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Welcome Back

We hope this message finds you well and rested after the summer break. It's been a long summer, and we truly missed the laughter, energy, and joy that our children bring to the school each day.

We are absolutely delighted to welcome back all of our pupils and families to a new school year. A very special welcome goes to our new families joining the St Ninian's community, especially our Primary 1 children who are beginning their exciting journey with us. It has been wonderful to see their smiling faces and enthusiasm as they settle into school life.

The start of a new term is always a time of fresh beginnings, and we are looking forward to a year filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences. Our staff have been working hard to prepare engaging and nurturing environments for all our learners, and we are excited about the opportunities ahead.

As always, we deeply value the strong partnership we share with our families. Your support plays a vital role in your child's education, and we're looking forward to welcoming you into our classrooms on **Thursday 11th September at 2.30pm** to meet your child's class teacher.



This informal visit will be a chance to hear from the teacher about how the classroom is set up and how learning will be organised throughout the year. Please note that this is not a time to discuss individual pupil progress – you'll have the opportunity to do so during your scheduled parent/carer appointment in October (7th and 8th October).

School Uniform

Thank you to everyone who has supported our school uniform policy – blue shirt or polo shirt, school tie, blue trousers or skirt, and a blue jumper or cardigan. The children look incredibly smart, and this really helps set a positive tone for learning each day.

We kindly ask that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name, as we already have a growing collection of lost property. Labelling makes it much easier for us to return items to their rightful owners.

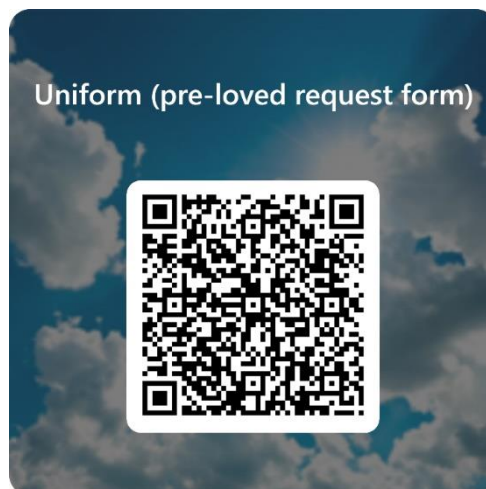


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Please note that **black or blue leggings and jogging trousers are not part of our school uniform**. We appreciate your support in maintaining our high standards and helping all children feel part of our school community.

If you need any support with school uniforms, you can simply scan the QR code here to complete a request form. Alternatively, please feel free to speak with Mrs Percy or Mrs Duker in our Admin Office – they'll be more than happy to help.



Staffing Update - Welcoming New and Familiar Faces

We're delighted to share some exciting staffing updates as we begin the new school year. Over the summer, we welcomed Mrs Duker to our Admin Office—she joined us in June and has already become a valued member of the St Ninian's family. We're also pleased to welcome back Ms McComesty, our probationer from last year, who is covering for Ms Burns while she continues her acting Deputy Head Teacher

role at St Mirin's Primary. Another familiar face returning is Ms Mason, who was a probationer with us two years ago. She'll be working three days a week, supporting P3a and providing NCCT across the school, with a focus on planning indoor PE. We're thrilled to introduce two new probationary teachers, Ms Liddy and Mr McGarrity,



who bring fresh energy and enthusiasm to our team. Mrs Floyd has also returned to cover Ms Rowan's maternity leave, and we warmly welcome Mrs Hain, who joins us as a new Support for Learning Worker.

We're excited for the year ahead with such a strong and dedicated team!



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Weekly PE Timetable

Class	Indoor PE Day	Outdoor PE Day
P1	Wednesday	Friday
P2/1	Thursday	Monday
P2	Monday (Cycling)	Friday
P3a	Thursday	Wednesday
P3b	Thursday	Friday
P4a	Wednesday	Thursday
P4b	Wednesday	Thursday
P5	Tuesday	Wednesday
P6/5	Friday	Wednesday
P6	Wednesday	Friday
P7a	Wednesday	Tuesday
P7b	Thursday	Wednesday

We're excited to kick off another active term with our weekly PE sessions! Each class will enjoy two hours of PE every week—one session indoors and one outdoors. For indoor PE, children should wear shorts, a t-shirt, and indoor trainers. For outdoor PE, please ensure they have joggers, a t-shirt, and outdoor trainers suitable for the weather. To help keep



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belongings safe and organised, we kindly ask that all PE kits be packed in a plastic bag before being placed in school bags. This small step makes a big difference in preventing lost items. Let's get moving and make PE fun for everyone!

