



**St. Bride's Primary School and
Nursery Class Parent Council**

Parent Council Chairperson's Annual Report Highlights for Year 2025/26



The 2025/26 academic year has continued to provide valuable opportunities for collaboration, achievement and community involvement across St Bride's School and Nursery. Although the number of events held this year has been lower than in previous years, regular engagement and ongoing initiatives have enabled us to continue supporting and strengthening our school community.

Working together, we have maintained a positive and supportive environment, creating meaningful experiences for our children and young people. We can be proud of the achievements and successes celebrated throughout the year and the continued commitment shown by our school community.

It's important for us, as a Parent Council, to clearly communicate what we aim to achieve. Our primary goal is to foster a strong, supportive, and productive partnership with both the school and the wider community. We want every child at St Bride's School and Nursery to enjoy a positive and memorable learning experience. Equally important is our commitment to supporting parents and school staff, who play a vital role in nurturing and guiding the children each day—especially during these uncertain times. This approach aligns closely with the objectives outlined in the Parent Council Constitution, as shown on the right.

- To promote partnership between the school, its pupils, all parents and St Bride's Church to ensure that pupils develop their full potential.
- To work in partnership with the school to contribute to the Catholic ethos and create a welcoming community which is inclusive for all parents.
- To develop and engage in activities which support the education and welfare of the pupils.
- To identify and represent the views of parents on the education provided by the school and other matters affecting the education and welfare of the pupils.

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This year has presented additional challenges in relation to fundraising, as the capacity of the current membership has been stretched across a number of priorities and commitments. This has limited the opportunities available to organise and support fundraising activities. To enhance fundraising capacity going forward, recruiting additional members will be important in broadening involvement and supporting the successful delivery of future initiatives.

	We were delighted to receive a £500 Scotmid Community Grant, which was awarded to support the purchase of new sports equipment. The funding was provided in recognition of the positive impact that sport and physical activity can have on our community, particularly following the excitement and inspiration generated by the World Cup held earlier this year. The grant has enabled us to invest in a range of equipment that will help increase participation in sporting activities, promote health and wellbeing, and provide more opportunities for our children to develop their skills and enjoy being active. We are extremely grateful to Scotmid for their support and commitment to helping local communities thrive.
	Following the circulation of our Google questionnaire, responses highlighted strong support for the work currently undertaken by the Parent Council. Many parents and carers also expressed an interest in a wider range of events and activities, including opportunities for adults and families to come together. As a volunteer-led group with a small membership, we are keen to consider how we can develop these opportunities in a way that is both sustainable and meaningful for our school community. In planning future activities, we will take account of the level of interest expressed and seek to focus our efforts on events that are most likely to meet the needs of families and encourage participation.
	We currently have 3 social media platforms of which two are utilised (below); Bluesky and Facebook. Twitter is currently archived. We have set up an Instagram page which we are launching after the summer break Facebook www.facebook.com/stbridesprimarycambuslang Blue Sky @stbridespspc.bsky.social



We are ready to launch **Your School Lottery**, which will provide families with an additional way to support the school and nursery. Tickets cost **£1 per week**, and every ticket purchased will automatically be entered into a guaranteed weekly cash prize draw for one supporter of the school, as well as giving players the chance to win the top jackpot prize of **£25,000**.

For every ticket played, a percentage of the proceeds is donated directly to the school, helping to support projects and opportunities for our children and young people. Winners can choose to keep their prize money or donate it back to the school if they wish.

We look forward to sharing further details about how to sign up and take part in the coming weeks.



Advanced Event Planning

We recognise the financial commitment that the school day can place on families and, with this in mind, we will continue to work closely with our Head Teacher to plan events and activities well in advance. This helps ensure that parents and carers have as much notice as possible of upcoming opportunities and any associated costs. While the **Head Teacher Annual Planner** includes school discos and other key dates currently confirmed, further Parent Council events and activities will be communicated to families throughout the year as arrangements are finalised.



Monthly Newsletter

We continue to contribute to the Head Teacher's monthly newsletter, providing regular updates on Parent Council activities, upcoming events and opportunities to get involved. The newsletter is shared with all families through the Parent Portal.



We successfully held an 'I Can Boogie' Super Draw Raffle in school, offering a range of World Cup-themed prizes. The event generated significant interest and engagement from pupils, families and staff, contributing to a fun and memorable school experience whilst also helping us raise funds.

Events

The main events held throughout the year include:

- School Discos – Summer/Autumn and Christmas
- Bonus Ball – Easter and Christmas

These events continue to be the Parent Council's primary fundraising activities, generating valuable funds that directly support the school and our pupils. They also provide an excellent opportunity for families to become involved in school life, build relationships with staff and other parents, and strengthen the wider school community.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who has supported these events throughout the year. The success of our fundraising efforts would not be possible without the dedication and enthusiasm of our volunteers, who generously give their time, ideas and support. We encourage all parents and carers to get involved in any way they can, as every contribution, no matter how small, helps make a positive difference.

