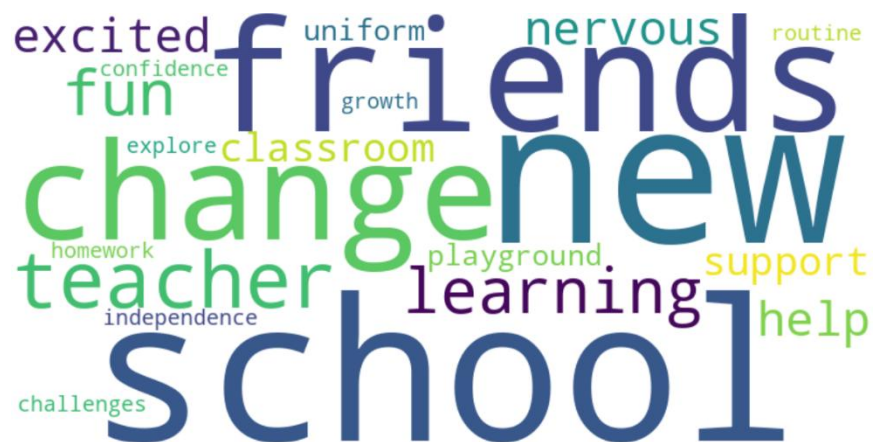
Our Primary 7 pupils also had a special opportunity to share memories of their time at primary school with their families. We now look forward to their Valedictory Mass on the 23rd of June, where we will say a fond farewell to a fantastic group of young people as they prepare to move on to secondary school.

We are also looking forward to our upcoming P2/3 show on the 3rd of June in St Margaret's Cathedral - parents are sure to be in for a real treat!

## Transition

Our Nursery transition programme is already underway, and we have been delighted to begin welcoming our new learners and their families into the school community. This is an important time to support children in feeling settled, confident, and excited about starting school.

In addition, our Primary 7 pupils will be taking part in their transition days at Queen Margaret Academy from the 8th to the 10th of June. This will provide a valuable opportunity for them to experience secondary school life, meet staff and new classmates, and feel prepared and confident for the next stage of their education.



## Diocesan Youth Evenings

We are delighted to continue to promote the monthly diocesan youth events held at the Cathedral. Each month, pupils gather to celebrate a short Mass before enjoying pizza and taking part in fun games and activities in the hall. This month's theme focused on The Eucharist, with a short discussion at the end of the evening helping children to reflect on its importance.



The next event will take place on Sunday 21st of June and is open to all Primary 5-7 pupils. The theme for June will be The Church, and as always there will be pizza, snacks, and games for the children to enjoy. There will also be two members of school staff in attendance, ensuring some familiar faces are there to support the children. This will be the final diocesan youth evening before the summer holidays. For updates and further information about upcoming events, please visit: <https://youth.rcdg.org.uk/>



Coming to an evening for the first time? Scan the code to complete an Annual Consent Form to take part.

The next event children can register for will be the Whithorn Youth Pilgrimage on Sunday 30th August. This is a free event, and transport will be organised—most likely with a pick-up from Queen Margaret Academy on the morning of the 30th. Registration can be completed through the website or by scanning the QR code below.



**Scan to Register**

*Free transport provided.*

## Advanced Diary Dates

<b>June 2026</b>		
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	No Scotland No Party (P5-7)	Ayr Pavillion
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	P2/3 School Show	10am in St Margaret's
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Access Hour	3-4pm In School
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day	P1-2 Infant Playground 9.15-10am P3-7 Riverside Arena 12-2.30pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Sports Transition Festival	9.30-12pm at QMA
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fayre	3-5pm in School
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Retreat at QMA	During School Day
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Bump Up Days	P7 at QMA
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Transition Disco & Parent Carer Info Evening	7pm at QMA
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Dolphin House Residential Trip (Group 1)	Culzean Castle Estate
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Dolphin House Residential Trip (Group 2)	Culzean Castle Estate
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Valedictory Mass	10am in St Margaret's
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	P7B STEM Workshop	Dumfires House
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	P7A STEM Workshop	Dumfires House
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	School closes for Summer Holidays	
<b>August 2026</b>		
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	SCHOOL CLOSED	IN-SERVICE DAY
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	SCHOOL CLOSED	IN-SERVICE DAY
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	PUPILS RETURN	School Open

