



St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



January/February 2025

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

We have had an incredibly calm, purposeful and settled start to 2025. Our children have returned from the holidays full of enthusiasm for their learning.

As ever, December was an extremely busy and exciting month full of events, concerts and visitors. Huge congratulations to all of our children who took part in both the P1-P2 Nativity Play, as well as the P3-P7 Christmas Show, The Greatest Story Ever Told. A massive thank you to all staff for preparing the children so well but a special thanks goes to Mr Walker, Writer and Director of this year's show. Our Mini Vinnies created beautiful Christmas cards that they hand delivered to residents at Orchard Grove Care Home and to the local community at the Cornerstone. Moreover, all children participated in our Baby Strings Christmas concert. The confidence, skill and technique displayed during the concerts was outstanding. Huge thanks to our tutors for their hard work in preparing our musicians.

Children were treated to a wonderful Christmas lunch, where their tables were decorated and they were entertained by Christmas tunes. Children enjoyed Christmas Parties and many of our youngest children received a special visitor and selection boxes donated by St Vincent de Paul and other local charities. The children took part in a Christmas Fayre which was organised by our Parent Council. The children were also treated to a pantomime performance here at school; *The Wizard of Oz* was a huge success. Our choirs performed at various locations including Orchard Grove Care Home and the Cornerstone. We finished an extremely eventful festive season with a beautiful and calm Carol Concert in St Brigid's Parish Church. Thank you to our readers and Fr. Byrne for leading the service. It was great to see so many parents, carers and parishioners at the service.

I would like to give my congratulations to our P6/5 class and Miss Gallagher who worked with 21 Common, an Arts Project focusing on interdisciplinary learning through the medium of expressive arts. The children gave an outstanding performance for the school, as well as their families. Miss Gallagher and all school staff are very proud of the confident children that performed and I know that the children will use the skills they have learnt throughout the rest of this year. A huge congratulations to P4a for sharing their learning in all things French with the school community and their families as part of their class assembly— bien joué! In addition, Gymfest took place in the Lagoon Leisure Centre in Paisley and our gymnasts completed a fantastic routine; thanks to Louise, our coach for preparing them so well. Finally, P7 and P7/6 took part in a Celtic Connections Step Dance Workshops. They have completed four sessions so far with two sessions that will take place towards the end of January.

Miss Kavanagh has now started her maternity leave and Mr Mark McManus has taken over P2 until the summer holidays. Mum and baby Giovanna are doing well and we can't wait to meet the newest addition to the St Brigid's family! Miss Nikita Murray has also joined us this term. She will be working across various classes in the school. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming Miss Murray to the school community.

Mhairi Clare Smith

Acting Head Teacher

Feast of St Brigid

The feast of St Brigid is on Saturday the 1st of February.

We will have a special fun day on Friday 7th February to celebrate and details of this are at the back of the Newsletter.



House Point Winners

As part of our House System, our children have 6 periods/ opportunities to win the most house points in order to be crowned the winning house for any of any of the specific periods of time over the school year. Our Period 2 winners were Neptune and they enjoyed a trip to Hollywood Bowl in December.

Our period 3 winners were Jupiter. The captain and vice captain will meet with Mr Woods to discuss and decide where the trip will be.

Well done everyone!



PE Update

Here are the PE days for each class for term 3—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	Tuesday/Wednesday
P3/2	Tuesday/Wednesday
P3	Monday/Wednesday
P4a	Monday/Friday
P4b	Monday/Tuesday
P5	Wednesday/Thursday
P6/5	Monday/Thursday
P7/6	Thursday/Friday
P7	Monday/Thursday

Term 3 Sports Clubs

Monday

- P2-P4 **multisport at lunchtime** (27th January-3rd March)
- P3-P5 **multisport after school** (20th January-10th February and 24th February-24th March)
- P5-P7 **dance after school** (13th January-10th March)

Tuesday

- P4-P5 **gymnastics at lunchtime** (14th January-end date TBC)

