



Partnership Group  
AGM Minutes  
13<sup>th</sup> May 2026



**Present**

<b>Office bearers:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Attendees:</b>
Mrs E Dempsie (Chair)	Mrs E Campbell (Headteacher)	Mrs K Neill Mr C Gibney
Mr S Smith (Secretary)	Mr S Hall	Mrs L Marshall
	<b>Church representative:</b> Mrs V Stewart	Mrs A White Ms B Wielgosz Ms K Szczur

**1. Welcome & Apologies**

- Mrs Dempsie welcomed all

**2. Chairperson's report - overview of role of Partnership Group and activities in previous year**

- Mrs Dempsie gave an overview of the Group's role
- Our activities and successful fundraising over the past year include the Halloween Disco and the Christmas Fayre, whilst our upcoming activities are the Summer Disco on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June and the ice cream van treat (planned for Wed 24<sup>th</sup> June)
- Mrs Dempsie stated it has been a privilege to chair the group and thanked Mr Smith, Mrs Lockhart, Mrs Stewart and the staff of St John's for their help in working as a team over the past 4 years (and through 4 Headteachers!). Mr Smith concurred and agreed it is time to hand the baton on.
- Mrs Campbell thanked Mrs Dempsie and Mr Smith for their 4 years of service to the school community.

**3. New netball kits**

- Mrs Dempsie reported that new netball kits were ordered on Friday through the Arnold Clark grant.

**4. Treasurer's report**

- The current balance is £1645.32 as £300 was recently paid out for the school bus Panto trip.



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**5. Nominations & appointment to 2026/27 partnership group roles**

- a. **Chairperson - Mrs Marshall**  
Proposer - Mrs White    Seconder - Mrs Dempisie
- b. **Vice Chairperson - Mrs Neill**  
Proposer - Mrs White    Seconder - Mrs Dempisie
- c. **Secretary - Mr Gibney**  
Proposer - Mr Smith    Seconder - Mrs Neill
- d. **Treasurer - Mrs White**  
Proposer - Mr Smith    Seconder - Mrs Marshall
- e. **Parish Representative - position vacant**

**6. Bank account**

- A discussion was had in regard to whether the new committee would like to be added to the current bank account (and the previous committee members would be removed) or whether the account should be closed and a new bank account created. The new committee members will discuss and come to a decision, but for the time being Mrs Marshall will be added to the existing bank account.

**7. Head Teacher's report**

- Staffing Update
  - A warm welcome to Miss McQuillan who has started work in our school office. Miss McQuillan works on a Mon - Thurs from 8.45am-2.45pm
  - Our Post Grad student, Miss Greenan, will finish her placement on Thursday 21st May
    - HMIE
  - Thank you for your support during our recent inspection. We are now awaiting our report.
    - P1 Enrolment
  - We currently have 5 P1 children starting our school in August. We are awaiting a placing request decision being made which could potentially put our P1 number up to 6.
  - Our P1 Induction Days are Friday 15th May at 9.30am and Friday 12th June at 10.30am.
    - Lent
  - Thank you for your support for our Lenten fundraising. We raised a total of £252.48 which was split evenly between SCIAF and MISSIO.



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- P7 Hoodies
  - Our P7 children have received their hoodies. We wish them a happy and successful last term at St John's.
    - Snapshot Jotters
  - Our snapshot jotters were due to go out during our recent inspection. They will now go home to parents/carers week beginning 18th May.
    - Sports Day
  - Families are invited to join our Sports Day on Thur 21st May at 9.30am.
    - P7 Transition
  - Staff from Holy Cross will visit P7 children on Thur 21st May at 11am.
  - P7's will attend Induction Days at on Thur 11th and Fri 12th June.
  - Friendship letters from Holy Cross have been issued to P7's. Pupils and parents/carers are invited to share names of peers that the children work well with. Holy Cross cannot guarantee that all requests can be accommodated, but the information will help them consider friendships when organising classes for S1.
    - SMC Primary Maths Challenge
  - Well done to 3 of our children who received a gold or silver award for the Maths Challenge this year. Award winners will attend Strathclyde University on Monday 8th June to receive their award.
    - Leavers' Mass
  - Our P7 Leavers' Mass will take place on Tuesday 23rd June at 9.30am in the Church followed by an assembly in our school hall.
    - Reports
  - End of session reports are due to parents/carers on Friday 12th June.
    - Summer Show
- Our Summer Show 'Sleeping Beauty: The Ugly Truth' will take place on Wed 17th June at 10am and Thur 18th June at 7pm. Families in P4-7 are allocated 2 tickets per performance. Letters will be issued to parents/carers to confirm the number of tickets they wish to reserve.
- Carfin Grotto
- Our Mini Vinnie Group will attend the SSVP Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto on Wednesday 27th May with a member of staff and members of the parish SSVP group.
  - Science Centre Workshops
- P4-7 enjoyed the recent Science Centre workshop about different types of energy.
  - Reading Café



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- P7 children will attend a Reading Café in the Banqueting Hall on Monday 8th June organised by Holy Cross. The author Ross MacKenzie will be at the event.

- Active School Events
- Congratulations to our football team who won the Summer Cup and our netball team who were placed 2nd in the tournament.
- Our footballers will take part in the Dr Gardiner Cup on 5th June hosted by Douglas PS.

- Bikeability

Mrs Birtles and Mrs Carty will lead Bikeability sessions this term with P5's (Level 1, 2 sessions) and P6's (Level 2, 4 sessions) as follows -  
P5 - Wednesday 13th and Wednesday 20th May.

P6 - Wednesday 27th May, Wednesday 3rd June, Wednesday 10th June, Thursday 18th June.

- P6/7 Residential
- We have booked the residential trip for 3 days/2 nights from 13th January - Friday 15th January at Sports Scotland National Training Centre, Inverclyde.

## 8. School Garden update

- Mrs Stewart reported that the final grant of £2960 will be used to pay for new fence panels (starting May 21<sup>st</sup>), add a statue of the Good Shepherd, finish the gazebo, install a mud kitchen and whiteboard. Pupils have engaged with the process through a COGS meeting. Mrs Stewart requested £40 for summer bedding plants.
- Ongoing maintenance is required over the spring/summer/autumn - could volunteers please contact Mrs Stewart either on 07765844609 or [greenferns1@hotmail.com](mailto:greenferns1@hotmail.com)
- Vicki from BECCA would like to come to a future meeting to present opportunities for small projects to the local community.
- The garden will be entered for the Keep Scotland Beautiful Award again this year - provisional assessment is on June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The solar farm proposal is currently with the Energy Consent Unit.
- Mrs Dempsie thanked Mrs Stewart for all her work in the group.

## 9. AOCB (Any Other Competent Business)

- Mr Smith asked about the P7 leavers treat - this will be discussed with the pupils to let them have their say and the group will fund it.