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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into Term 2 we are delighted with the hard work and efforts of all our children. We appreciate all of your support in supporting your child to ensure that they are ready for school, home learning is completed and they are in school, on time and ready to start their day at 9am.

We would like to thank the parents who attended the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Parent Council and volunteered to join and support our school. If you would like to join the parent council but were unable to attend please just contact the school.

Staff News

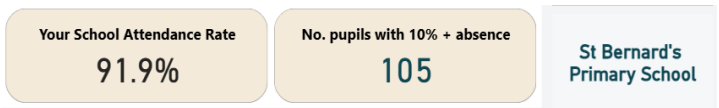
Welcome to our new DHT

We are delighted to welcome Mr McGovern as our new Depute Head this term. Mr McGovern will be overseeing P4-7 and can be contacted with any concerns or queries you may have in regard your children. We look forward to Mr McGovern becoming a valued part of our St. Bernard's school community.

Goodbye and good luck

We say Goodbye and Good Luck to Miss Lee who is leaving after over 12 years of supporting and helping the children and families of St. Bernard's Primary. Miss Lee tirelessly worked with our children writing, producing and directing our annual pantomime, bringing out the best for all children involved, we greatly appreciate all her hard work and she will be greatly missed amongst our whole school community.

Target 2026-7 – IMPROVING ATTENDANCE





Can you help us improve the school's overall attendance? We are hoping to improve our school attendance this session can you help us by bringing your child to school every day? We want to help you and your family to ensure that your child makes as much progress as possible and to do this we need them to be in school every day. At the end of Term 1 105 children already have an attendance rate lower than 90% which means they have already missed 4 days of school in Term 1. Working together we can make sure all our children feel that they belong!

Target 2026-7 ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

Following feedback from our self-evaluation last session this term our Pupil Leadership Team/House Captains and the Senior Leadership Team will be leading the review and development of our new Anti-bullying policy. All children, parents and stakeholders will be consulted - look out for the school form for you to share your views on our draft policy.

Term 1 Winning House : St. Mungos

Well Done to our St. Mungo children who are the first winning house this session! The House Captains and the Staff Lead for St. Mungo's (Mrs McKee) will be planning the treat for the winning house. The reward will happen w/b 26th Oct due to the P7 children attending their residential the first week after the Oct break.

CALLING ALL PARENTS AND CARERS!

We have a wonderful, unique opportunity open to all parents and carers of St Bernard's. There will be 2 parent workshops led by Suzanna Ceo of TIP - a highly regarded Parental Support Organisation.

Suzanna has a wealth of experience in supporting her own and other children in terms of behaviour & emotional regulation and has helped significantly reduce "meltdowns" and challenging behaviours at home. She has worked with parents of neurodivergent children (with or without a diagnosis) and also with children who are struggling with emotional regulation.

These sessions make such a positive impact and can support every single pupil of attending parents, support at these sessions includes strategies to help ensure that you feel emotionally strong to support your children and will also help you evaluate your strategies when emotions are high for both parents and children. We urge you to join us on T**uesday 20th and 27th October 10-12pm** for the workshops. Sessions will be relaxed and informal and attendees will receive a goody back on completion. Please watch the video link to meet Suzanna the practitioner then email your reply to headteacher@st-bernards-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

This is our second year of running the workshops for our families and they were so positively received last year with all families involved commenting on how the strategies and support provided have reduced dis-regulation at home and reduced any long-term trauma from strained relationships. Feedback also highlighted improved relationships with families and a calmer home life for everyone.
https://www.traumainformedparenting.uk/aims-and-objectives-of-tip-workshops

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parents Evening - Thursday 12th November – all children

This year appointment times can be selected and made by parents/families using ParentPortal. It will go live on 30th October and will close on 6th November to make appointments. On Thursday 5th November clerical staff will allocate times to anyone who have not made an appointment by 6th Nov. If you have any issues in regard to accessing ParentPortal please contact the school office. Contact details for families can also be updated on ParentPortal.