Wednesday

- P5-P7 **basketball at lunchtime** (5th February-26th March)
- P7 **athletics at lunchtime** (15th January-5th March)
- P4-P7 **dance after school** (15th January – 12th March)

Thursday

- P5-P7 **gymnastics at lunchtime** (16th January-27th March)
- P6-P7 **TBC after school** (20th February-27th March)

Friday

- P1 **girls only lunchtime football** (31st January-21st March)

Children have the opportunity to sign-up for lunchtime clubs in school. Sign-up to after school clubs will be sent in the form of a QR code with a short form that should be completed. Our clubs have a limited number of places available and are often oversubscribed; if this is the case, a ballot will take place. We try to ensure that every child has the opportunity to attend at least one sports club during the year.



Diary Dates— February/March

Wed 29 Jan	P3 Class Assembly Parents/Carers welcome
Mon 3 Feb	P1-7 Visit to the Church led by Fr Bryne Times of above visits to be confirmed, visit will last no more than 30 minutes
Tues 4 Feb	House Winner announced for Period 4 at school assembly Confirmation in Holy Cross Parish 7pm
Fri 7 Feb	St Brigid's Feast Day Celebrations
Tues 11 Feb	P3/2 Class Assembly Parents/Carers welcome
	February Mid-term break Monday 17th February 2025 Tuesday 18th February 2025 Wednesday 19th February 2025 (In-Service for staff, children do not attend school)
Wed 19 Feb to Fri 21 Feb	P7s to Blairvadach
Wed 5 Mar	12 P7s to attend Athletic Event Ash Wednesday Mass in school at 1:30pm
Thurs 6 Mar	World Book Day—Details to Follow
Tues 11 Mar	Dance troupe to perform ay Holyrood time tbc
Thurs 20 Mar	Parents' Night
Mon 31 Mar Fri 4 Apr	Health Week
Fri 4 Apr	School closes at 2:30 for Easter break
Tues 22 Apr	School reopens after Easter break - Staff and children return



Parent Council Update

As we are now in Term 3, we wanted to say thank you to all parents and carers for your support so far this year! In order to raise funds, we were able to hold raffles as well as asking you to name an elf in December. We were also pleased to run a Christmas fun day for the children, which involved them wearing PJ's to school, watching films, playing games and eating home-made treats and donated by the Parent Council. These, alongside non-uniform days earlier in the year, have helped us raise just over £600. This money, alongside a small grant from Glasgow City Council, will help us arrange more activities for the children and contribute to any school need that helps our children thrive and come home with a smile on their faces!

Our next meeting is due to take place in late January, therefore if anyone has any fundraising ideas or suggestions for activities we can do this year, please contact us at StBrigidsParentCouncil@outlook.com.

Anything sent to the Parent Council that isn't within our remit will be passed on to Mrs Smith and her team.

Blairvadach

P7, Mrs Moretti, Mr Woods and Mrs McShane are very excited about their upcoming residential to Blairvadach Outdoor Centre.

The children and staff will be away from Wednesday 19th of February to Friday 21st of February.

Huge thanks to all staff for giving so freely of their time to accompany the children.

Social Media



We would like to remind you about the potential dangers of social media, particularly Snapchat, for young children. While these platforms can be fun and engaging, they also pose risks such as exposure to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and interactions with strangers. We encourage you to regularly discuss online safety with your child, set clear boundaries, and monitor their usage.

