

St Brigid's Primary Newsletter

October/November 2026

In truth and love

News from the Headteacher's Desk

Autumn is well and truly upon us, bringing a very busy and successful Term 1 at St Brigid's Primary School to a close. As ever, it was a pleasure to welcome so many families into our classrooms to meet your child's teacher and to observe the children's learning firsthand as well as having opportunities to join in. We know from your feedback how much you value the opportunity to visit the school, meet the teachers and see daily life in the classrooms. We hope you enjoyed these visits and gained a good insight into our practice at St Brigid's. Our staff highly value the partnership between home and school and as such it was fantastic to see such a strong turnout at our recent Parents' Evening.

With this Newsletter, you will receive our Standards and Quality Report, which summarises our achievements during last academic year. This is thoroughly grounded in the extremely positive feedback given from His Majesty's Inspectors. I have also included details on our new School Improvement Plan and we look forward to progressing these priorities throughout this session.

Our children and staff have been very busy since returning in August. Here are some of the highlights. Primary 7 began their swimming block this term and have also been visited by a DHT from Holyrood and some former pupils to begin their transition programme for their move to secondary in August 2027. P7 & P7/6 honed their Golfing skills on a visit to Golfit. P5 & P5/4 has a fantastic visit to the Science Centre and both classes are also receiving a series of Soccer coaching. P5–P7 also were treated to a live performance of Gaudí: God's Architect which is a faith-based play written and directed by staff at the Archdiocese of Glasgow Arts Project. The story explores the life, genius and deep religious faith of the famous Spanish-Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí, framed around the centennial of his death and the ongoing cause for his canonisation. Our Junior Road Safety Officers have completed their official training in Glasgow City Chambers. P6 presented a beautiful assembly on the Holy Rosary to the whole school as well as their parents and carers. We were also delighted to welcome Gerard from Missio who collected a cheque for £600 worth of fundraising undertaken by St Brigid's children and families. Missio ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. I am sure you will agree that this is a very worthwhile cause.

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to Mrs Smith, who has successfully completed her Into Headship Qualification with Distinction. This achievement is always an outstanding one under normal circumstances but to achieve it while being Acting Headteacher and leading the school through an inspection makes it all the more special! I am also delighted to let you know that we were granted permission to advertise for a second acting DHT due to the increase in our school roll. I am delighted to announce that following a competitive recruitment process, Mrs Moretti has been successful in obtaining this post and she will take up this post with immediate effect. **Mrs Moretti will be the first point of contact for P4–P7 children should you need to contact the school.**

Just before the October break, we were sad to our goodbyes to Alexandra Bragg, our Baby String tutor. I wish to thank her for her outstanding contributions to support the musical life of our school. During Mrs Colrain's absence, Mrs Helena Martin will have responsibility for P1b.

Please look out for information at the back of this newsletter about the significant dates for events with the Church this year.

Paul Cassidy Head Teacher

Daniel Colrain

On behalf of the entire school community, we want to express our deepest gratitude for the support, kindness and compassion you have shown to Mrs Colrain and her family following the heartbreaking loss of their son, Daniel. In this time of profound sorrow, the strength of our school family is a source of great comfort. Your comforting words, thoughtful gestures and presence have truly embodied the love and unity that define our community.

Most of all, we thank you for your thoughts and prayers. We ask that you continue to join us in prayer for Mrs Colrain and her family, asking that God grants them peace, strength and consolation in their grief. We hold onto the comfort of our faith, trusting that Daniel is resting in the peace of Christ's eternal embrace and we remain profoundly grateful to have such a supportive and faithful community walking alongside us. I also wish to thank Fr Allan who said an Intentions Mass for the Colrain family during our In-service training. We also welcomed staff from other schools in the Holyrood Learning Community to the Mass.



The Holy Rosary

During this month of October, all members of school community have the opportunity to say a Rosary for before school. Thanks to Mrs McShane for organising and all staff who have voluteered to lead the the Rosary for us.



November - Month of the Holy Souls



November is the month when we pray for the eternal rest of our deceased family and friends. This year, in our classes, we will continue to remember those who have died. We also pray for those who have lost someone they love and are suffering the pain of grief.

