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Dear Parent and Carers,

Sunday was a very proud day for our school and many of our Primary 4 pupils and their families as they made their First Holy Communion. Our pupils were outstanding representatives of our school as they continued their Faith and spiritual journey. This weekend, our final group of First Holy Communicants, will receive the Blessed Sacrament at the 11.30am mass at St. Joseph's Parish Church. Everyone is welcome to join the children as they mark this memorable event. Please keep all the children and their families in your prayers.

As the Scottish weather continues to be ever changing, it has been lovely to experience some warm weather. At some points this week, the temperature has been around 20 degrees. Please ensure your child is prepared for the weather by wearing sun cream before coming to school and/or a hat for this weather as children can be outside for breaks, outdoor learning and PE over the course of a day.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that school is closed on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May for the May weekend.

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](mailto:office@st-nicholas.e-dunbarton.sch.uk).

Kind regards,

Martyn Glancy

**Head Teacher**

### **Praying as a Family**

Prayer our new Pope XIV:

Faithful God,

You guide us on the path of life and your goodness is our constant companion

Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV, in his service of the Church.

Fill him with the power of your Spirit, the peace of your presence

May he walk with you, in wisdom and humility,  
and lead us, together with all God's people, to embody your love for the world.

Amen.

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### **Big Numeracy Breakfast**

To mark National Numeracy Day (21st of May), we will be hosting 4 "Big Numeracy Breakfast" family learning sessions across the week. These will be aimed at our primary 4 – primary 7 families.

On the day, numeracy challenges and breakfast will be provided.

The sessions will take place on the following dates:

- P7- Monday 19th May @ 8.30am
- P5- Tuesday 20th May @ 8.30am
- P4- Wednesday 21st May @ 8.30am
- P6- Thursday 22nd May @ 8.30am

Thank you to those families who have already registered an interest. To help us plan activities and breakfast, please complete the form if you can attend.

<https://forms.office.com/e/bJ3ntLyMmu>

If you require further information about these sessions, please contact the school office.

### **Primary 6.1 Reading Café – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

On Tuesday, we welcome the parents/ grandparents of our Primary 6.1 class in for our Reading Café. Please join us at 2.15pm until 2.45pm for this event.

### **Ascension Thursday – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

As a holiday of obligation, our Primary 2 children will lead the school at our Ascension Thursday Mass. This mass will take place in our school gym hall and will begin at 1.30pm sharp. Primary 2 parents are encouraged to join us for prayer and worship.

### **Sports Day – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

We are seeking parent volunteers to assist us with our Sports Day. If you can help, please contact the school office on [office@st-nicholas.e-dunbarton.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-nicholas.e-dunbarton.sch.uk).

Our Sports Day will continue the format of previous years. It will be organised as follows:

- P5-7 at 9.30am-11am
- P1-P4 at 1.30pm – 2.45pm

Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and we would be delighted to welcome parent spectators to this event.

### **PTA Summer Disco – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

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Our PTA are hosting their final event this session on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June. The Summer Disco is a fantastic way to draw a busy school year to a close. The cost is £3 and can be purchased through the PTA.

The disco times are as follows:

- P1-P4 at 6.15pm – 7.15pm
- P5-P7 at 7.30pm-8.30pm

### ***God's Loving Plan – Health Lessons***

Over this term, classes will be learning from our health curriculum – God's Loving Plan. To ensure you can support your child, I would ask that you click on the link to information about this resource: <http://www.st-nicholas.e-dunbarton.sch.uk/media/14248/gods-loving-plan-vocabulary-guide.pdf>

This link provides an overview of the content of the lessons and key vocabulary that will be used as part of the learning.

### ***Attendance***

Research shows that attendance at school is essential to ensuring children achieve their potential. Attendance below 90% can have a detrimental impact on pupil progress. Over the coming weeks, the school will be reviewing attendance and looking to support families where this is identified as being low. Our aim is to work with families, where this is the case, to improve attendance.

### ***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.

### ***Key Dates***

Date	Event
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	P1/2 Assembly at 2.15pm
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am	First Holy Communion at St. Joseph's
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May @ 8.30am	P7 Numeracy Breakfast
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May @ 8.30am	P5 Numeracy Breakfast
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May @ 8.30am	P4 Numeracy Breakfast
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Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm	Ascension Thursday Mass at St. Nicholas' with P2 Parents
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Sports Day P5-7 at 9.30am-11am P1-P4 at 1.30pm – 2.45pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Disco
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	P1 Assembly at 2.15pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June – 6.30pm	P7 Leavers Mass