



**Education Resources**  
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16th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you had a very happy break at Christmas with your families and friends. On behalf of all School and Nursery staff I want to thank you for all the cards, gifts and good wishes received before Christmas. Your generosity was very much uncalled for, but very much appreciated.

This month's focuses are detailed below: Please refer to the A-Z of Attachment leaflet for more detail.

SHANARRI - Active	<u>UNCRC - No 31</u> Rest, Play, Culture, Arts 'I have the right to relax and play'	School Value - Ambitious
<b>A-Z of Attachment Strategy</b>		
V	Value Contributions	
W	Whole Person	
X	Show you Care	

**Nursery**

The children in Nursery have returned and have settled very well back into their learning. We welcome our new children and their families to our nursery. The new children are settling in well exploring all our areas within the nursery.

As well as having a focus on lots of aspects of learning over the next few weeks children will be learning skills for life as we focus on looking after our toys, putting resources away in the correct place and keeping our playroom tidy!



We are beginning to introduce a Nursery Rhyme of the week and our first Nursery Rhyme that the children will be learning is 'Ally Bally Bee', look out for more information on our noticeboard.



The children will be learning about the festivals of Chinese New Year and Rabbe Burns Day. We will be exploring different weathers and water play in our outdoor area and the children will have opportunities to develop their fine motor skills through threading, using a variety of writing and construction materials.



**Congratulations**

Well done to everyone who supported us in being the **FIRST** school in Scotland to receive a Scotland Five Star School Award. A special thank you to Mrs McAlpine and our Missio Champions who worked tirelessly to ensure we received our award. It was a fabulous team effort, and we could not have done this without the enthusiasm of our pupils and staff, and contributions from our families. Thank you.

*St. Bride's School Community a joyful place where; We can Dream, We do Believe and We will Achieve great things!*

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### **Primary 7 Lockerbie Manor- Friday 17th – Sunday 19th May 2024**

It is not long now until our P7 Residential to Lockerbie Manor. Parents are asked to continue paying for this excursion over the coming months, with the final balance due by the end of March 2024. A reminder that anyone receiving Free Meal Entitlement will have the cost covered by our Pupil Equity Fund.

### **Primary 7 Trinity High School Transition**

Primary 7 pupils will visit Trinity High School over the next few months to take part in various activities. A note of dates and activities can be found below and on your child's Google Classroom.



Date	Event	Comments/Notes
Tuesday 16th January	Science Visit	Trinity staff visiting St. Bride's
Tuesday 5th March	½ day Visit	Pupils make their own way to Trinity for 9am start. St. Bride's staff will collect at 12noon & return to school
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Full day visit	Pupils make their own way to and from Trinity each day
Dates TBC	Enhanced visits	Pupils requiring an enhanced transition will visit Trinity for additional activities. Mrs Boyle will contact parents of identified pupils when dates have been confirmed.

### **School & Nursery Uniform**

We are very proud of our school uniform and the children are looking wonderful. Please note that hoodies are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn in school. Children should not wear jewellery to school. They may wear stud earrings and a watch.

Children should bring their PE kits with them and change in school they should not wear joggers/leggings to school. All earrings, including studs, should not be worn on PE days to school. Please check with your child's Goggle Classroom for PE days.

### **Attendance**

Attendance in South Lanarkshire Council and in St. Bride's School is a priority and is closely monitored by Mrs Scott. Our aim is to ensure all children have the best attendance possible. We understand that there are many different factors why your child may be unable to attend school, therefore, every attendance is looked at in an individual basis. This week, letters are being sent out to families of pupils who have an attendance of below 90%, which equates to 19 school days missed and almost 4 weeks. Our average attendance across the school is 95.3%. Thank you. Please contact Mrs Scott to discuss your child's attendance and to allow us to provide any support if required.

### **Car-Parking**

Over the past few months, we have had a few incidences where pupils have been unsafe when crossing the road and our neighbours have been unable to leave their driveway due to inconsiderate parking. Could I please remind everyone to be mindful when parking outside the school gates. Thank you to all families who are parking safely around our school.

### **Maths Competition**

Wednesday 17th January sees the launch of a great maths competition in St. Brides. On the 14th of March we celebrate World Maths Day, with this year's theme being "Playing with Maths." Our competition will involve small teams of pupils designing and creating their own maths game to be displayed and played on 14th March. Pupils in the school will vote for their top **three** games with some super prizes for the winning teams.

### **Parent Council News**

We would like to wish all our parents, carers and teachers a Happy New Year as we look forward to the year ahead.

Please join us for our next meeting on Wednesday 7th February 2024 – we will share the Microsoft Teams link on our Facebook and X platforms nearer the time to join from home or if you wish to come along to school with us you are very welcome. We are always keen for parents to join us – any input is appreciated! We meet monthly but also happy to accept help at any of our events if you cannot attend the meetings, thank you to those who have helped in both of the end of year discos. If you can offer any help at our events, please speak to any of the Parent Council members, school office or email [stbridespc@gmail.com](mailto:stbridespc@gmail.com)

Upcoming Events: we currently have no planned events until the end of term Summer disco however, we are keen if possible to potentially put something else in place before this.