School Improvement Priorities 2026-27



This year our three priorities are:

- **Increase the rate of children's progress in numeracy and reading through the consistent application of high-quality learning and teaching approaches across the school**
- **To continue to create an inclusive, nurturing and engaging learning environment where every child is empowered to explore, question and develop through play**
- **To continue to support children's wellbeing through regular access to high-quality outdoor experiences where children can build resilience, confidence, independence and positive relationships while developing a stronger connection to nature and their community**

Clubs

The following clubs are taking place this term:



Monday
P6 badminton at lunchtime

Tuesday
P4 gymnastics at lunchtime

Wednesday
P4-P7 girls football after school



Thursday
P3 multisports at lunchtime
P4 multisports at lunchtime
P6-P7 gymnastics at lunchtime
P5-P7 cricket after school



Friday
P6-P7 badminton at lunchtime

Halloween 2026



Please see arrangements at the back of this newsletter. I wish to thank the Parent Council for supplying the juice and snacks for the parties and also a DJ for the dancing.

House Point Winners



Congratulations to Jupiter who are the first winners of our House Points this session with an incredible 592 points. After discussions with their House Captain, Vice-Captain and Mr Woods, they have decided to have a disco here in the school - more details to follow.

P1 Enrolments for August 2027



Enrolment for new P1 entrants will open from the Friday 6th of November 2026. Potential parents/carers and new starts are invited to come along to an Open Afternoon in the school on Wednesday the 4th of November 2026 at 2pm. You will be able to meet the Senior Management Team and see the P1 classrooms. There is no need to register for this event.



Diary Dates:

Thurs 29th Oct	Halloween Discos
Wed 4th Nov	New P1 Parents - Open Afternoon at 2pm
Fri 6th Nov	First Friday Mass in Church at 10:00am
Fri 4th Dec	First Friday Mass in Church at 10:00am
Wed 9th Dec	Christmas Concert and Nativity Play (PM) at 1:30pm
Thurs 10th Dec	Christmas Concert and Nativity Play (AM) at 9:30am
Fri 18th Dec	Carol Service in St Brigid's Church at 11:30
	School closes at 2:30pm for the Christmas holiday


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Come to school dressed up on
THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER
Disco in the afternoon and
snacks provided.
Please note; no accessories
for costumes should be brought
to school and anyone who does not
want to dress up can dress down
in their own clothes.

Dates for the Diary from Church 2026-27

		Event	Venue
04.09.2026	1:30pm	First Friday Mass	St Brigid's Primary
22.09.2026	10:30am	Mass for Primary Schools	St Andrew's Cathedral
October – Month of the Holy Rosary – Daily Rosary in the Music Room before school all welcome			
02.10.2026	1:30pm	No First Friday Mass P6 to lead assembly on the H	St Brigid's Primary
06.11.2026	10:00am	First Friday Mass	St Brigid's Church
02.12.2026	2:00pm	P3b Assembly on Advent	St Brigid's Primary
04.12.2026	10:00am	First Friday Mass P5/4 to lead	St Brigid's Church
01.02.2027	1:30pm	St Brigid's Day Mass Minnie Vinnie's to lead	St Brigid's Primary
10.02.2027	10:00am	Ash Wednesday Mass	St Brigid's Church
01.03.2027	7:00pm	Confirmation	Blessed John Duns Scotus
05.03.2027	10:00pm	First Friday Mass lead by P4	St Brigid's Church
17.03.2027	1:00pm	Stations of the Cross	St Brigid's Primary
23.03.2027	7:00pm	First Confession	St Brigid's Church

31.03.2027	2:00pm	P1 Assembly on Lent/Easter	St Brigid's Primary
May – Month of Mary - Daily Rosary in the Music Room before school all welcome			
07.05.2027	10:00	First Friday Mass lead by P5	St Brigid's Church
06.05.2027 In Service - Staff only	9:30am	Mass Ascension of the Lord	Holy Cross Church
16.05.2027	11:30am	First Holy Communion	St Brigid's Primary
04.06.2027	10:00am	First Friday Mass	St Brigid's Church
21.06.2027	1:30pm	Leavers' Mass lead by P7 & P7/6	St Brigid's Primary

Please note dates can be subject to change at short notice, we will communicate any changes in a timely manner.