Fundraising

Our ongoing fundraising efforts are essential in helping us continue to support a wide range of school and nursery initiatives. Through these events, we have been able to contribute to the following:

- Masterclasses - £200
- Mini Vinnies - £100
- Class Christmas Gifts - £600
- Confirmation Cake - £17.99
- Lollipop Man Gift, Card and Wrapping - £26.50
- Christmas Party / Pantomime Drinks and Crisps - £339.72
- Branded school logo Jackets - £800
- P7 Hoodies - £225
- Fr Morton Leaving Gift, Card and Wrapping - £105.67
- Easter Raffle - £100
- First Reconciliation Cake - £17.99
- Stationery - £189.15
- Maths Game Prizes - £46.75
- First Communion Cake - £17.99
- P7 Leavers' Contribution - £175
- P7 Leavers' Balloons and Tinsel Curtains - £45.50
- Ice Cream Van - £360
- P1 Favour Bag Tags - £10.99
- P1 Favour bags content - £12.87

Total - £3391.12

We are extremely grateful for the continued support of our parents and carers, whose generosity plays a vital role in helping us raise valuable funds for the benefit of the school community.

Parental/Carer Involvement

We hope to expand our programme of events to offer greater opportunities for parents, carers and parishioners to become involved. We are hopeful that these events will be successful and contribute to the development of future activities. To achieve this, increasing the number of Parent Council members and volunteers will be important in providing the capacity and support needed to deliver a wider range of initiatives.

Summary and Next Steps:

- We are currently progressing with an application to register the Parent Council as a charity. As part of this process, we have undertaken a review of our constitution, which had become outdated and required updating to ensure it aligns with current requirements and supports our charity application. This has provided a valuable opportunity to modernise the document and ensure it reflects the needs and expectations of our school community today.

We are hopeful that our application will be successful, as charitable status would open up access to additional funding opportunities and resources. This would enhance our ability to support St Bride's School and Nursery and allow us to develop a wider range of initiatives and activities for the benefit of our children, families and staff.

- We are continually seeking to find ways to communicate, update and inform and are in the process of designing a banner/bulletin board which we propose will be posted on the school and nursery entry fenced area which will have pockets which will allow us to share information. More details to follow
- We would ideally like to grow our Parent Council membership. Expanding our team would allow us to explore a wider range of fundraising events and activities, supported by a larger pool of members. While we currently have a fantastic list of volunteers who help with events, these individuals are not formally part of the Parent Council. We're incredibly grateful for their contributions, and we'd love to welcome more members who are interested in getting involved more regularly.

The Parent Council is always keen to welcome new members to help maintain a vibrant and active group. In particular, we encourage parents whose children are at the beginning of their primary school journey to become involved, allowing them to play a part in supporting the school community for many years to come. As children move on to secondary education, we naturally see members leave each year, making it important to continue growing our membership. Every member brings unique skills, experiences and perspectives, so please don't underestimate the value of what you can contribute.

Parent Council Meetings:

- We have held 6 Parent Council meetings to date.

Planned meetings: (further future dates TBC) and shared on our social media)

- 9th September 2026 (AGM)
- 7th October 2026
- 4th November 2026

Meetings were conducted in person, while also offering online attendance through Microsoft Teams to increase accessibility and participation. Information about upcoming Parent Council meetings will continue to be shared via Parent Council, school and nursery social media platforms.

Membership

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The constitution states that we must ensure the open and inclusive representation of the parent forum consistent with the provisions of Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006.

Parent Council Members in 2025-2026 session:

- Nicola Ewing / Paula Frederick – Joint Chair, re-elected 2024
- Paula Jackson / Laura Robertson – Joint Secretary, elected 2024
- John Hylands – Treasurer, re-elected 2024
- Nicola McFadden
- Brian Lynch
- Michelle Lynch
- Claire Muldoon
- Joanna Clark
- Ciaran Lang
- Chris Brown
- Sean McGinty
- Geraldine McAdam (stood down 2026)

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to Geraldine McAdam, who is leaving the Parent Council after many years of dedicated service, including previously serving in the role of Secretary.

If you are interested in becoming involved, we warmly encourage you to attend one of our Parent Council meetings and introduce yourself. There are many opportunities to contribute, whether on a regular basis or by supporting individual events, and we would be delighted to welcome new members and volunteers.

All parents and carers are welcome to attend Parent Council meetings. Updates, actions and decisions from meetings are recorded in our Action and Decision Log, which is available on the school website.

We will continue to use our social media platforms, including Facebook and Bluesky, (X, is currently archived), to keep our school community informed and up to date with news, events and activities.

Facebook www.facebook.com/stbridesprimarycambuslang

Blue Sky [@stbridespspc.bsky.social](https://bsky.social/stbridespspc)

(X (Twitter)) [@ParentSpc](https://twitter.com/StBride'sPS_Parent_Council)

Nicola Ewing and Paula Frederick

Joint Chair, St Bride's School and Nursery Parent Council

9th September 2026