Celebrating Our Faith

Over the summer, I had the pleasure of meeting with Father Paul from St Ninian's Parish to plan more opportunities to strengthen the links between school, parish, and home. We're looking forward to a term filled with meaningful moments of faith and community. Please see below for key dates:



- **Sunday 14th September - Primary 1 Welcome Mass**
🏰 11am at St Ninian's Chapel
A special Mass to welcome our new Primary 1 children and their families into our wider parish family. Children should wear their school uniform and sit with staff at the front of the church.
- **Tuesday 16th September - St Ninian's Feast Day**
Pupils will attend Mass at 11am in the parish church to celebrate this important day.
- **Monday 22nd September - Welcome Workshop for P1 Parents**
Father Paul will join us for this event as we continue building strong school-home-parish connections.
- **Tuesday 2nd October - Confirmation Meeting for P7 Parents/Carers**
🕒 6.30pm at Corpus Christi Chapel
An important meeting for families of children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- **Tuesday 7th October - Mass for the Memory of Our Lady of the Rosary**
Primary 6 and Primary 2 will attend this special Mass together.

Sacramental Dates

- **Thursday 13th November 2025 - Confirmation**
🕒 7pm at St Ninian's Parish
- **Thursday 26th March 2026 - First Reconciliation**
🕒 7pm at St Ninian's Parish
- **Saturday 9th May 2026 - First Communion**
🕒 10am at St Ninian's Parish

Family Support at St Ninian's

At St Ninian's, we believe it takes a village to raise a child, and we're proud to offer a range of supports for our families. Mrs Milligan, our Family Support Teacher, is available on Mondays and Tuesdays and works closely with parents and staff to co-create our Family Learning Programme. She also offers one-to-one support for families who may need a little extra help. We work with a wide range of partners who can provide advice on finances,



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benefits, and accessing additional funding. Please don't hesitate to come and speak to me if you need support.

- **Family Support Teacher - Mrs Milligan**
Available Mondays and Tuesdays to co-create our Family Learning Programme and offer 1:1 support for families.
- **Family Flourish Coffee Morning**
Every Tuesday at 9am - a relaxed drop-in space for parents and carers.
- **Bookbug Sessions**
Starting next Friday at 2.30pm for families with children not yet at school - a fun way to build a love of reading.
- **Levelling the Field Programme**
For parents/carers of P1 and P2 children.
Starts in a few weeks, running Wednesdays from 3.00-4.45pm.
Includes a hot meal, followed by play and creative activities.
Look out for an email with more details soon.
- **Support from Partner Organisations**
Help available with financial advice, benefits support and accessing funding.



Learning Across the Curriculum - This Term

Does your child typically tell you “*nothing*” about their school day? Well, here's a glimpse into what we're getting up to this term at St Ninian's—there's lots of exciting learning happening across the school!

- **Clean Air and Wellbeing Programme (IDL Focus)**
 - St Ninian's is one of only ten Glasgow schools selected to take part.
 - Delivered in partnership with Parents for Future Scotland, funded by Transport Scotland and SPT.
 - Focus on air pollution, active travel, and improving pupil and family wellbeing.
 - Children will explore these themes through interdisciplinary learning.
 - Parents/carers will be invited to workshops and supported to create an active travel plan for the school.
- **Climate Action Week**
 - 📅 *22nd - 25th September*
 - Pupils will present their learning and findings on cleaner air.
 - Parents will be invited to attend workshops and presentations.



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- **Maths Week Scotland**

- 📅 *22nd - 25th September*
- Children will be *Wild About Maths*, engaging in fun and creative maths challenges.

- **Dyslexia Awareness Week**

- 📅 *29th September - 3rd October*
- Dyslexic pupils will lead a campaign to raise awareness and celebrate neurodiversity.

Upcoming School Holidays

- **September Weekend**

📅 *Friday 26th - Monday 29th September (inclusive)*

- **Inset Day**

📅 *Friday 10th October* - school closed to pupils

- **October Week**

📅 *Monday 13th - Friday 17th October*

Pupils return to school on **Monday 20th October**

Many thanks for your continued support,

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Headteacher