



# St Ninian's Newsletter

## Term 4



It is hard to believe that we are already edging towards the end of term. Our children have worked incredibly hard this year, and we could not be prouder of all they have achieved. There is still so much exciting learning to take place, along with many fun activities planned for the weeks ahead. We are looking forward to making the most of this final term together.

### Attendance

A phrase we have been using during assemblies is, “*You have to be in to win it.*” Regular attendance at school is crucial—not only in supporting your child’s learning, but also in promoting their health and wellbeing. Being in school each day helps children to build confidence, maintain friendships, and fully engage in the life of the school. Please find below our latest attendance statistics.

Attendance figures for each year group for Term 3 are provided below.

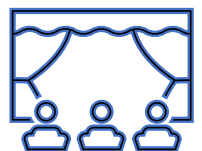
P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7
87%	93%	89%	90%	91%	87%	89%

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

### House Points

Last term, **Love and Faith Houses** enjoyed a well-earned trip to the **cinema** as part of our House Points celebrations. Pupils had a wonderful time enjoying the experience together.

This term’s winners are **Kindness House** - congratulations! Their reward trip will be arranged **as soon as possible**, and further details will be shared shortly.



### St. Ninian's Got Talent

**St. Ninian's Got Talent** was a huge success and a thoroughly enjoyable event for everyone involved. The show was organised by our Head Boy and Head Girl, supported by their deputies, who worked hard to plan and deliver a fantastic experience for all. They held auditions to ensure a wide variety of ages and talents were represented in the final show, resulting in a truly inclusive celebration of creativity.

Every child thoroughly enjoyed the event, and we were treated to a range of brilliant performances that made it extremely difficult to choose a winner. Our judges were supported by a mystery guest judge, Jen from *School Belles*, whose professional insight



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added an extra special touch to the judging process. A great time was had by all, and the event showcased the confidence, enthusiasm and talent of our pupils wonderfully.

### Whole School Learning

This term, our whole-school learning is filled with exciting activities that help our children grow in various ways. Here's a breakdown of what's coming up:

#### World of Work Week (1<sup>st</sup> June - 5<sup>th</sup> June):

- Children will learn about the skills and qualifications necessary for various careers.
- Pupils will hear from a wide range of speakers in jobs they've shown an interest in.
- Live talks to inspire and motivate students as they look toward their future.



#### Health Week (8th June - 12th June):

- We are delighted to be working in partnership with Active Schools once again to deliver another successful Health Week. This year, our Health Week will have a strong sporting focus, inspired by the Commonwealth Games taking place in Glasgow later this summer.
- Throughout the week, children will take part in a wide range of engaging activities designed to promote physical health, teamwork and a positive attitude towards an active lifestyle. These experiences will not only support pupils' fitness and wellbeing, but also encourage participation, resilience and enjoyment in sport.
- We are excited to provide opportunities for our learners to get active, try new sports and celebrate the spirit of the Commonwealth Games within our school community.

#### Sports Day will take place on Thursday 11th June:

- Classes in the morning 9.45am: P1, P2, P3a, P4a, P6, and P7a.
- Classes in the afternoon 1.30pm: P2/1, P3b, P4b, P5, P6/5, and P7b.
- Children will be mixed into teams to work together across a range of different stations.
- Teams will meet on Monday 8th June.
- We will finish the week with a Staff Ice Bucket Challenge.

### Primary 7 Fundraising for their End of Year Events.

A big thank you to all parents and carers who have supported our P7 fundraising efforts so far. The recent Afternoon Tea was a wonderful success, providing families with the opportunity to come together, enjoy some delicious sweet treats and take part in our exciting raffle, which featured a fantastic range of prizes.



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Our Primary 7 pupils are continuing to show great enthusiasm and creativity as they plan further fundraising activities, and we look forward to sharing more details with you soon. In the meantime, we are delighted to share that a P7 Fun Day has been organised for Friday 5th June—an event the children are very much looking forward to.

As stated in previous correspondence P7 have these fantastic events to look forward to:

15<sup>th</sup> May 2026-17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Lockerbie Outdoor Adventure

17<sup>th</sup> June 2026 M&Ds Theme Park (All day)

19<sup>th</sup> June 2026 10am P7 Mass at St Ninian's Chapel.

11am P7 Graduation at St. Ninian's Primary School

7pm- 9pm P7 Prom at St. Ninian's Primary School



### Reports

As we approach the end of the term, we would like to invite you to school on **Thursday 18th June at 2.30pm** to read your child's progress report and discuss their next steps with them. Following this session, you will also receive a copy of the report on Tuesday 23rd June, along with comments from both you and your child. This is an opportunity to gain a clear understanding of your child's progress and celebrate their achievements together.

### Celebrating our Faith

**Ascension Day Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May** - P1-7 will attend 10am Mass in St Ninian's.

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May** - First Communicants to attend 11am Mass of Thanksgiving in St Ninian's chapel. The children may wear their outfits again.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** - P1-7 will attend an End of Term 10am Mass in St Ninian's parish.

### Staffing

We are delighted to share that Mrs Hu has settled very well into her role within our school office and has quickly become a valued member of our team. She has built positive relationships with staff, pupils and families, and her friendly, approachable manner has made a real difference in supporting the smooth day-to-day running of the school.

Mrs Hu has proven to be an excellent addition to St. Ninian's, and we are very grateful for the commitment, organisation and care she brings to her role.

Ms Liddy, Ms McGowan, Ms Floyd, Ms McCumesty, Ms. Mason and Mr McGarrity our temporary teachers will be leaving in June 2026. We would like to thank these teachers for their commitment to St Ninian's.





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I will not hear about teaching staff until late June. Current class teachers will work together to make classes for next year, using all of their knowledge of the children. I am hoping that children can meet their new teachers on the afternoon of Monday 22 June 2026.

### School Uniforms

As we prepare for the new school year, we kindly remind parents to support us by ensuring your child wears the correct school uniform daily. The uniform consists of:

- Navy blue trousers, skirts, or shorts (not jogging trousers or leggings)
- Blue shirt or polo shirt
- School tie
- Navy blue jumpers or cardigans (not hoodies)



Your help in maintaining this uniform standard is much appreciated, as it fosters a sense of pride and belonging within our school community. Thank you for your continued support!

### Holidays

**Mid Term Break** - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

Schools close at 1pm on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Schools return on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August 2026.

Many thanks for your continued support,

*Clare Munnagh*

Acting Headteacher