



St Ninian's Newsletter Term 2



Enterprise IDL - Developing Skills for Learning, Life and Work

This term, our whole school has been immersed in our Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL) theme of Enterprise. This rich and engaging topic has enabled children across all stages to develop key design principles of *enjoyment, challenge and choice*, while also building important financial skills through our Finance Education programme. The Enterprise theme gives every child meaningful opportunity to problem-solve, work collaboratively and think creatively—skills firmly embedded within Curriculum for Excellence and essential for life beyond the classroom.

From Early to Second Level, pupils have been exploring what it means to run a successful business. Across the school, classes have discussed the difference between needs and wants, learned how local businesses support our community, and explored the role of the entrepreneur—including the resilience, creativity and determination required to succeed. Financial concepts such as budgeting, stock, cost, profit and loss have been introduced at developmentally appropriate levels, helping children understand how money works in real-life contexts.

Children have enjoyed a wide variety of active, hands-on learning experiences. Younger classes created class shops, role-played buyers and sellers, explored logos and mottos, and practised simple transactions. Older pupils deepened their learning by working with budgets, analysing methods of payment, and examining how advertising influences consumer decisions. Across the middle and upper school, pupils developed their own business plans, carried out market research, and studied the ideas of famous entrepreneurs—often discovering that success is built on perseverance and learning from setbacks.

Important discussions have also taken place around ethical trading, Fair Trade, and the global impact of consumer choices. Pupils explored how businesses can act responsibly and how consumers can influence positive change.

All this learning is building towards our exciting Enterprise Day, where every child—from P1 to P7—will take on a role within their class company. Roles such as Buyer, Salesperson, Quality Controller, Company Director and Cashier give pupils the chance to apply their learning in a fun, motivating and collaborative event. Whether they are pitching products in our own 'Dragon's Den', managing budgets or ensuring high-quality production, pupils will be putting their enterprise skills into action.



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Our Enterprise IDL theme has offered breadth, depth and real-world relevance, helping our children develop confidence, teamwork, financial capability and problem-solving skills—all while having great fun. We look forward to celebrating their hard work and creativity on Enterprise Day on Friday 21st November where they will visit the dreaded Dragon's Den!



Christmas Fayre - Monday 24 November 2025

As part of our whole-school Enterprise learning, we are delighted to share that our Christmas Fayre will take place on Monday 24 November 2025. This special event provides pupils with a real-life opportunity to apply their enterprise skills by selling the products they have designed and created in class. We are mindful of the financial pressures on families, so pupils will visit the fayre with their class teachers in the morning and will have the option to purchase their own items if they wish. In the afternoon, we warmly invite families to join us from 2.00pm for tea, coffee and festive treats in the school hall before visiting the fayre, where some pupils will be selling their goods. Each child has created several items, ensuring there will be plenty available to buy. Our Parent Council will also host a stall offering lovely Christmas crafts.

As an added festive touch, our Primary 1 pupils will have the chance to meet Santa and have their photograph



taken—officially beginning our Christmas... madness (or rather, preparations!). There will be no cost for this. We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating the creativity and hard work of our young entrepreneurs.

Sacred Space - Remembering in November

During the month of November, we take time as a school community to remember our loved ones who have gone home to God. Thank you to all parents and carers who supported their children in completing their November Lists of the Dead.

These have been placed in our Sacred Space, where pupils have been visiting quietly and prayerfully, remembering family members, friends and all within our community



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who have been called back to God.

Through prayer and reflection, the children have been encouraged to think of their loved ones not with sadness, but with hope—trusting that they are held safely in God's everlasting love.



This gentle reminder of God's comfort and closeness has brought a sense of peace and positivity to our Sacred Space throughout this special month of remembrance.

Attendance

Attending school each day remains vital for children's learning, wellbeing and long-term development. At St Ninian's, regular attendance allows pupils to build essential Literacy and Numeracy skills, develop confidence, work with their peers and experience the full breadth of our rich curriculum. This year, our overall attendance rate is **slightly lower than last year**, and as a result some children are missing out on valuable lessons and learning experiences that support their progress. We kindly ask parents and carers to continue encouraging strong attendance routines, as these daily habits make a significant difference to a child's success in school.

We also wish to highlight that **almost half of all absences this term are recorded as unauthorised**, meaning that the school has not received information from parents or carers, even after text messages or phone calls from our Admin Team. It is essential that all absences are reported so we can ensure the safety and wellbeing of every child. To record an absence, please phone the **Glasgow City Council absence line: 0141 287 0039**, open **8.00am-3.30pm**. Please note that only one member of our Admin Team begins work at 8.30am; if they are on another call, the line will continue to ring rather than give an engaged tone. Your cooperation in reporting absences promptly helps us maintain accurate records and supports your child's learning.

Attendance figures for each year group for **Term 1** are provided below.

P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7
92%	94%	93.0%	91%	92%	90%	92%



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95%	=	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 days
85%	=	120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

Glasgow City Council's target is 95% for each year group. Our House points system is trying to encourage better attendance, please work with us to help improve attendance.