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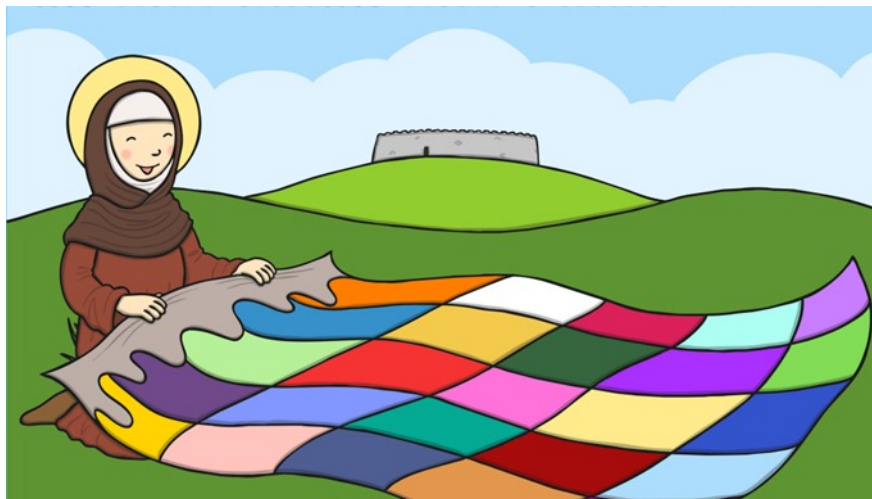
St Brigid's Feast Day Fun!

Saturday 1st February is the Feast Day of St Brigid.



On Friday 7th February we will have some special Feast Day fun. We would like you to come dressed wearing your favourite colour to represent St Brigid's cloak.

There will be a lots of activities and special surprises!



Fun Friday is coming 7th February 2025!

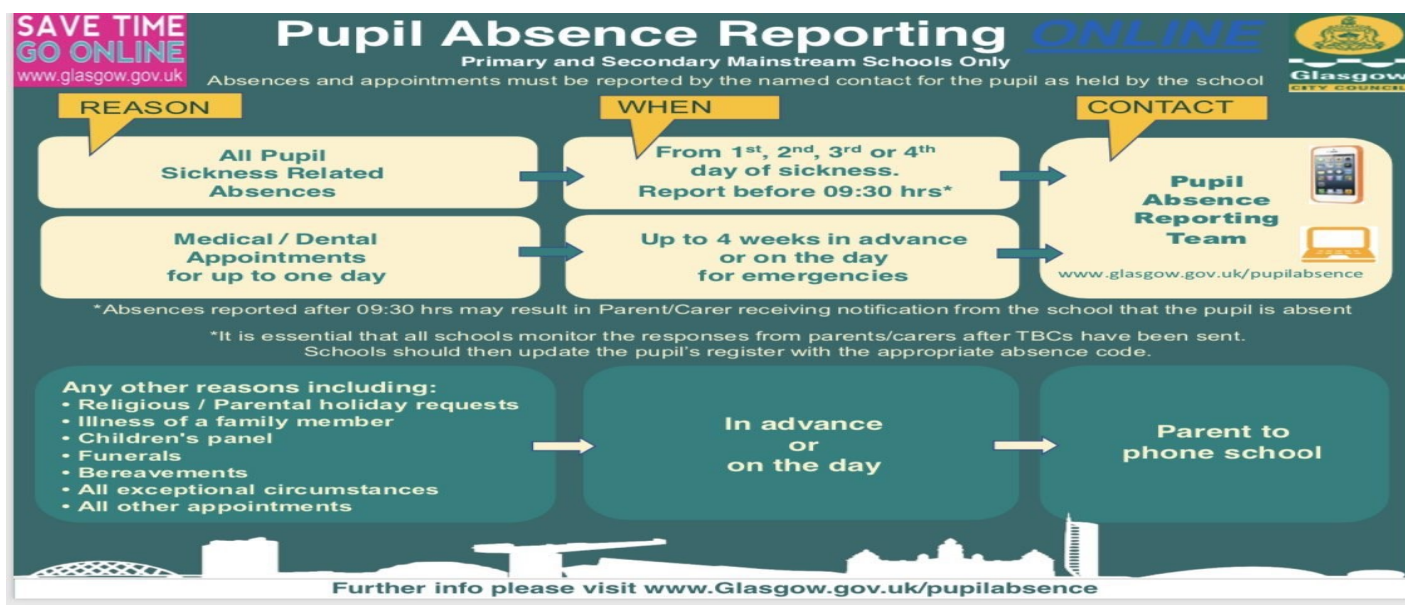


Attendance and Absence Reporting

Thank you to all parents/carers who keep the school informed of any absences and appointments your child/children may have. It is important that these records are accurate and updated daily. I have included the telephone number below as well as the absence procedures.

