



Partnership Group
Minutes
28th May 2025



Office bearers:	Staff:	Attendees:
Mrs E Dempsie (Chair) Mr S Smith (Secretary)	Mrs W Gallacher (Acting Headteacher) Mrs L Kelly	
	Church representative: Mrs V Stewart	

1. Welcome & apologies

Mrs Dempsie welcomed all. Apologies received from Mrs L. Lockhart and Mrs A. White.

2. Actions from previous meeting (not covered by other agenda items)

N/A

3. Headteacher's report

- PEF Funding

Mrs Gallacher shared the school's PEF Funding Budget and how the funding had been allocated across the financial year.

- School Improvement Plan

Mrs Gallacher was pleased to report that all three of the School Improvement Plan priorities have been fully met this year, reflecting the collective efforts of staff, pupils, and families.

- Celebrating 2024-2025

Mrs Gallacher thanked the Partnership Group and wider parent body for their continued support throughout what has been a joyful and successful year at St John's Primary School. She acknowledged the dedication, generosity, and enthusiasm of parents and carers, and highlighted the strong partnership between home and school as a key strength of the school community.

Mrs Gallacher reflected on this session's successes, including events like the pantomime trip, Christmas Fayre, school disco and Lent fundraising. She thanked the Partnership Group for securing the Asda Cashpot and supporting fundraising efforts that benefitted the children. Their involvement in school policy development and bids for the community garden, along with the positive impact of the Men's Shed collaboration, was also acknowledged.



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Pupils celebrated significant milestones in their faith journey, including receiving Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. The school earned the Attachment-Informed School accreditation and the Reading Schools Award. Other highlights included Maths Week Scotland, the Fairtrade event, expanded outdoor learning, and participation in national and local projects.

Mrs Gallacher praised initiatives like Book and a Blether and the Big Blether for strengthening home-school links. She also celebrated pupil achievements, such as the Nativity performance, Pope Francis Faith Award, Walking Art Gallery contributions, and Learning Showcases. The 21st Century Family Play Award and the World of Work event further supported home learning and career exploration. The Netball team's Summer Cup win was also noted.

Looking ahead, she mentioned key upcoming events, including the Play Awards Ceremony, Sports Day, and Leavers' Assembly, and thanked the Partnership Group and parent community for their ongoing support of the pupils' learning, faith, wellbeing, and development.

4. Treasurer's report

Our current balance is £1745.14.

Mrs Gallacher asked if the Partnership Group would be willing to fund the P7 leavers ties and new netball team uniforms, which the group agreed to.

5. Summer Disco

The disco is confirmed for Wednesday 18th June 6:30pm until 8pm in St John's Church Hall with a suggested donation of £2 entry per child.

Various ideas were discussed as to providing treats for pupils.

Parent volunteers will be required to ensure this event can take place. Mr Smith will put a message on the Facebook page to request volunteers, but parents/carers should feel free to contact the school if they wish to volunteer.

6. Bank charges (Appendix)

Mr Smith alerted the group that the Bank of Scotland are now charging a monthly fee for our bank account (see Appendix for a list of charges).

Mrs Gallacher and Mrs Dempsie stated they would ask around to see what bank account other schools used.



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7. (a) School Garden Update

Mrs Stewart is applying for more funding to finish the shed roof and pay for the gazebo. The wildflower garden might also be redesigned. The statue of Our Lady has been damaged by the cold weather as it is not an outdoor statue, so will need replaced or repaired. Ivy will be cut back around the telephone box.

The assessor for 'It's Your Neighbourhood' plans to come see the garden in August to see the progress since his last visit.

Lanarkshire Climate Action Festival will be 8-21st September, and an afternoon is planned in the Garden for Fri 12th September. This will be a small-scale event potentially involving local groups who have supported the garden.

A £500 grant has been used to purchase 3 new benches for the garden

(b) Tesco local funding

Nora at Tesco has asked if the group wishes to apply for the Blue Token Scheme to receive grants ranging from £500 to £1500. Outdoor learning was discussed as a possible project. If anyone would like to submit the grant on behalf of the group, please contact the school.

(c) Volunteer rota over summer

Mrs Stewart and Mrs Gallacher will be putting out a rota (similar to last year) to request volunteers to look after (e.g. weed/water) the community garden over the summer holidays.

8. AGM date to be agreed

Wednesday 3rd September was agreed as the date for the AGM. Other dates were agreed for future meetings next academic session on Wednesday 12th November, 21st January, 18th March and 13th May.

Next session's Halloween Disco is to be planned for Tuesday 28th October and the Christmas Fayre on Sunday 30th November.

9. Any parent issues/suggestions for discussions:

- **Head Teacher permanent position update**

The job has now been advertised and applications for the position close on 9th June with interviews on 20th June.

10. AOCB - N/A



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Appendix

What are the charges for day-to-day banking?

The table below sets out some of the charges for day-to-day banking which apply to the **Community Account**. These apply instead of the charges for the same services which are set out in Section A of the Account Charges and Processing Times brochure. All of the other charges which apply to the **Community Account** are set out in the Account Charges and Processing Times brochure.

Transaction type	Charge for each item
Monthly maintenance fees	
General account maintenance fee	£4.25 each month
Payments into your Account A fee charged when paying in cheques and/or cash at the branch counter, or through other cheque/cash deposit services.	
Credit paid in – branch counter, ATM or depositpoint™	£0.42
Credit paid in via Immediate Deposit Machine, Automated Deposit Machine, Night Safe, Business Mobile Banking App, cheque imaging, Post Office® counters or other third-party deposit method	Free
Automated credits	Free
Faster payment credits	Free
Internet/Phonebank credits	Free

Transaction type	Charge for each item
Cash Cash paid in will be charged based on the full value of cash handed over.	
Cash exchanged This is a request to exchange notes and/or coins	£1.25 for every £100
Cash paid in – Branch counter, ATM, depositpoint™, Nightsafe, Post Office® or other third-party deposit method	£0.75 for every £100
Cash paid in – Immediate Deposit Machine or Automated Deposit Machine Please note, if you pay in cash through an Automated Deposit Machine, the owner of the machine may also charge you for this All machines will give you an on-screen warning of charges in advance, allowing you to continue or cancel the transaction	£0.42 for every £100
Cash paid out Cash withdrawn at branch counter or Post Office®	£0.75 for every £100
Lloyds Banking Group Cashpoint® withdrawals	Free
Other bank ATM withdrawals Please note, if you're using another bank's ATM, the owner of the machine may charge you for this All machines will give you an on-screen warning of charges, in advance, allowing you to continue or cancel the transaction	Free

Electronic payments You won't pay the electronic payments charges below for the first 100 electronic payments in each month.	
Direct debits	£0.10
Faster payment debits	£0.10
Internet bulk payments	£0.10
Internet/Phonebank debits	£0.10
Standing orders	£0.10
Other Services	
Bacs – Files	£2.25
Bacs – Items distributed	£0.07
Debit Card Transactions	Free
Other Credits	Free
Other Debits	Free
Transfer (to or from another account in your name with the sort code starting 12 or 80)	Free