



St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



August/September 2026

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

Welcome back to a brand new academic year! I want to extend a warm congratulations to all of our children who have returned to their classrooms with immense enthusiasm, positive attitudes and an incredible readiness to learn. A particular mention has to go to our Primary 1 children who have settled into their new environment beautifully and are already mastering our daily school routines, much to the delight of Mrs Colrain, Mrs Cannon and Miss Buhrmann!

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to all of our dedicated staff members, who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to prepare the classrooms and organise such engaging lessons and activities. Gathering our St Brigid's family together again is always an absolute joy.

I am delighted to return to St Brigid's Primary as Headteacher and I look forward to leading the school as we continue to go from strength to strength and relish in the school's extremely positive HM Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) inspection outcome. I wish to reiterate that the result is a tremendous achievement of which the entire school community is rightly immensely proud. As I have stated previously, receiving a grading of Very Good for Teaching, Learning and Assessment is very rare. Such recognition reflects the high-quality learning and teaching taking place across the school, the positive relationships that underpin our work and the dedication of staff to securing the very best outcomes for our children. I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks for Mrs Smith and Mrs Moretti for their outstanding leadership of the school over the last 18 months.

As we establish our routines, this first newsletter serves to remind you of our practical, day-to-day arrangements and introduce our updated staffing structure. Together, these measures ensure that St. Brigid's Primary remains a safe, purposeful and nurturing space for our children to thrive.

Every year, I update our class photos in the school foyer and as such the photographer is booked for class and individual photos on Wednesday 26 August and Thursday 27 August. **Please make sure your child/ren is/are in their uniform on Wednesday 26th August and Thursday 27th August, even if it is their scheduled PE day.**

If you require to speak to a member of school management about an issue then please contact Mrs Smith (DHT) if your child is in P1-P5 and Mrs Moretti (PT) if your child is in P6-P7.

In June 2026, we waved goodbye to our P7 class of 2026. We wish them the best of luck as they continue their education in secondary school.

As ever, we will endeavor to keep you as up to date as much as possible with what is happening in school through our newsletters and our website. Over the next few weeks, I will send out a copy of our Standards & Quality report which will highlight our successes during session 2025-26 and also information on this year's improvement plans.

Paul Cassidy Head Teacher

School Photographs

A photographer will visit the school on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th of August to take class and individual photographs of the children.



We will coordinate sibling group photos in the school, so there is no need to contact. If you wish to bring a nursery child, an older sibling or wish for cousins to be photographed together, please contact the office to arrange a time.

Proofs will be sent thereafter. There is no obligation for parents/carers to purchase the photographs.

Please make sure your child/ren is/are in their uniform on those dates, even if it is a scheduled PE day for them.

Physical Education (PE) in St Brigid's

All P6-P7 children will wear their full school uniform every day and will use the changing rooms to change for PE activities.



P1-P5 children should attend school in their PE kit on the two days that they have PE. On PE days only, they should attend school wearing a plain white or plain pale blue polo shirt or t-shirt with plain black or grey jogging bottoms or leggings.

Please do not send your child to school with football tops or logoed/designer items. **Children should not wear jeans, crop tops or tight clothing.**

Here are the PE days for each class—please note that these days are subject to change and that any changes will be communicated by the class teacher.

P1a	Monday & Wednesday
P1b	Tuesday & Thursday
P2/1	Monday & Friday
P2	Monday & Thursday
P3a	Monday & Wednesday
P3b	Tuesday & Wednesday
P4	Thursday & Friday
P5/4	Tuesday & Friday
P5	Monday & Wednesday
P6	Tuesday & Thursday
P7/6	Wednesday & Thursday
P7	Tuesday & Thursday

Please remember no PE kit on Wednesday 26st and Thursday 27th of August because of the class photos!



Classes and Teachers for session 2025/26

P1a	Mrs M Cannon
P1b	Mrs V Colrain (Acting Principal Teacher)
P2/1	Miss M Buhrmann
P2	Mrs F Callaghan & Mrs A Walsh
P3a	Mr S Walker
P3b	Miss R Gallagher
P4	Mrs D McShane
P5/4	Miss S Kavanagh
P5	Mr G White
P6	Mr M Cannon
P7/6	Mr J Woods (Acting Principal Teacher)
P7	Mrs N O' Neill

Subject Specialists
Ms M Jones
Miss M Mackenzie
Mrs L Din

Support Mrs Z Ahmad



High Expectations— School Uniform

The children look very smart in their new uniforms. Please continue to support our full uniform policy as this helps children to feel included and to be proud of their school.



