

# September 2025 Newsletter

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



Dear families,

I hope our newsletter finds you all well as we head into autumn and shorter days, all the while, keeping up with our usual busyness!

The school is a hive of activity all day, every day and the children are working hard to reap the benefits of staff's hard work. Thank you for sending you children, ready to learn!

Mrs Gordon who was acting headteacher for a short while, on a Thursday and Friday, has returned to Aultmore Park primary. On behalf of everyone here at Our Lady of Peace, I thank her for her time spent in our lovely school.

A replacement is being sought currently and I will keep you informed of any new appointment. In the meantime, Miss Black (DHT) and Miss Degnan (acting DHT) are the Senior Leadership Team contacts, on a Thursday and Friday.

## Clubs:

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 3- 4pm P3 & P4 games/multi sports
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 3- 4pm P5 & P6 games/ multi sports
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 3- 4pm P4- 7 Dance club in preparation for competition.
- Dance Heat will be 26<sup>th</sup> November at Lochend Secondary.
- Bridges and Barriers for P6 and P7/6 starts Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 9-12.00 for 4 weeks. Each session starts in the classroom and then moves outdoors for activity.
- We are waiting to hear about a funding grant for **cycling lessons for P1-P3**... hopefully, soon. Glenburn will be providing the cycling sessions over two days each week and it will be a similar format to what they did previously for P4-P7. We will keep you updated there is more information
- Stepford Football opportunities – please see enclosed dates.



## Parents Portal

Parents Portal is an online programme which effectively supports communication between the schools and parents/carers. Parents Portal enables schools and parents/carers to manage many of the administration processes more efficiently online and is available 7 days a week x 24 hours per day. Some of these processes include updating contact details, permission slips, annual data checks etc.

Main GOGlasgow Parents Portal Page <http://www.goglasgow.org.uk/Pages/View/61>

Information for Parents/Carers - <https://glasgow.gov.uk/article/5521/Parents-Portal>

Primary Schools 7 a side Football

Stepford Football Centre

Dates 2025 - 2026

**Tuesdays -**

**2025 -**

- Sep 23 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- Oct 7 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- Oct 28 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- Nov 11 3.30pm - 4.30pm

**2026 -**

- Feb 10 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- Feb 24 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- Mar 10 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- Mar 24 3.30pm - 4.30pm

- Apr 28 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- May 12 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- May 19 3.30pm - 4.30pm

- June 2 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- June 9 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- June 16 3.30pm - 4.30pm

## **Breakfast club update:**

Please note that the Breakfast Club is available from 8.00-8.45am and staffed by catering personnel. School staff are responsible from 8.45am. Children are expected to be safe and respectful when attending. My understanding is there is a current /planned review of processes and practice which I will share when available.

## **GROUPCALL**

**Groupcall Messenger - School Communication with Parents. Please ensure we have your correct email address. Please use to avoid any missed communications.**

Groupcall is an excellent programme for schools communicating with parents/carers. Schools can send messages using texts, emails and voice calls. There is a language translation option for both the schools and parents. Recipients can respond directly to the school and a complete audit trail of all communications is available, which is excellent for reference purposes.

Groupcall Support Resources: <https://www.goglasgow.org.uk/Pages/View/361>

## Flu immunisation

19<sup>th</sup> September for the whole school in the gym hall.



## Mass

The children attended the school year opening Mass on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September and we were warmly welcomed by Father Francis. As always, this was an important opportunity to be together as a school community, honouring 'Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life,' The singing and participation is always a delight. Thank you to those who joined us.

## Primary 1 Photographs

The Evening Times photographer will take the Primary 1 class photo on 25<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am, in their nice, shiny uniforms!

## Primary 7 transitions

As part of our Primary 7 Transitions program, parents are invited to attend an information evening at St. Andrew's RC Secondary on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025** from 6pm – 7:30pm. A link to confirm if you are attending has already been issued to P7 parents.



## SPRED

A sensory Mass has been offered in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Clyde Street on the first Sunday of each month at 2.30. This Mass is already much appreciated by families with children who are neuro diverse. It is a short Mass, a quiet space where everyone is welcomed.

If you any questions please contact Lisbeth Raeside, Director of SPRED on 0141 770 5055 or email [lisbeth.spred@btconnect.com](mailto:lisbeth.spred@btconnect.com). The Archdiocese of Glasgow is a charity registered in Scotland (SC018140).

## As always...

Thank you sincerely for sending your child to school in full uniform. The impact is hugely positive.

There is a current trend by a minority of children to wear non uniform and /inappropriate skirts/tops/bottoms.



I address this with the children regularly, but we need your support also, to avoid our high uniform standards declining...please work with us on this matter.

## 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.

## Showbie



We are working to streamline the setting up of accounts so please bear with us as we do this. Details to follow.

## Late coming



Please continue to support your child to be on time for school. Thank you for this. Children must avoid arriving late and gaining entry through the main, foyer door. It is highly disruptive and becomes a poor habit, very quickly.

We are experiencing, on average, up to 20 children daily arriving after 9.00am and using the main entrance. This is, of concern.

**September weekend** – school closes on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm and reopens on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am.

Have a lovely holiday when it arrives and again, thank you for helping us, to help our children!

Best wishes,

Mrs McDonald,

Headteacher.



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