Thank you for all contributions to our events and fundraisers last year– our end of year Christmas Disco raised £879.55 and Bonus Ball £311.90 (with the other half going to our lucky winner!) this would not be possible without your continued support so we thank you most sincerely. We will continue to work with Mrs Torrance to support the School requests and initiatives where we can.

Please follow us on the platforms below:

Facebook [www.facebook.com/stbridesprimarycambuslang](https://www.facebook.com/stbridesprimarycambuslang) or X (Twitter) @ParentSpC

### **Communication**

We regularly share information with parents via many platforms.

Please follow us on:

X (Twitter) @SCambuslang

Our School App through the ScotEd app and

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

### **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.

Kind regards

Louise Torrance  
Head Teacher

### **Important Dates – School & Nursery**

Date	Activity
<b>January</b>	
Week Beginning 15 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P1 Enrolment Parent calls</li> </ul>
Week Beginning 15 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target Setting - School Pupils</li> </ul>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Childsmile, Nursery to Primary 4</li> <li>• Science Visit for P7 from Trinity HS Staff</li> </ul>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Athletics Festival - Athletics Team</li> </ul>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary 4 – Rugby Afterschool Club Starts from 3pm to 4pm</li> </ul>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burns' Day – Touch of tartan with uniform</li> </ul>
Week Beginning 29 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Language Week Scotland</li> </ul>
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sidekicks begins with P7 and P2 at Lunchtime</li> <li>• P7 Fun STEM Project</li> </ul>
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P2 Trip to Riverside Museum</li> </ul>
<b>February</b>	

Thursday 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Bride's Feast Day Mass &amp; Celebrations in school, Primary 7 Leading</li> </ul>
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrolment Masses at St. Bride's Church</li> <li>• 10am Reconciliation 12noon Holy Communion</li> </ul>
Week Beginning 5 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children's Mental Health Week</li> <li>• Nursery Play and Stay, Monday to Thursday</li> </ul>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Netball Festival</li> </ul>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brew &amp; a Blether – All welcome 9am to 9:45am</li> </ul>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Learning Afternoon – All families welcome 1:30pm to 2:30pm</li> <li>• Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30pm</li> </ul>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chinese New Year's Eve - Celebrations in School – Year of the Dragon</li> </ul>
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HOLIDAY - School &amp; Nursery closed</li> </ul>
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• INSERVICE DAY - School &amp; Nursery closed to pupils</li> <li>• Ash Wednesday</li> </ul>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lent Prayer Breakfast 8:30am</li> </ul>
Week Beginning 19 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target Setting in Nursery</li> </ul>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P1 Trip to Five Sisters Zoo</li> </ul>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fun Friday for SCIAF</li> </ul>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P2/3 and P3 Trip to Sumerlee</li> </ul>
<b>March</b>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Friday Mass - Primary 2/3</li> <li>• Fun Friday for SCIAF</li> </ul>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary 7 Trinity Transition Event – Half Day Visit</li> </ul>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brew &amp; a Blether – All welcome 9am to 9:45am</li> </ul>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Book Day – Activities in school, no dress-up (CoSD)</li> </ul>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fun Friday for SCIAF</li> </ul>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sacrament of Reconciliation - St. Bride's Church, 6.30pm</li> <li>• Financial Education Week Begins</li> </ul>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Maths Day</li> </ul>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fun Friday for SCIAF</li> </ul>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents' Reporting Evening</li> </ul>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fun Friday for SCIAF</li> </ul>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Photographer Visiting School</li> </ul>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enterprise Day in School</li> </ul>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-uniform Day</li> <li>• School &amp; Nursery Closes at 2.30pm for Easter Break</li> </ul>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EASTER BREAK - SCHOOL &amp; NURSERY CLOSED</li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School &amp; Nursery reopens 9am</li> </ul>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target Setting in Nursery</li> </ul>
<b>May</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Learning Afternoon – All families welcome 1:30pm to 2:30pm</li> <li>• Brew &amp; a Blether – All welcome 9am to 9:45am</li> <li>• Month of the Rosary celebrated in school at Lunchtime</li> </ul>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• INSERVICE DAY - School &amp; Nursery closed to pupils</li> </ul>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Friday Mass - St. Bride's Church - Primary 3 leading</li> </ul>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HOLIDAY - School &amp; Nursery closed</li> </ul>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ascension Thursday, Mass in School, all families welcome P5 Leading</li> </ul>
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sacrament of Holy Communion - St. Bride's Church 10am</li> </ul>
Week Beginning 13 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay and Play in Nursery, Monday to Thursday</li> </ul>
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary 7 Lockerbie Manor Residential Trip</li> </ul>

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	• Pre-Entrant Afternoon (Session 1/2)
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> - Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	• HOLIDAY - School & Nursery closed
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	• Pre-Entrant Afternoon (Session 2/2)
June	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	• Parish Mass – All welcome
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	• Final Brew & a Blether – All welcome 9am to 9:45am
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	• First Friday Mass - St. Bride's Church, Primary 2 Leading
Week Beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup>	• Health & Sports Week
Week Beginning Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	• Primary 7 Leavers' Events TBC
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	• Nursery Leavers' Show
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	• End of Year Reports Issued
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	• SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE at 1pm for SUMMER BREAK
August	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	• Pupils Return to School