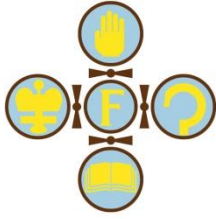


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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 31st January 2025

ST.FILLAN'S P.S.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the disruption last week caused by the storm, we managed to engage in business as usual this week. Here is a summary of the best bits...

Burns' Day Celebrations

Our Burns' Day celebrations took place today with a joint Celebrating Success and wider achievements Assembly. Each class had been preparing for this event and gave a brilliant performance capturing the Burns' theme extremely well. All stages across the school including our nursery class took part.

We also spoke to the children about their wider achievements, and they received their certificates. Thank you for your support with children dressing down wearing blue/white/tartan. They certainly looked the part today!



Uniform update

Further to my correspondence regarding uniform, I wanted to provide an update following a few queries from parents. This week we have contacted a local supplier to ascertain some answers to questions that have been posed. We have outlined parental concerns particularly around availability and cost. We are due to meet with them in the next couple of weeks to look at samples and see what can be offered. I will keep you updated in due course.

Confirmation for the P7 children

Please keep our P7 Confirmandi children in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation this Thursday, 6th February at Christ the King Parish Church.

They will engage in a full day 'Priest Prophet or King' retreat next Wednesday before their confirmation. Information and forms were sent out today.

Children and their Sponsors should arrive at The Parish of Christ the King at 6.45pm for the service to begin at 7pm. Seating will be reserved for the pupils and their sponsors at the front pews in the church. Staff, parents and families will be seated behind them. Sit wherever they wish in the church. If you would like to watch the Mass, here is the [link to the livestream](#).



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Social Media Update

There have been several queries around our use of the social media platform X (previously known as Twitter).

As we navigate the ever-changing tech scene and the complexities of social media, now seems like the time for schools to critically assess their engagement with platforms like X and consider safer, more supportive alternatives for the benefit of our school community.

Additionally, recent changes in terms and conditions on various social media platforms have raised concerns regarding safety, privacy and the overall well-being of our pupils and families. We believe it is essential to prioritise these values in our communication efforts.

Moving forward, we have taken the decision to stop posting any information about our pupils on X/Twitter. We will continue to focus on more direct forms of communication, such as newsletters, emails and updates on our school website.

We have also joined Bluesky. It is a very similar platform to the early days of X/Twitter. The App is free and is available on Google Play, Apple's App Store etc. We kindly ask that you give consideration to downloading Bluesky and follow us [@stfillansps.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/stfillansps.bsky.social)

We appreciate your understanding and support as we make this transition. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out via the Forms system.

Makaton

Thank you to our Makaton Committee. Here is the word all pupils in school will learn next week.: https://youtu.be/EyqjStX-Ez8?si=IGiJOZVsjNVx_5l

SFA Trials for Holyrood

JD Performance Schools Applications for the 2025 intake of Scottish FA JD Performance School pupils are now open.

The next intake is open to Primary 7 pupils entering S1 in August 2025 with the programme for players who are eligible to play for Scotland. All information is available [here](#).

Thank you to Queen's Park

Grateful thanks, once again to the good folk at Queen's Park FC, especially Kieran Koszary & Mhari Gordon, who provided free tickets for a number of our pupils who enjoyed the Scottish Cup game. The feedback was fabulous. Many pupils enjoyed their first ever professional football match.

Local Parking in Crompton Avenue

Once again, we appeal to Parents/Carers (and family/friends who you ask to support you at arrival/dismissal times), to adhere to the 'School Safe' parking regulations. We have been made aware that some Parents are opting to park at the very end of Crompton Avenue and Carmunnock Road - where you cannot be seen by school staff and/or our JRSO Committee. Over the next few weeks local police will attend our school at key times when we should have a predominantly car free zone. All information relating to St. Fillan's 'School Streets' is available [here](#).

New parking regulations have come into force across our city. Pavement parking is now banned in many streets around our school. I urge you to update your self on [these changes](#) to pavement parking. I have been informed that fines will be issued to those who fail to comply.

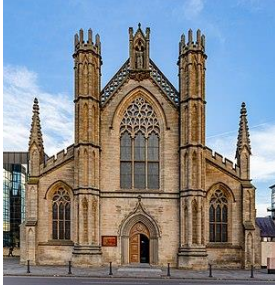
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Communicating with the school leadership team

Please remember that we continue to use the form system to facilitate communication. If you need to get in touch or if there is something that you wish to discuss please use the link [here](#) and the matter will be addressed as soon as possible. This form should not be used to report absences as this should be reported to the school office. Our school office closes at 4pm so there is no facility to forward calls to the Leadership Team work beyond this time. However, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Gibb and myself work beyond this time, so the MS Forms system is the best way to make contact.

Invitation from St Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow



A letter from Very Rev. David J Canon Wallace:

Many people who are neurodiverse find it difficult to attend and take part in Sunday Mass. Often the sensory environment is too stimulating and sometimes people and families feel that they are not welcome, or judged, especially if they find it difficult to sit still or be quiet or if their behaviour is different from others in the congregation. This situation may apply to your family.

At St. Andrew's Cathedral we hope to offer an adapted Mass that will better meet the needs of the neurodiverse members of our community and their families. We hope it would be a stigma-free and less stimulating environment in which everyone would feel accepted for who they are. Initially we would plan to have one Mass a month, starting at Easter.

To help our planning we would first like to listen to people who might be interested in coming to this Mass and to their families. We will have a meeting in the Cathedral on Sunday 9 February at 2.30 and we would like to welcome you if you are interested or have something to offer that would help our planning. If you are unable to make this meeting or would prefer to speak to someone privately or to share your thoughts by email, you can contact Lisbeth Raeside on 0141 770 5055 or email lisbeth.spred@btconnect.com

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Have a great weekend

Best wishes,

Mr Brian Bourke

Headteacher

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Calendar Update

Please find attached an updated calendar of events for the next couple of terms which I hope you find useful. We will highlight in yellow any new additions of events to the newsletter when we announce them to help you keep track of dates.

Thursday 6th February	P7 Confirmation; 7pm in Christ the King Church.
Sunday 9th February	Parents' meeting with St Andrew's Cathedral for adapted Mass 2.30pm
Monday 17th February	February Holiday
Tuesday 18th February	February Holiday
Wednesday 19th February	February Inservice Day (school closed to Pupils)
Friday 28th February	Celebrating Success Assembly
Wednesday 19th March	Parents' Night #1
Thursday 20th March	Parents' Night #2
Friday 28th March	Celebrating Success Assembly
Monday 31st March	Reconciliation for P3 pupils; 7pm Christ the King Parish Church
Friday 4th April	2.30pm Close for Easter
Tuesday 22nd April	Return to school
Saturday 26th April	10am and 12 noon Masses First Holy Communion for P4
Monday 5th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 16th May	Celebrating Success Assembly
Thursday 22nd May	School Inservice
Friday 23rd May	Holiday
Monday 26th May	Holiday
Tuesday 10th June	Holyrood Day 1 Visit for P7
Wednesday 11th June	Holyrood Day 2 Visit for P7
Thursday 12th June	Holyrood Day 3 Visit for P7 Holyrood Information evening for parents of P7
Friday 13th June	Celebrating Success Assembly
Thursday 19th June	2pm P7 Graduation and Leavers Mass
Friday 20th June	Nursery Graduation
Wednesday 25th June	Close 1pm for Summer

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