



# St Dominic's RC Primary School & Early Learning Centre

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## Dear Families,

### Staffing Updates

As previously communicated, Miss S McGregor has retired and we have welcomed two permanent ECP's to the ELC team; Mrs Szczecinska and Miss Copland. Mrs Szczecinska offers support to P1/2 Monday to Friday (excluding Tuesday). We also welcome Miss Taylor to her Play Assistant role in ELC on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

### Christmas Gifts

All staff would like to thank our school community for the generous cards and gifts received at Christmas.

### Christmas Fair (Dec 26) & Bingo Appeal (May 26)

If you are having a clear out of children's Christmas clothing or surplus gifts in the new year, we would be very grateful for any donations. Clothing will be used in our preloved store at the Fair and surplus gifts will be used for the hampers/bingo prizes.

### P1 Registration

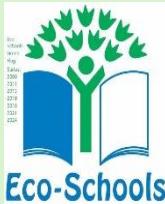
This year, the online registration week will be 12th - 16th January 2026. All children who are 5 years old on or before 18 August 2026 should start their primary education on that date. Please check this PKC web page during the above noted dates to complete the online registration form.

We will request baptismal certificates from Father Tobias on his return (January 23) for the children baptised in St Fillan's/ St Margarets. In the meantime, if you do not yet have this certificate please write on a piece of paper 'Baptismal Certificate to follow' and take a photo of this image to upload. Families are asked to also apply for free school transport when registering for school. More information regarding free school transport eligibility, including the application form can be found on the PKC website.

### ELC Registration

Both new and existing families are required to register their child for ELC's next August 2026 session.

Wear PE KIT to school on your class PE day:  
Tuesday: P1/2 & P2/3  
Thursday: P3/4 & P6  
Friday: P4/5 & P7



If your child already attends our ELC, you must still complete an online registration form to confirm their place for this next session.

ELC online registration for August 2026/27 is open from Monday 5th January - 28th February 2026. Applications received after the cut-off date will be considered following the initial allocation of places on 24th March 2026.

## Citizenship Groups

All pupils are taking part in Citizenship Groups, commencing 14 January until the end of the school year, exploring 8 different activities: Forest Schools, Spanish, Makaton Choir, STEM Young Engineers, Eco Agenda, Wildlife Conservation, First Aid & Emergencies and a World of St Dominic's. Reminders will be emailed the day before to the group taking part in Forest Schools, as waterproofs/suitable footwear may be required in inclement weather.

## Absences and Lateness

We kindly ask that the school office is notified of absences and/or lateness by 09:15am. Voicemail messages and emails are monitored regularly. As previously advised, if your child is late, please also provide their lunch choice as Tayside Contracts require this information by 09:45am. Late requests are not always guaranteed.

## HMIE Visit

A HM Inspector of Education will visit St Dominic's on Wednesday 14 January to meet with pupils, staff and parents to undertake a school consultation visit about the proposal for an ISP (intensive support provision) at St John's Academy, Perth. If you would like to take part in this consultation, please attend St Dominic's at 11am on Wednesday

## Flyers

Please read what's on in Strathearn' email for flyers.

## Parent Council

Thank you to our Parent Council for using their remaining PKC budget to cover the travelling literacy show in May, The Secret Garden; enabling this event to be complimentary to families. The next PC meeting is 19 February @ 5:30pm in School.

## What's on Next Week:

**Monday 12: Tuesday 13:** H&W with Mrs Ogg: P3/4, P2/3 & P1/2 & Richmond House Singing Group 3pm **Wednesday 14:** am: HMIE Consultation regarding ISP at St John's Academy, Assembly @ 09:20am. Citizenship Group session 1 of 8 @ 2:15pm & Rosary club with Mrs Dowell @ 3pm.

**Thursday 15: Friday 16:** H&W with Mrs Ogg: P1/2, P4/5 & Intervention groups. P7 & P1/2 to attend Mass at St Fillan's Parish.

## 135<sup>th</sup> & 60<sup>th</sup> School Celebration: February Save the Dates

**Tuesday 3:** Diamond School Anniversary: Burns Assembly & Ceilidh, St Fillan's Parish Hall @ 1:30 - 3:15pm for pupils only.

**Thursday 5:** Diamond School Anniversary Mass, School Hall @ 2pm (families welcome, please arrive at 1:50pm).

**Friday 6:** Diamond School Anniversary: Coffee morning, School Hall @ 09:45am (all welcome).

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs E Hunter