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

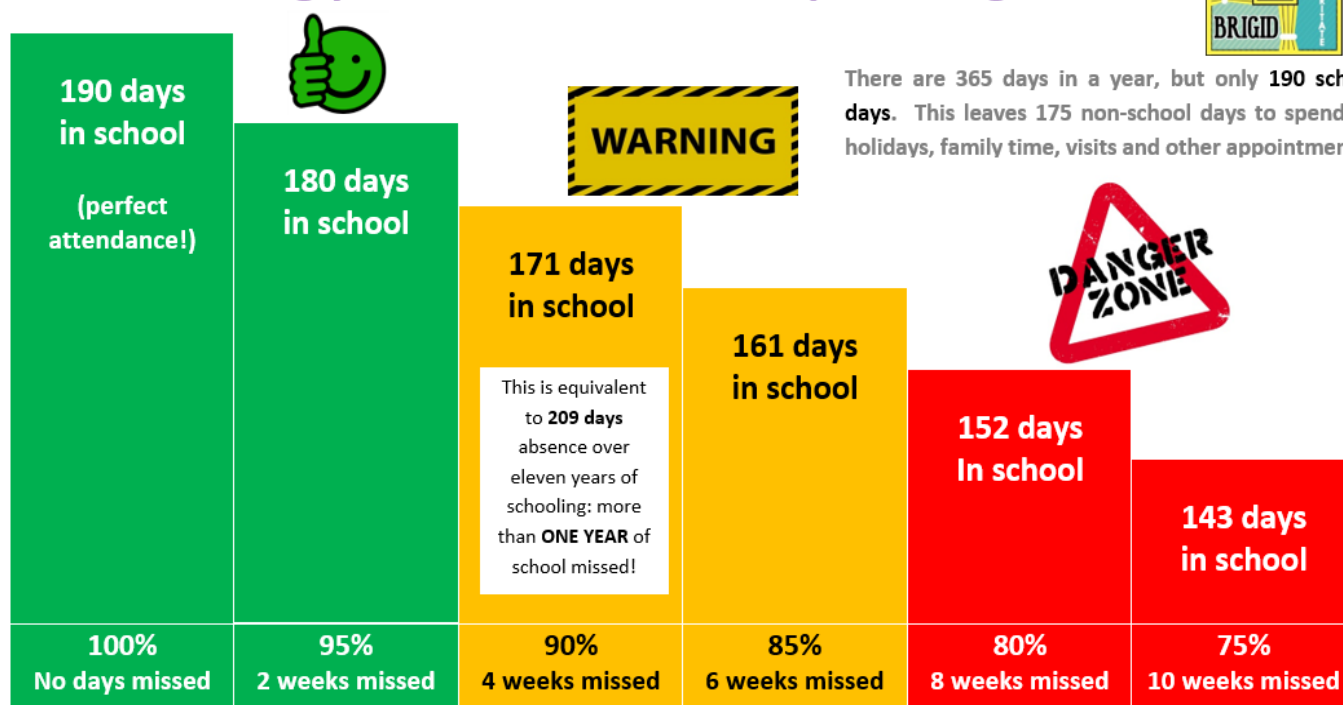
Attendance at school is extremely important and I have included an infographic below to outline lost teaching time. Showing your child the importance of attending school every day not only helps your child to settle quickly into their school routine but helps them to keep and maintain friendships, be more organised and work towards independence. This term there will be an increased focus on improving attendance. School staff are always happy to assist with any attendance matters.



Understanding your child's attendance percentage



There are 365 days in a year, but only 190 school days. This leaves 175 non-school days to spend on holidays, family time, visits and other appointments.



This level of attendance gives your child the **best possible chance** of making good progress and having success in their learning

This level of attendance is **worrying**. It will make it harder for your child to make good progress and they are less likely to have success in their learning

This level of attendance is **extremely concerning**. It will be very difficult for your child to make good progress in their learning and there is likely to be a serious impact on their success in school



ATTENDANCE MATTERS... every school day counts!