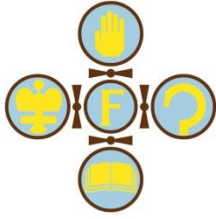
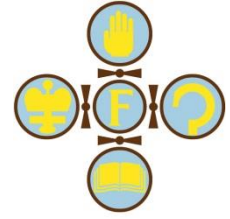


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Weekly Newsletter
Friday 21st February 2025



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Dear Parents/carers,

You will be aware from correspondence sent about the break in at the school last weekend.

I know this is an upsetting thing to hear but I want to assure you that the Police Response Team, CID and the NRS building service have launched a thorough investigation; other schools in the city were targeted on the same day.

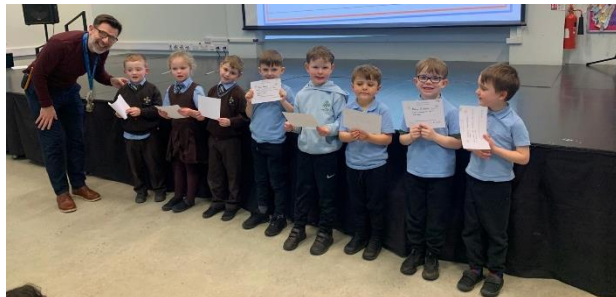
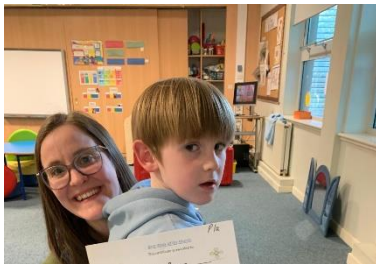
Enquiries are on-going. I have been informed by Police that the investigation has been passed on to the House-Breaking and Burglary Section and CID.

If I have any update I will advise in due course.

Thanks

Wider Achievement

Today we staged our latest Celebrating Success Assembly this afternoon. Congratulations to all award winners.



Parent's / Carer's appointments

Our office staff have sent out the link to the invitations for the upcoming Parent's evenings on Wednesday the 19th and Thursday 20th March. It is very important that you check your email including junk/trash. If you have not received a link or have difficulty accessing the link please contact our office staff and they will be happy to assist.

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Ash Wednesday

All pupils and staff will attend Mass in school on Wednesday the 5th of March, Ash Wednesday, to mark the start of Lent. Once I meet with Fr Tom Kilbride next week, I will be able to confirm other Lenten events, prayers and Masses between now and the end of term.

Ramadan

Best wishes to all in our community who will be observing the holy month of Ramadan from this weekend. Wishing you strength during your fast and focus during your prayers. May you experience all the Blessings that Ramadan provides.

World Book Day - 6th March 2025

World Book Day is all about encouraging children to read their way, to find the fun and enjoyment reading brings. This year, we will have the theme of 'Bedtime Stories' where pupils are invited to wear pyjamas to school on Thursday. There will be plenty of opportunities for children to read to one another and be read to.

£1 [Book Tokens](#) were distributed last week and can be used straightaway.

Dismissal Time

A reminder that in order to ensure the safety of pupils at After School, it is essential that our janitor closes school gates promptly at the end of each school day. We kindly ask that families vacate the school grounds as soon as children are collected. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

PTA News

The next PTA meeting will take place on Monday 3rd March at 8pm in Café Voni. All are welcome.

Our PTA have very generously agreed to support our aim of updating the current Reading Scheme.

I'm sure you will appreciate that this is a huge undertaking with the objective of raising £10k to replace and update reading books that have now been in use for a number of years. As you know, fostering a love for reading is essential for our children's development, and your support will greatly assist us in providing a diverse range of reading materials that cater to various interests and reading levels.

Friday 2nd May

PTA '[Onto a Winner Race Night](#)'

Christ the King Church Hall 7pm-11.30pm

Tickets £7.50

More information on the following page.



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Onto a
WINNER
Race Night

Join us for an evening filled with excitement, entertainment and good laughs while supporting St. Fillan's to fundraise for Literacy Resources. 18+

 7.00pm, Friday 2nd May 2025

 Christ the King Church Hall

 Ticket £7.50

Don't miss out on this exciting event. Purchase your tickets today! Your support will make a difference.

[Tickets available here](#)



We are pleased to announce a night at the races to help the school reach its total of a massive £10k required to renew their reading scheme.

It will be a fun-filled night with raffles/games/Irish bingo and a little flutter on the horses.

How you can help:

- * Come along to the event
- * Be a Race Sponsor (£50) We are seeking sponsorship for each of the first 7 races and for eight horses in Race 8.
- * Name a horse (£10)
- * Name a jockey (£10)
- * Provide a raffle/tombola prize.

Please refer to the PTA Facebook page where further details about sponsorship will soon be posted.

Race Sponsors will have their names/business names printed on the race cards.

Horse and Jockey Owners will win a bottle if their horse wins the race on the night.

I'm sure you'll appreciate what a big commitment it is to endeavour to raise such a large amount of money. However, we're blessed to be situated within such a strong and supportive community. If each family can contribute and/or seek donations from workplaces, local businesses etc, we can make this happen.

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Interval snacks/Fruity Friday

We are continuing to encourage children to engage in healthy eating and ask that parents/carers give careful consideration to the content of the snacks your children are bringing to school. Boxes of candy floss, family sized bags of crisps, tubes of Pringles, packets of biscuits, boxes of Maltesers, tubes of Jelly Tots etc. are all unacceptable snacks that we have seen children bring to school. However, there are lots of children who are already bringing healthy snacks to school and we thank those of you who continue to promote healthy eating.

Queen's Park v Livingstone SPFL Trophy Trust Final

Queen's Park FC have very kindly offered free tickets to their game against Livingstone on Sunday the 30th of March. Free Transport will be provided to and from the game and children attending will be given a Queen's Park scarf. Please click on this [link](#) for further details. The link will open at 6pm this evening.

Childsmile

Over the next few months, we're looking to establish a toothbrushing programme with our P1 pupils. Further information, consent forms and toothbrushes/toothpaste will follow shortly. In the meantime, we're seeking Parent/Carer volunteers who may spare 30 minutes one day a week at 1.30pm. If you're available and would like to help, please complete this form. Thank you to those of you who have already replied.



Makaton

Thank you to our Makaton Committee. Here is the word all pupils in school will learn next week.:

'to write'.

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 week one of our parents shared a lovely story with us that gave our staff quite a lift. Feel free to use the forms for sharing good news too, or things that you are particularly pleased with! 😊

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.

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Have a great weekend.
Best wishes,
Mr. Brian Bourke,
Headteacher

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/ events to the calendar when we announce them to help you keep track of dates.

Thursday 6th March	“Bed Time Story” World Book Day
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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