- ✓ Pale blue school shirt (not a fashion variation)
- ✓ School tie or P7 tie (both available from the school office)
- ✓ Grey skirt or grey tailored school trousers
- ✓ Plain grey v-neck pullover or cardigan
- ✓ Grey socks or tights
- ✓ Black gym shoes for PE days
- ✓ Simple hair accessories

Parent Portal

All Glasgow City schools have gone digital and as such Parent Portal is used for a variety of purposes for example, to pay for breakfast club, school trips, concert tickets, uniform, dress down days, complete permission slips as well as the ability to change your details such as your address, phone numbers and e-mails.

Information on how to access Parent Portal has been sent out with this Newsletter.

If you have any issues, please contact the school office.

Health and Safety

- We are an allergy aware school and as such please do not send your child to school with nut products.
- Jewellery must not be worn on PE days. We are not allowed to support children to remove jewellery.
- Children only should now be in our playgrounds before school starts. There will be supervision by school staff in both infant and senior playgrounds from 8:50am each morning. Parents and carers can come into the playgrounds at 3pm however please do not enter either playground before 3pm as the area may be in use as a learning environment
- I would also appreciate your cooperation in not bringing dogs with you on the school run as many of our children can become anxious.

School Lunches & Breakfast Club



Free school meals P1-P7

A reminder that all P1-P7 children are entitled to a free school meal. Those children who qualify for a free school meal can also apply on-line at www.glasgow.gov.uk to see if they are eligible for a clothing grant.

Breakfast club is £2 per day for your first child and £1 per children thereafter.

You do not need to register for the Breakfast Club and it is open from 8:00am and is accessed through the infant playground, with children going straight into the dinner hall.

Daily menus can be accessed on Parent Pay.

Parent Council Annual General Meeting

We are hoping to welcome new members of the Parent Council this session.

A date for the Annual General Meeting will be published shortly. It will likely be late September/early October.





Open afternoon for parents/carers 2026-2027

Last year, we piloted having an Open afternoon for parents and carers, where there was an informal opportunity to visit their child's classes at the end of an identified school day. With that in mind, we will open our doors from 2:25pm to 2:55pm for one parent per child to come to the school to join in activities and to see the classroom in action. This will take place on

Monday 7th of September 2:25pm-2:55pm

Please report to the school office and you will be escorted to the class. **You do not need to book a place.** If you are not available, perhaps an aunt, uncle, grandparent etc could attend on your behalf. **We can only have one person per child attending due to space.** **Please note we do not have any facilities for looking after younger children.** Also, a reminder that this will be a general chance to visit the class and that individual issues should be directed to a Senior Manager, as the teachers will be too busy with their class.

P1 Families

Children will receive an envelope with the following forms, please return as soon as possible those forms highlighted in red:

- **Annual data**
- **Consent form**
- Road safety brochure
- Parent pay log in details & parent pay information sheet

Please note that Parentpay can be accessed through Parent Portal.



P1 Evening Times First Day at School 2026

We are still awaiting confirmation of when the Evening Times photographers will visit to take their class photograph for the annual First Day at School feature in the newspaper.

I will communicate this date as soon as we have been notified.

EveningTimes
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School Holidays 2026/2027

September

Friday 25th September and Monday 28th September 2026
(September weekend holiday)

October

Friday 9th October 2026 (In-Service Day)

Monday 12th to Friday 16th October 2026 (October Week)

December - Christmas and New Year

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday 18th December 2026
Monday 21st December 2026 - Monday 4th January 2027
(Christmas holidays)

January

Schools return on Tuesday 5th January 2027

February

February mid term break

Monday 15th February 2027

Tuesday 16th February 2027

Wednesday 17th February 2027 (In-service day)

March

Friday 26th March 2027 (Good Friday)

Monday 29th March 2027 (Easter Monday)

April

April - Spring Holiday

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday 2nd April 2027

Monday 5th April - Friday 16th April 2027 (Spring Break)

Schools return on Monday 19th April 2027

May

Monday 3rd May 2027 (May Holiday)

Thursday 6th May 2027 (In-service day to coincide with elections)

Friday 28th May 2027 and Monday 31st May 2027 (May Weekend)

June

Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Friday 25th June 2027

Partnerships



Throughout the year, we will work with many partners to ensure that we give our children as many opportunities as possible—this includes our many sports clubs.

Also, our school works with a organisation called, 'With Kids' who provide Play Therapy for children to help build resilience, confidence and stronger relationships, they offer tailored support to parents and carers to strengthen attachment and support nurturing home environments.

In addition, each class will have the opportunity to work with and alongside Sowing Seeds to support sustainable outdoor learning and play to help transform our school grounds.

After School Care

If you need to access afterschool care provision, then please contact either

After the Bell out of School Care (based in Toryglen Primary School)

Contact: Daynoor Muldoon

Phone: 07543109108

Email: afterthebellosc@gmail.com



or **GAP Childcare, Govanhill**

Contact: Jacqueline Gray

Phone: 0141 424 0448

Alternative Phone: 07702654290

Email: gapchildcare@btconnect.com



**Please see information on last page
about the absence reporting processes
and procedures.**

Homework 2026/2027

Mr Cassidy will be meeting with teaching staff next week and after that he will inform you what format homework will take for this academic session.



