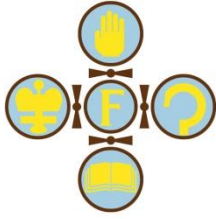


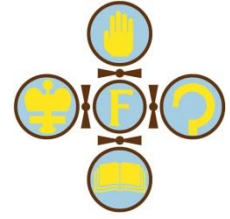
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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 7th March 2025



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Dear Parents/carers,

I hope that you have had a good week and are enjoying the nicer weather we have had this week.

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. As of today, 64% of appointments have been made. If you have not received a link, please check your email including junk/trash. If you have difficulty accessing the link, please contact our office staff who will be happy to assist.

Ash Wednesday

All pupils and staff attended Ash Wednesday Mass in school to mark the start of Lent. It was a prayerful celebration where we welcomed Fr Tom Kilbride. Fr Tom will visit school every Friday from 14th March to celebrate a community Lenten Mass in our school gym hall. All pupils, Parents and Grandparents are very welcome to join us. Please enter via the gym hall door at the back playground. In addition, Lenten Prayers will take place every Monday and Thursday at 8.50am. Again, all are very welcome.

World Book Day

Many thanks to all Parents/Carers for supporting our 'Bedtime Story' theme. Pupils enjoyed many reading related activities this week and especially yesterday.



Please use your £1 [Book Tokens](#) were distributed last week and can be used straightaway. Lorr's Books will be in attendance at both Parents' Evenings.

Reconciliation

All Parents/Carers who wish to request the Sacrament of Reconciliation for their child are asked to attend Mass in the Parish of Christ the King with their child this weekend.

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Please complete both commitment forms that were distributed last week and bring them along to one of the weekend Masses. Children will partake in the offertory procession in the Mass they attend where they will take forward their commitment forms to Fr. Tom. The Parish of Christ the King has a vigil Mass at 6pm every Saturday and Sunday Masses at 10am and midday.

Parent Council

Thank you to our Parent Council who met again this week. They ask that that you refer to the school [website](#) for minutes etc.

Attendance

Please keep an eye out for a new campaign from Glasgow City Council that will be run over six weeks (on radio and social media) to raise awareness with families, children and young people of the impact of poor attendance. The "Attendance Matters Every Day" campaign is looking to change the narrative highlighting the value of going to school every day for a child. It also aims to increase levels of parental engagement from those that need support in getting their child to school every day.



PTA News

The PTA met last Monday. They are a small group of clever and creative Parents who are keen to work together to fundraise in order to provide extra resources and opportunities for all pupils. If you would like to join the PTA, please email gw13gibbbrie@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk for further information.

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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.



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](#)

Friday 2nd May - PTA '[Onto a Winner Race Night](#)' in Christ the King Church Hall 7pm-11.30pm
Tickets £7.50

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) or name a jockey (£10)
- * Provide a raffle/tombola prize.

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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. **To make this a success, we ask that you support this Race Night.**

Please look at the [PTA Facebook page](#) for details of how you can contribute.

Lost property

Lost property items– will be laid-out in the assembly hall during Parents/Carers Meetings. Please take time to look at these items. Hopefully all items - of which there are many! - can all be re-united with their owners. 😊

May I also remind you that it is very important that all pupils' belonging should be labelled with their name and class?

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. We are delighted to report that 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 FC

Thank you to everyone who completed the link requesting free tickets for the SPFL Trophy Trust Final from Queen's Park FC in conjunction with our friends at JJK Autos.

All who completed the online form have been successful in obtaining free tickets to the match against Livingstone on Sunday 30th March. Free Transport will be provided to and from the game and children attending will be given a Queen's Park scarf. Further details will be sent to families involved next week.



Four of our pupils visited local restaurant Buck's Bar to help launch this year's 'Design a Milkshake' competition. Jude in P6 submitted last year's winning entry. The group enjoyed meeting goalkeeper Calum Ferrie and sampling some of the delicious milkshakes at Buck's. Keep an eye out for this year's competition sheets that will in school bags very soon.

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.

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Makaton

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

'to think'.

Dismissal Time

Thank you to those of you who have responded to our request to vacate the school grounds as soon as you collect your child/children in P1 and P2. A gentle reminder that we need to ensure the safety of pupils at After School Care, so it is essential that our janitor closes school gates promptly at the end of each school day. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

If you need to make changes to your collection arrangements for your child at the end of the school day, please do this by contacting our school office and not by passing information to other Parents/Carers.



Athletics

Many congratulations to our fabulous 'Super 7s' Athletics team who returned from The Emirates Arena yesterday with quite the collection of medals. More importantly, they showed a wonderful attitude in terms of effort, sporting behaviour and teamwork.

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.

Last 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.

Football

Our Active School Coordinator has asked that we share this poster giving details of Easter football camps run by Glasgow Life. If you are interested, you can sign up via the QR code on the poster or via <https://glasgowclub.org/activities/kids-football-camps/>

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Glasgow Club **Glasgowlife Sport**

EASTER PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

**WEEK 1: 7-11 APRIL (EMIRATES & SCOTSTOUN)
WEEK 2: 14-18 APRIL (TORYGLEN)**

**9AM - 3PM
£50 PER WEEK
£13 PER DAY
5 - 12 YEAR OLDS**

**ALL CAMPS CAN BE BOOKED USING THE
GLASGOW CLUB APP OR CALL BELOW:**

**EMIRATES - 0141 287 7000
SCOTSTOUN - 0141 276 1620
TORYGLEN - 0141 276 0570**



BOOK NOW!

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.

Saturday 8th/Sunday 9th March P3 Reconciliation Commitment at Christ the King - weekend Masses

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

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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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