

Our vision – to inspire a community of Faith and Learning built on our Gospel values to enable everyone to reach their God-given potential.

Dear Parent and Carers,

This week, our school recognises Catholic Education Week with our parishes of St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's. The theme this year is 'Pilgrims of Hope'. It is important that we reflect on the importance of Faith in our school and how this shapes the education that we provide at St. Nicholas' Primary. It is our Faith that informs our actions and we give thanks for the individual gifts and talents that we all possess.

Our Head Boy and Head Girl, alongside their Deputies will be representing our school at 10am mass at St. Joseph's and 12pm mass at St. Andrew's. Please join us to mark this week and celebrate the partnership with our parishes and impact of Catholic education within our community.

If you have any questions about ongoing events, please contact the school office on 0141 955 2222 or office@st-nicholas.e-dunbarton.sch.uk.

Kind regards,

Martyn Glancy

Head Teacher

Pope Francis Faith Award Enrolment Service

On Tuesday 26th November, our Primary 6 pupils will be participating in their enrolment for the Pope Francis Faith Award. Parents are invited to join us for this service. This is a short service that will begin at 2.00pm.

Feast of St. Andrew – Friday 29th November

In recognition of the historical journey of our school, all primary 4- primary 7 pupils will be attending St. Andrew's Parish Church on Friday 29th November to celebrate this feast day. Children will walk to St. Andrew's accompanied by staff. Please ensure all pupils wear suitable clothing for the inclement weather.

We will also be making the journey to St. Joseph's Parish Church in the New Year to recognise this Feast in March.

School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 5th December

On Thursday 5th December, Christmas Lunch will be available for all children. A menu and pre-order list have been sent out separately.

In the afternoon, we will be visited by the Hopscotch Theatre Company. Children can come to school in a Christmas Jumper on top of their school uniform on this day.

To meet our sustainable development goals, we would like to request that any families who have Christmas Jumpers which no longer fit, **please hand these in to the school office on Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th November. These jumpers will be placed outside the school gym hall at the end of the school day on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th November to be collected by parents for free on a first come first served basis.**

Any jumpers not collected will be handed to a textile bank for recycling.

Feast of St. Nicholas – Friday 6th December

We will be celebrating the Feast of St. Nicholas in our school gym hall this year. Our Primary 3 parents are invited to join us for Mass to celebrate with us. We are awaiting the final details and will confirm this shortly. Please note, we may need to change the day where we celebrate this feast.

Staying Safe Online

Do you know what your child is searching on social media? With online devices now widely accessible, it is worth sharing guidelines and reminders from the NSPCC about keeping children safe online. Please access the link below. It provides some useful hints and tips to ensure that parents can make sure that our children can be supported with this at home.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

School Show/ Nativity

We can now confirm that our School Show performances will take place on Tuesday 17th December and Thursday 19th December. Each date will consist of a 1.30pm matinee performance and an evening performance at 7pm.

Information on how to purchase tickets for this event will be purchased in due course.

	Classes Performing Nativity	Classes Performing 'Christmas at the Movies'
Tuesday 17 th December - 1.30pm	P1 and P3	P5.1, P6.1, P7.1
Tuesday 17 th December – 7pm	P1 and P3	P5.1, P6.1, P7.1
Thursday 19 th December – 1.30pm	P1/2 and p2	P4, P5.2, p6.2, P7.2
Thursday 19 th December – 7pm	P1/2 and p2	P4, P5.2, p6.2, P7.2

P1 and Enrolment for Session 25/26

School Registration – Open Friday 1st November until Saturday 30th November 2024 inclusive.

School registration for children that are aged 5 years old between 1 March 2025 and the last day of February 2026 will open on Friday 1st November until Saturday 30th November 2024 inclusive. Parents/Carers should register children for school, even if they may also wish to apply for a deferred entry year in early learning and childcare. Further information and the link to register can be found on the East Dunbartonshire Council website: <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/primary-school-registration#>.

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Parents of prospective Primary 1 pupils are invited to a walk round on Friday 15th November 2024 at 3.15pm.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

S1 Registration for session 25/26

School Registration – Open Friday 1st November until Saturday 30th November 2024 inclusive.

Parents are asked to register their child for secondary school. This can be completed by clicking on the following link.

<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/services/a-z-of-services/primary-secondary-and-early-years-education/secondary-school/secondary-school-registration/>

Please note that any parents who will be submitting a placing request will be able to do so from January 2025.

Free School Meals and Free Clothing Grant

We recognise that circumstances can change very quickly for families. You can check if you are entitled to free school meals and free clothing grant by clicking on this link.

<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/grants/school-clothing-grant>

Where your child receives free lunches as part of the Scottish Government's scheme for Primary 1 – Primary 5 children, and you still meet the criteria for Free School Meals/ Clothing Grant, I would urge you to apply if you have not already done so.

Please contact me at the school if you have any questions about this.

Date	Event
Tuesday 26 th November	Primary 6 – Pope Francis Faith Award Enrolment Service
Tuesday 26 th November	Parent Council Meeting at Bearsden Academy 6.30pm-8pm
Friday 29 th November	P4-P7 celebrating the Feast of St. Andrew at St. Andrew's
Sunday 1 st December	Christmas Fayre at St. Joseph's Church Hall 11am – 1pm
Monday 2 nd December	Advent Confessions in school for pupils
Tuesday 3 rd December	Advent Confessions in school for pupils

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Thursday 5 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 6 th December – To be confirmed	Feast of St. Nicholas – P3 parents invited
Monday 9 th December	Advent Confessions in school for pupils
Tuesday 10 th December	Advent Confessions in school for pupils
Friday 20 th December	School closes at 2.30pm