Flu Vaccination

This year's nasal Flu Vaccination will take place in December with more information to follow in due course

Contact us:

St Brigid's Primary School

4 Glenmore Avenue

Glasgow

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0141 647 3952

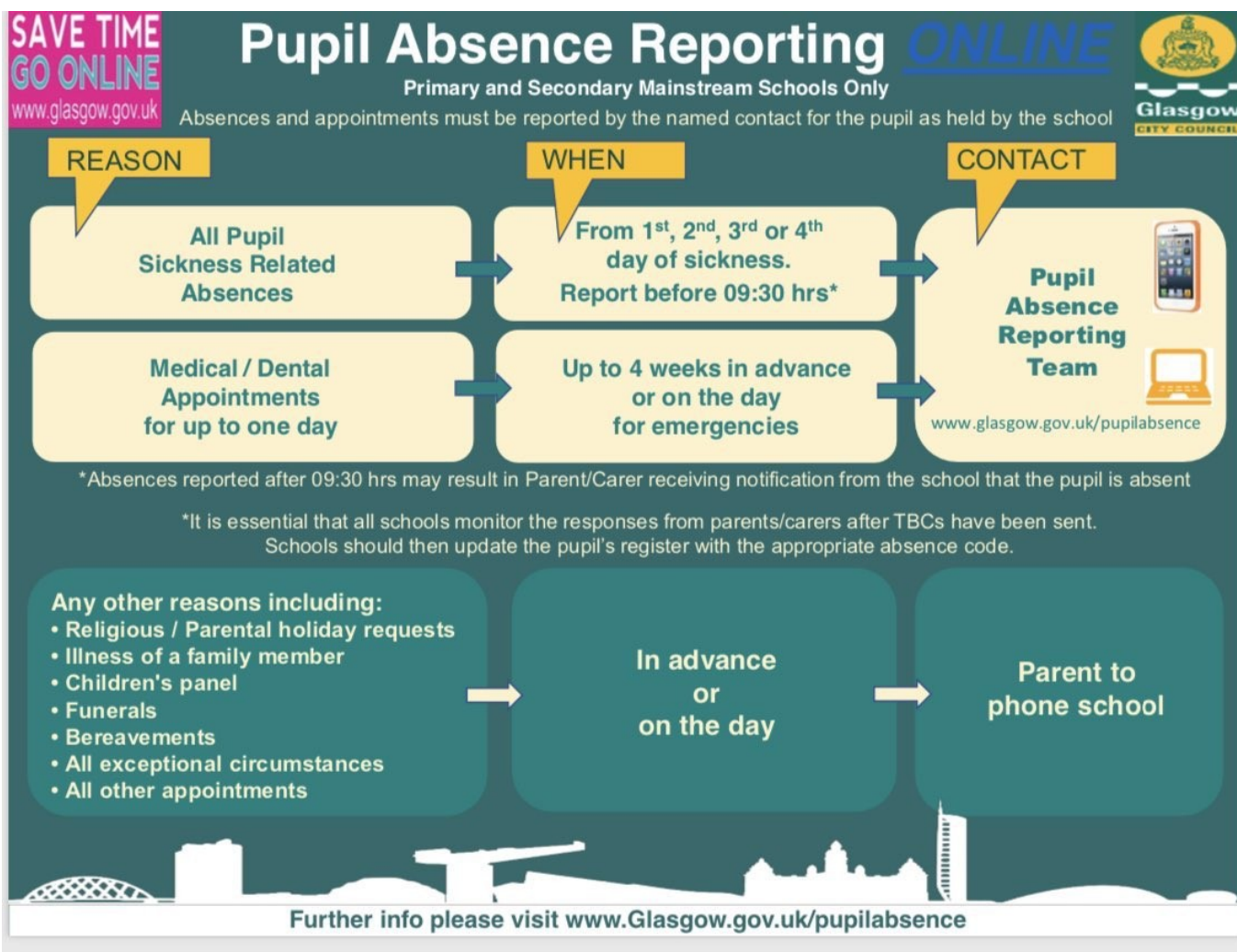


headteacher@st-brigids-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

<http://www.st-brigids-pri.glasgow.sch.uk/>

Parent Council email address:

StBrigidsParentCouncil@outlook.com



Pupil Absence Line

Phone: 0141 287 0039
Website: www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence

E-mail addresses & Communication



We have moved to a majority paperless system for communicating developments and celebrating successes in school.

Please use this box to write your e-mail address clearly and in large lettering so that there is no confusion with letters, numbers or dots. Please return to school as soon as possible; you only need to return this slip not the whole newsletter. **This is for new P1 parents/carers and those of you who do not currently receive e-mails.**

Your name: _____ Child/ren's name/s: _____

Your e-mail: _____