



Education Resources
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21st August 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The new Session has started with the children settling very well. It has been lovely to hear the chat and laughter throughout the School and Nursery.

Welcome

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to those families who join us for the first time this term, you are very welcome to the St. Bride's School Community.

Primary 1

Our new Primary 1 children have settled extremely well into school life and are enjoying all the new experiences that school brings. I wish to welcome our new parents and carers to St. Bride's School Community; we look forward to working with you.

We would like to invite parents/carers along to our Primary 1 Blessing with Fr. Morton in school on Wednesday 6th September at 2pm

Nursery

Our returning children have settled well, with new children joining us over the next few weeks and throughout the year as children turn 3 years old.

Communication

We regularly share information with parents via many platforms.

Please follow us on

Twitter/X @SCambuslang

Our School App through the [ScotEd](#) app

Parents Portal [parentsportal.scot](https://parentsportal.scot.nhs.uk)

Our School & Nursery website @ [Home | St. Bride's Primary School & Nursery Class \(st-brides-cambuslang-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk\)](https://www.st-brides-cambuslang-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)

Parentsportal.scot

Parentsportal.scot is live in South Lanarkshire schools for primary and secondary aged pupils. To access online services for your child including consent to school trips, annual data check, view school calendar, view timetables and school reports, download the [parentsportal.scot](#) APP.

If you need any support in signing up, please contact the school office.

Meet the Teacher Event

We are delighted to invite Primary 1 – 7 children, their parents and carers to our 'Meet the Teacher' event on *Wednesday 30th August from 3.30-4.30pm.*

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School & Nursery Uniform

The children are looking wonderful in their school uniforms. The school uniform helps ensure that they are very distinctive to the local community and brings a sense of belonging to the school. I would like to remind you of our school uniform policy;

Nursery Uniform

Pale blue Nursery polo shirt
Outdoor waterproof jacket

Nursery navy blue sweatshirt

School Uniform

Navy blue trousers/skirt
Blue/black shoes
School tie
Blue/black waterproof jacket

Pale blue shirt/blouse
Navy blue cardigan/jumper
Pale blue/white school dress
Navy school blazer

School PE kit

Pale blue polo shirt/T-shirt
Blue/black gym shoes/trainers

Navy blue/black shorts

Children may wear their polo shirt to school on PE days and change into their shorts.

Jewellery – Children are permitted to wear a watch and stud earrings, which should be removed for PE. Children should not wear any other items of jewellery to school.

Home Learning - Starting Monday 5th September

Home Learning activities reinforce the skills and knowledge children are taught within the class. Home Learning will be issued weekly, starting on Monday 4th September. Home Learning will include activities which focus on Literacy, Numeracy & Maths, Health & Wellbeing and other areas of the Curriculum, with a variety of written and active learning tasks.

Children will be issued with Home Learning jotters and sheets as required. Details of Home Learning will also be posted on Google Classrooms. Children will be issued with all the relevant usernames and passwords to allow access. Home Learning will be issued on Monday and returned by Friday each week.

Home Learning is an important aspect of your child's learning, and we would encourage all parents to participate fully in their children's Home Learning.

Breakfast Club 8.15am each morning

- Breakfast Club has started for school children and is very popular. This is free to all school children. If you would like your child/ren to attend or would like more information, please contact the school office. Children should enter the school via the Lunch Hall Door where staff will supervise children and dismiss them into the yard at 8.45am
- Please note children should not arrive for Breakfast Club before 8.15am.

School Lunches

Primary 1-5 are all entitled to a free school lunch. If children wish to buy milk parents are asked to order this through ParentPay. (Carton of milk - 29p).CHECK PRICE Primary 6 & 7 children can order a school lunch costing £2.05.

If you require any help with ParentPay please contact the school office.