When 2 separate appointments are required for both parents one set will be allocated on the evening of Parents night and one within the same week for the second parent. These appointments are then allocated the other way around for the second parents night in March. It is not possible to make double appointments on the same evening due to time restrictions. We appreciate your understanding and support with this.

Tickets for Christmas Shows

Tickets will go on sale on Monday 16th November and close on Monday 1st December for all performances (Nativity/Upper school show/P2/3 Carol Concert) - sales are restricted to only 2 per child (NOT 2 per performance). Please do not attempt to purchase more than this as only the first 2 purchased will be honoured. If there are any surplus tickets they will be available on Tuesday 2nd December on ParentPay.

Hallowe'en Disco Thursday 29th Oct 2026

Entry is £2 and to be paid on the night.

P1/2- 4.30pm-5.30pm
P3/4 6.00pm-7.00pm
P5-P7 7.30pm-8.30pm

School Trips
P4-7 - Burrell Collection (Tuesdays Nov/December)

PATHS Assemblies

5th Nov 2026 2.15pm	P5a & P5b	Being Unique
19th Nov 2026 2.15pm	P4a & P4b	Making Choices

Parent Workshops – Growing together: Supporting your child at home(all stages)
Tuesday 20th October at 10-12pm
Tuesday 27th November at 10-12pm

Display of Knowledge

22nd Oct 2026 1.30pm	P3a & P3b	Scotland
26th Nov 2026 1.30pm	P4a & P4B	Edinburgh/ Scotland
3rd Dec 2026 1.30pm	P6a & P6b	Mary Queen of Scots

P1 Enrolments for 2026 - Open Afternoon
Monday 2nd November
3.30pm – 4.30pm

Target 2026-7 RAISING ATTAINMENT IN LITERACY

Read, Write Count Family Learning Sessions 9.15-10.15am

Primary 2
Session 1- Thursday 29th October
Session 2- Thursday 12th November

Primary 3
Session 1- Thursday 5th November
Session 2 -Thursday 26th November

Christmas Fayre
Friday 11th December - Timetable to be emailed detailing times for parents to attend

First Friday Mass
Friday 6th November at 10am
Friday 4th December at 10am

Christmas Parties - Thursday 17th December (own Clothes)

Christmas Lunch /Christmas Fayre/Christmas Jumper Day (all children)
Friday 11th December

Upper School Performance (P4-7) – For Parents/Families (2 tickets per child)
Wednesday 9th December at 6.30pm
Thursday 10th December at 1.15pm

P1 Nativity - for Parents and Families (2 tickets per child)
Tuesday 15th December
9.30 or 2pm

Carol Service - For Parents/Families (2 tickets per child)
P2 & P3 – Friday 4th December
9.30am(P2) 2pm (P3)

School Closes - Friday 18th December at 2.30pm
School Reopens - Tuesday 5th January at 9am

PE

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately to allow them to participate in PE. All children must have a minimum of 2 hours of PE each week as part of the school curriculum. Children should wear polo shirt/shorts(Joggers/leggings)/trainers or plimsoles. Children in P4-7 will be using the changing rooms this term, please ensure that all clothing has your child's name on it.
Please ensure that jewellery, including earrings are removed on Gym days.

Car Free Zone
We politely request that our families adhere to the Car Free Zone times on Dove Street, no vehicles should be driven on Dove Street (except Blue Badge drivers/Residents with a pass) from 8.30-9.15am and 2.30-3.15pm. There are an increasing number of drivers dropping children and completing a 3 point turn at the school entrance which has resulted in a number of concerns being raised by all members of our community. We have contacted the Community Police in relation to this and our JRSO's have contacted our local councillors for their support. Please help us to keep our children safe.
Please follow us on the app X where you will see what our children are learning and you can follow all our trips and activities this session. Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.
Yours sincerely,
Elaine MacEachen
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Head Teacher