

# November 2025 Newsletter

We care, we share, for the future we prepare!



Dear families,

I hope our newsletter finds you all well at the start of a blustery month...hold on to your hats!

## Staff

Mrs McShane is now acting headteacher on a Thursday and Friday. On behalf of everyone here at Our Lady of Peace, we welcome her to our lovely school. Mrs McShane can be reached through the school office, [gw17olopoffice@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw17olopoffice@glow.sch.uk).

Mrs McKee, Support for Learning worker at the P1 stage, has been appointed to an Early Years position and will be leaving on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November. She will be a huge loss to Our Lady of Peace, and we will be very sad to see her go. Everyone wishes her a successful future in her new post and hopes she will come back for visits!

## August 2026 P1 Enrolment

Enrolment week for our new intake of primary one (P1) pupils– due to start school in August 2026 - takes place annually at the beginning of November. In accordance with the above legislation, I can confirm that this year's registration will run from Monday 3 November until Friday 7 November 2025. The online enrolment application can be found here <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/P1Enrolment>.

## P7 to S1 Transition arrangements for August 2026

All P7 Transition Letters will be sent via email by CBS to parents, prior to October week and no later than **November 2025**. This is an online process for this year's S1 transfers. The system will manage all aspects of the S1 transition, providing a more efficient and transparent process for families and schools.

### Placing Request Applications

In addition to the above P7 transition process, a parent/carer who wishes to make an S1 placing request requires to complete an "online" Placing Request Application form. The Gateway process described above will include a link to submit a Placing Request from the catchment email the parents/carers receive.

In regard to a child's entitlement to school transport assistance for their transition to secondary school: Young Scot/NEC Card entitles young people under 22 to free school transport on any local service bus. All new S1 children should be encouraged to apply as early as possible for their Young Scot/NEC Cards to ensure they can travel to school free.

The current distance criteria for free school transport for secondary schools is for those living more than 2.2 miles from their home address to school. One can apply online for this. Please note that the majority of secondary school pupils who are entitled to travel assistance access this by using their National Entitlement Card to travel on local public service buses.



## Confirmations

A large group of our P7 children recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Archbishop Nolan at a beautiful service in St Thomas' church. They joined the children from St Thomas and St Maria Goretti schools. They were very gracious and represented Our Lady of Peace primary in a most fitting manner...thank you to both the children and all who prepared them, from parents, school and parish.

## Parent Council

A huge thank you to the Parent Council for providing the children with Hallowe'en discos last week. These required a lot of preparation, organisation and funding. The children had a great time, and the costumes were a delight to see! Job well done!

## Uniform supplier

Our smart uniform items are now available from Aspire Academy Glasgow at 21 Glasgow Rd, Baillieston, G696JT. Find them at <https://aspireacademyglasgow.com> 0141 611 4000

## Catholic Education week 2025

Catholic Education Week is our opportunity to celebrate the special contribution our Catholic schools make to Scottish Education — forming young people in faith, learning, and service.

As last year, we will mark this important week by attending St Andrew's cathedral as a whole school on 25<sup>th</sup> November in the afternoon for 1pm Mass. All welcome for this special occasion when our wonderful, school choir will lead the musical liturgy.

Please join us, if you can!

We ask for a contribution of £1 per child towards the cost of coaches which have been heavily subsidised by a generous donation from St Aloysius College and our school fund.

## Month of Holy Souls

In November we pray for and remember those who have died. We pray that they will find peace with God. Each class has been given November prayer lists, and our lovely altar is dedicated this month to praying for Eternal Rest.

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## Safety matters

**Parking:** Please continue to show consideration for everyone's safety and refrain from parking on Burnmouth road (residents have complained). Thankfully, almost all our parents follow our traffic management system and avoid parking/dropping off at the school gate – this is appreciated.

**Pets:** Just a reminder that dogs/pets (no matter how small) are not permitted on school grounds.

**Smoking and /vaping:** This is not permitted on school grounds which includes parking areas and vehicle entry areas.

## Road Safety

Hopefully we will secure visits soon for the children from the Road Safety team. It provides valuable lessons on keeping safe and spotting dangers. As we are now well into the dark nights/mornings, please continue to discuss these important matters with your child/children.

## Dates for your diary

10 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Plans issued by email
17 <sup>th</sup>	Book week Scotland
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sense over Sectarianism programme begins for P7 and P7/6
18 <sup>th</sup>	Quality Improvement Officer visiting
16 <sup>th</sup>	St Margaret of Scotland feast day
24 <sup>th</sup>	Interim Reports issued to families by email: a snapshot of progress. Catholic Education Week begins
25 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school Mass at Cathedral of St Andrew 1pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Dance Heats at Lochend secondary
30 <sup>th</sup>	Feast of St Andrew
30 <sup>th</sup>	First Sunday of Advent
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	P4-7 Panto at The Bridge

3rd	P1-3 Panto at The Bridge P6 visit to St Andrew's
4 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair - details to follow
7 <sup>th</sup>	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
8 <sup>th</sup>	The Nativity Dress Rehearsal - children only
9 <sup>th</sup>	The Nativity and Christmas show PM
10 <sup>th</sup>	The Nativity and Christmas show AM
12 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Christmas lunch Christmas Jumper Day fundraiser
15 <sup>th</sup>	Carols by Candlelight- To be confirmed
16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Advent Mass at St Jude and St John Ogilvie
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Christmas Parties
19 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes at 2.30pm and re-opens Monday 5th January

## PE

Children should bring a PE kit when it is his/her PE day(s) and change for PE **in school**.

This supports good hygiene and comfort when engaging in PE lessons.

An exception to this school rule is for P1 and P2 children only; they often require high levels of support to change. On PE days only, they are allowed to wear a polo shirt/t shirt, coming to school.

Our new uniform supplier Aspire sells PE kit for Our Lady of Peace.

## Showbie

Your child's homework is posted on Showbie and codes have been issued. Thank you to those who are supporting its use for homework completion. The levels of engagement are low but we will

keep working with you as we aim for more children to do their important homework. Class teacher will share weekly photos of examples of class work and children being busy! Have a peek!

### **Late coming and reporting absence**

Please continue to support your child to be on time for school. Children should avoid arriving late and gaining entry through the main door. It is highly disruptive.

Please respond to absence texts so we know for certain, as to why your child is not at school.

Best wishes,

Mrs McDonald,

Headteacher.



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