Please note that a new menu will start on **Monday 28th August for 2023-24**. Please follow the link below for details; [Week 1 - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

Please see South Lanarkshire Council Website for details regarding Free School Meals and Clothing Grants. Links below;

[Free school meals - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

[School clothing grants - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

Pupil Voice Group

We have various Pupil Voice groups within the school including Pupil Council, Health Committee, Missio, Reading, Maths, Digital, Eco and our House System. Each class elects a Champion to represent them on each of the Committees. More information regarding Pupil Voice groups will be shared with the children in the coming weeks

School House System

Our House System is a reward system which promotes behaviours which reflect our school values. All children and staff are part of the House System and will be issued with a House Badge that they should wear as part of their uniform.

Our new children and staff will be allocated to their House. We celebrate House Plays on the first Wednesday of each month, and throughout the year there will be lots of opportunities for children and staff to learn and play together in Houses.

St. Teresa of Calcutta ~ St. Joseph ~ St John Paul II (white)
St. Andrew ~ St. Bernadette ~ St. Margaret

Sacramental Information

The dates for Sacraments are detailed below. Further information and details for each Sacrament will be shared with parents/carers in preparation for each Sacraments.

Sacramental Dates

Sacrament of Confirmation - Primary 7 pupils	
Mass of Enrolment	Sunday - Date to be confirmed
Sacrament of Confirmation Mass	Tuesday 28 th November 2023 @ 7pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation - Primary 3	
Mass of Enrolment	Sunday 4 th February 2024 @ 10am
Sacrament of Reconciliation Service	Monday 11 th March 2024 @ 6.30pm
Sacrament of Holy Communion - Primary 4	
Mass of Enrolment	Tuesday 28 th November @ 12noon
Sacrament of Holy Communion Mass	Saturday 11 th May 2024 - 10am

First Friday Mass

We celebrate First Friday Mass in St. Bride's Church each month. Classes will lead the liturgies taking part in readings, biddings prayers, presentation of gifts and hymn choices. **Primary 5 will lead our First Friday Mass on 1st September.** Please see Calendar for Mass & which class is leading the celebration of mass.

Participatory Budget - Date for the Diary

Mrs Scott our Equity Lead will hold a meeting in school regarding this year's Participatory Budget (PB) on *Tuesday 12th September at 9.15am*. Please look out for a separate communication explaining the details of the PB which will be issued later this week.

Charities

We have a long tradition of being a very generous school and each year we raise money for various charities including, Missio, SCIAF, St. Andrew's Hospice, St. Vincent de Paul, Breast Cancer Awareness, STAR. This year we will continue to host charity events. One of the ongoing appeals we have are our Missio boxes. Each class has a Missio box where children can make donations throughout the week. You may know this from your school days as 'Holy Childhood'. Each class will have a Missio Champion who as part of their role will work together collecting and counting the Missio donations each week.

Safety around the School

Parking

- Thank you to all the drivers who are parking responsibly and safely around the school. It is particularly busy at the end of the day and it is reassuring to see drivers being patient and considerate.

Crossing the Road

- It's great to see so many of our children independently crossing the road. Please continue to use the Lollipop Man to cross the road safely.

Other Information

Our school is a NUT FREE school. Children should not bring any snack or lunch items which contain nuts or traces of nuts. (including Nutella and other Nut and chocolate spread products)

We would ask that children only bring water in their water bottles each day. No juice/flavoured water.

For safety, children are not permitted to wear hooped or dangly earrings, bracelets, rings or necklaces. Children can wear a watch and stud earrings to school, which should be removed on PE days.

Open Door

We operate an 'Open Door' policy. If you wish to discuss any matter or have any questions please contact us and we will do our very best to help.

On behalf of the staff, I want to say, that we are very much looking forward to working with you and your children this school year and together we will make;
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Kind regards

Louise Torrance
Head Teacher

Important Dates – School & Nursery

Link to SLC School Holiday Schedule for session 2023-24
[2023/24 school holidays \(approved\) - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

Please see attached *Annual School & Nursery Planner* for dates for the coming year. We will continue to add dates for future events as they arise.
(Apologies – I am awaiting confirmation of a few dates before issuing the Planner. When finalised a paper copy will be issued to pupils and an electronic copy emailed to parents and put on the school website.)