



Partnership Group
Minutes
28th January 2026



Present

| Office bearers: | Staff: | Attendees: |
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| Mrs E Dempsie (Chair) Mr S Smith (Secretary) Mrs L Lockhart (Treasurer) | Mrs E Campbell (Headteacher) Mrs M Reid | Mrs L Marshall Mr C Gibney |
| | Church representative: Mrs V Stewart | |

1. Welcome, Introduction & apologies

Mrs Dempsie welcomed all and introductions were made to our new Headteacher Mrs Campbell. No apologies received.

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

- Christmas Fayre

The fayre was a great success and raised £677.17.

- Netball/football team kit upgrade

Football team kits have now arrived and were sponsored by Arnold Clark. Mrs Dempsie will liaise with Mrs Hutchieson to apply for Arnold Clark sponsorship of the netball kit in March.

- Volunteer Scotland PVG Registration

Mrs White has now enrolled us with VSDS (Volunteer Scotland Disclosure Services) and is in the process of applying for our first five PVGs (for Mrs Breen, Mrs White, Mrs Marshall, Mrs Lockhart and Mrs Dempsie). If anyone else would like to help volunteer at our events, please contact Mrs White to go through the PVG process.

3. Headteacher's Report

P1 Enrolment - August

- 6 children have been enrolled to start school in August. Our Induction Days are Friday 15th May at 9.30am and Friday 12th June at 10.30am

PGDE Student

- Caitlin Greenan will begin a placement in P5/6/7 starting with four stand-alone days on 29.01.26, 05.02.26, 12.02.26 and 26.02.26. Her block placement starts on 2nd March for 10 weeks.

Health and Wellbeing Week

- Mrs Birtles is organising a range of activities across week beginning 9th February



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Social Media Consultation Results

- There were 17 responses to the recent Social Media Consultation.
- More than half feel it is important for the school to have a social media account (52.9%)
- More than half would like the school to consider using Instagram to share information (52.9%)
- 78.5% of parents/carers who don't currently have an Instagram account would join if the school used it to share information.
- 88.2% of parents/carers would consent to photos being shared on a school social media account
- 3 comments described the school newsletter as being informative

Sacrament of Confirmation

- Bishop Toal will visit the whole school on Monday 2nd March at 11am as part of P7's preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. P7 will prepare and lead an assembly on the Parable of the Good Samaritan

Olympic Athlete Visit

- Mrs McKie has arranged for an Olympic athlete to visit the whole school on Monday 2nd March

Science Centre Workshops

- P4-7 will take part in Science Centre workshops on Monday 2nd March

P6/7 Residential

- We are currently getting quotes for the residential trip next year for 3 days/2 nights. We are getting quotes from Inverclyde in Largs, Lockerbie, Barcaple by Castle Douglas and Dalguise in Perthshire. It is looking likely that we will provisionally book Inverclyde for Jan 2027 as this seems to be the best value for money and the facilities are up to date

Treat Me Well

- South Lanarkshire Council's Anti-bullying Guidance has been updated to reflect the Scottish Government's updated 'Respect for All Guidance' (2024). Schools in the Holy Cross Learning Community have been updating our school policies accordingly. The Anti-bullying Summary will be posted on our school website to inform parents.



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4. Treasurer's Report

Our current balance is £2307.25

5. Summer Disco

Dates for the summer disco were discussed and Mr Smith contacted Allan the DJ to confirm the date (Tues 16th June) from 6:30pm until 8pm. Mrs Stewart will liaise with St John's Hall Committee to confirm the date, venue and time. A discussion about price followed and it was decided to follow the style of the Halloween disco with a bucket and suggested donation of £2 per child.

6. School Garden Update

Gazebo is now built and the wildflower garden is planted. Maintenance is required on the path and decking for pupil safety - Mrs Stewart is investigating quotes and will apply for funding. Part of the fence is starting to need repair so will also need replaced. Community Payback have raked leaves and are happy to come out again but would need to be booked regularly to come out every 4-5 weeks. Parents and parishioners could sign up to look after a particular part of the garden during the summer holidays. Mrs Campbell will liaise with Mrs Stewart to apply for the Keep Scotland Beautiful Award which the garden has entered for the past 3 years and received 2 awards for.

7. Any parent issues/suggestions for discussions

- P7 Leavers hoodies/treat

P7 leavers will be funded for as follows:

Ties - paid for by school

Treat - paid for by Group

Hoodies - organised by school, paid for by parent/carer.

Parents/carers should speak to a member of staff discreetly if financial help is required and the Group will assist with funds.

8. AOCB

- Mrs Dempsie will liaise with Mrs Campbell to arrange an ice cream treat for pupils towards the end of the school year paid for by the Group.

- Ideas for the Summer fayre were discussed with a potential date of Sat 30th May agreed on. Mr Smith will liaise with Mrs Campbell to apply for a school let.

Date of next meeting - 6:30pm, Wednesday 18th March 2026