Catholic Education Week - Pilgrims of Hope

As we enter Catholic Education Week 2025, our school community joins with Catholics across Scotland in reflecting on the theme “**Pilgrims of Hope**”, which continues in this Jubilee Year. This special time invites us to pause and give thanks for the gift of Catholic education, and for all who support our children in faith and learning—our teachers, parents, parish community and clergy. Throughout the week, pupils are encouraged to reflect on how they are growing in the three key relationships of the Jubilee Year: their relationship with God, with others, and with the environment. Classes will explore how we can come closer to God through prayer, Mass, forgiveness and acts of kindness; how we build loving relationships with one another through inclusion, honesty, saying sorry and offering forgiveness; and how we care for creation by reducing waste, protecting our local environment and appreciating the beauty of the world around us. These gentle reflections help our children understand that being “Pilgrims of Hope” means continually seeking to build a world filled with compassion, peace and love.

To share this important learning with you,

we warmly invite families to a

Display of Learning on Friday 5th December at 2.15pm.

Our Head Boy and Head Girl will introduce the

gathering, and children from each class will be present to talk about their reflections

and experiences during this special week. We look forward to welcoming you as we celebrate the faith and growth of our school community.





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Parent Resources

We are delighted to share that we currently have four family support programmes running in school to help parents and carers feel confident in supporting their child's learning and development. These are:

- **All About Me** - Led by *Mrs Milligan* (Class Teacher with responsibility for Family Support) on **Tuesdays, 10.00am-12.00 noon**. All parents and carers are warmly welcome to come along.
- **NHS Parenting Support** - Led by our Health Partners on **Thursday mornings**. This began as a group programme but due to low attendance we have adapted this, it now offers individual, tailored support for parents.
- **Families Connect** - Led by *Mrs Lowe* (Acting Principal Teacher) on **Thursdays, 2.00pm-4.00pm**. This programme is for **P1 parents and carers**, focusing on play-based learning through Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing. All P1 families are welcome.
- **Bookbug** - Led by *Mrs Lowe* on **Fridays, 2.30pm-3.00pm** for families with **children under 5**. These lovely sessions use stories, songs, rhymes and play to build positive parent-child interactions and support children's emotional and early brain development.

We will also run **Read, Write, Count** workshops for **P1-3 parents**, exploring the books and activities included in your children's bags and how they support Literacy and Numeracy. These sessions take place this week, information was sent out last week.

We are also pleased to have secured funding to run **Supporting Your Child with ASN** sessions, which will take place in **Term 3**. Further information will follow.

Celebrating our Faith

I met with Father Paul from St Ninian's Parish before the October break to plan some more of our School - Parish - Home links. Here are dates for this term:

Monday 1st December - Blessing of Advent Wreath & Travelling Cribs in school.

Monday 8th December - Feast of the Immaculate Conception - P1s, P4s & P7s will attend 10am Mass, we will need helpers to walk with us to chapel.





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Wednesday 10th December - Advent Reflection in school for Primaries 5 & 6.

Thursday 11th December - St Thomas Aquinas Learning Community Advent Reflection in St Ninian's Parish for all school staff 4pm.

Friday 19th December - End of Term Mass, whole school to St Ninian's 10am Mass. We will need helpers to walk with us to chapel.

Travelling Christmas Cribs - To continue building our community of faith and learning, we are delighted to reintroduce our Travelling Christmas Cribs. Each class has its own Nativity set, and over the coming weeks children will have the opportunity to take the crib home for one night. This special tradition encourages families to pause together, share the Christmas story, and reflect on its message of joy, hope and goodwill. We hope that these simple moments of prayer and togetherness will help bring the light of the season into our homes and our hearts.

Dates for your Diary

Enterprise Day 21st November - The children will make their products and take these to the Dragon's Den for possible investment.

Christmas Fayre - Monday 24th November 2.15pm - The children will sell the products that they have made in their small business groups as part of their Enterprise Day. Due to increasing financial burdens on families, we will also have free tea, coffee and a small selection of cakes available at this event. Primary 1 will meet Santa on this day and the photographs will be shared via Showbie. Donation buckets will be available on the day for our school fund.

Catholic Education Fortnight Display of Knowledge - Friday 5th December 2.15pm -

Children will present an overview of their learning to all parents in the gym hall and then parents/carers can visit their child/children's classroom to see their learning. Please note you will not be able to take your child/children away early on this day due to our Health and Safety risk assessments.

Movie Day - Friday 12th December - Children are invited to come into school in their jammies to watch a Christmas Movie. We are asking that where possible the children bring a donation of £2 to raise funds for the Donna Miller Foundation (Children's Hospital Charity). This payment can be made via Parent Pay.



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Christmas Shows Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th December 1.30pm -
We will issue tickets and information nearer the time. Again, there will be no charge for the tickets, we will have a donation payment set up on Parent Pay.

Holidays

We will close on Friday 19th December at 2.30pm and re-open on Monday 5th January at 9am.

Many thanks for your continued support,

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Headteacher