



Education Resources
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19th August 2024

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 25th 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

Parents Portal parentsportal.scot

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

Parent Council

We have a very hard-working Parent Council who meet regularly to support the work of the school and organise a variety of social events and fun activities for the children. They extend a warm welcome to all parents/carers and invite you along to their AGM on **Wednesday 4th September at 6.30pm**. Please come along to the meeting.

Please see an update from our Parent Council attached.

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Meet the Teacher Event

We are delighted to invite Primary 1 – 7 children, their parents and carers to our, 'Meet the Teacher/Open Afternoon' event on Wednesday 28th August from 1.30-2.30pm.

School & Nursery Uniform

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

Nursery Uniform

Pale blue Nursery polo shirt	Nursery navy blue sweatshirt
Outdoor waterproof jacket	

School Uniform

Navy blue trousers/skirt	Pale blue shirt/blouse
Blue/black shoes	Navy blue cardigan/jumper
School tie	Pale blue/white school dress
Blue/black waterproof jacket	Navy school blazer

School PE kit

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

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. Please note staff will not tape children's ears for PE. Children should not wear any other items of jewellery to school.

Home Learning - Starting September

Following consultation with parents/carers, pupils and staff our Home Learning activities will take a different format this session with no written work being returned to school on a weekly basis.

The skills and knowledge children develop and practise through Home Learning activities is evident in completed class work.

If there is a specific need for any child to have targeted Home Learning, an Additional Support Plan will be discussed with parents.

More information will be shared regarding Home Learning in the coming weeks.

Breakfast Club 8.15am each morning

- Breakfast Club has started for school children and is very popular. This is **free to all school children**. There is no need to book a place. 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. Primary 6 & 7 children can order a school lunch costing £2.17. P6 & 7 pupils who are eligible for free school meals are not charged.

If children wish milk parents are asked to order this through ParentPay. (Carton of milk - 29p).

If your child has any special dietary requirements or you need help with ParentPay please contact the school office.

Please note that a new menu will start on **Monday 26th August for 2024-25**. Please follow the link for details; [Week 1 - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

Please see South Lanarkshire Council Website for details regarding Free School Meals and Clothing Grants. Links; [Free school meals - South Lanarkshire Council](#)
[Clothing grants - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

Pupil Voice/ Leaders of Learning Groups

Over the last few years we have had a number of Pupil Voice groups within the school. This Session we plan to extend these to include everyone. Every child and member of staff within the school will be part of a Pupil Voice/Leaders of Learning Group. These groups will play a vital role in gathering views regarding many aspects of learning and school life and help inform decisions moving forward. More information regarding Pupil Voice/Leaders of Learning 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 Meetings & 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 6 th October 2024
Sacrament of Confirmation Mass	Thursday 21 th November 2023 @ 7pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation - Primary 3	
Mass of Enrolment	Sunday 2 nd February 2025 @ 10am
Sacrament of Reconciliation Service	Monday 10 th March 2025 @ 6.30pm
Sacrament of Holy Communion - Primary 4	
Mass of Enrolment	Sunday 2 nd February 2025 @ 12noon
Sacrament of Holy Communion Mass	Saturday 10 th May 2025 - 10am

School/Parish Sunday Mass

On the first Sunday of each month, we would encourage all families within the parish to come together to celebrate mass at 10am. Children will lead the bidding prayers and offertory procession. Please look out for letters looking for volunteers. I would especially encourage all families who have children receiving a Sacrament this year to come along. The first mass is on **Sunday 1st September at 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 6th September.** Please see Calendar for all Masses & class leads.

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 is Missio. Each class has a Missio box where children can make donations throughout the week/year. You may know this from your school days as 'Holy Childhood'.

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 Men 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.

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 2024-25
[2024/25 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.

If you would like a paper copy, please pop in or call the office.

Message from St. Bride's Parent Council

We hope everyone had a lovely summer break! Here we are back and ready to for a new term with our new P1 and nursery children joining too!

We are delighted to share we have been awarded a digital grant for £2000 for our school and nursery through Virgin money foundation! We will work with Mrs Torrance to put this money to good use for our children

We also put our school and nursery forward to Tesco Burnside to be considered for donations through their book lending scheme over the summer, we are again delighted to share that we have a cheque to collect this week!

A couple of updates/dates for your diaries:

We have some events planned for our new term with details below, all updates will be shared via our Facebook and X (Twitter) pages so please give us a follow!

Save the dates! We warmly invite our parents, carers and parishioners to our Bake sale in St Bride's Church hall after 10am mass on Sunday 6 October, all donations welcome and we also have a social evening planned in St Bride's Church hall on Saturday 9th November - more details to follow!

We will also be 'shaking a bucket' in Tesco Burnside on Saturday 7 September to raise funds for our school and nursery! Please share and drop by!

There will be an Autumn disco in school for P1-3 / P4-7 on Wednesday 9 October

A reminder if you need name stickers for your child's school clothing 'my name tags' is the one! remember to use and insert our school ID code at the check out (109670), the school and nursery will receive a percentage of sales. All details are also on our FB page.

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AGM

Join us on Wednesday 4th
September in school at 1830 for
our Parent Council AGM
All Welcome

