

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 continues to recognise the richness of our community and our links to the parishes of St. Andrew's and St. Joseph's.

We have celebrated the Feast of St. Andrew with the community of Bearsden, and this Sunday, we are grateful to St. Joseph's for providing the use of their hall to host our Christmas Fayre in Milngavie. The fayre begins at 11am until 1pm. Please join us if you can, even for a short while, to raise funds for the PTA.

We also hosted a successful parental engagement session for Primary 1, Primary 2 and Primary 3 parents using the Read, Write, Count materials. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and for the fantastic participation of our families. An evaluation for this event will follow in due course.

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

Staying Safe Online

Do you know what your child is searching on social media and how they are using platforms such as Snapchat, Facebook or Tik Tok?

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/>

Staffing Update

I am delighted to inform you that Miss Sophie MacInnes has been appointed to the school on a temporary basis. Miss MacInnes is a teacher who has worked in the school last session and has a fantastic knowledge of our community and our pupils. We wish her well in this post.

Christmas Jumpers

We have lots of jumpers which require a new home for Christmas and have a selection of sizes available. Our Junior Management Team are ready to ensure these jumpers can be re-homed.

If anyone requires a Christmas Jumper for our Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 5th December, please contact the school office to view the jumpers and/or arrange collection.

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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.

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. Mass will take place at 11am with Fr. John.

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.

Tickets can be purchased by completing the form sent home with children and returning this to the school office.

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

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

S1 Registration for session 25/26

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Respect

Honesty

Forgiveness

Achieving

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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
Sunday 1st December	Christmas Fayre at St. Joseph's Church Hall 11am – 1pm
Monday 2nd December	Advent Confessions for pupils – in school
Tuesday 3rd December	Advent Confessions for pupils – in school
Thursday 5th December	Christmas Jumper Day/ Hopscotch Panto
Friday 6th December	Feast of St. Nicholas – P3 parents invited 11am
Monday 9th December	Advent Confessions for pupils – in school
Tuesday 10th December	Advent Confessions for pupils – in school
Tuesday 17th December	School Show
Thursday 19th December	School Show
Friday 20th December	School closes at 2.30pm
Friday 20th December	Advent Service at St. Andrew's 6.30pm