



Our Lady and St Anne's Primary School

Parent Council Minutes -29 September 2026

Present: Katie McLean, Michael Callaghan, Stephanie Waugh, Nicola McDermott, Louise Boyle, Julie Craig, Anne Walker, Julie Craig, Councillors Gavin Keatts, Councillor Jonn Ross.

Apologies: Lara Caroll, and Councillor Celine Handibode.

Agenda

- Opening Prayer
- Correspondence

MC reported receipt of an email from Connect containing resources for Parent Councils. These resources are being reviewed.

- Councillor Update

Local Action Fund

Councillors advised that each of the six primary schools in the ward would receive £1,500. The funding is unrestricted and may be used by the school as needed. The allocation was agreed unanimously by councillors and was to proceed to the Executive Committee before being paid into the school fund.

- Statutory Consultation re. boundary changes

Consultation is underway. Councillors explained that the consultation concerned a resource issue and that they would not be directly involved. Parents were encouraged to submit feedback through the statutory consultation process.

- Headteacher's Report

School Improvement Priorities

1. **Reading:** Embed the Talk for Reading approach to improve consistency across the school for boys and girls.
2. **Numeracy:** Implement the Verbal, Concrete, Pictorial and Abstract (VCPA) approach. Staff have been trained and Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) is supporting classroom implementation.
3. **Transitions** Strengthen transitions from nursery to Primary 1 and from Primary 7 to High School. Primary 1 teachers are working with nursery staff, and Holy Cross has offered a transition programme, including staff working with Primary 7 pupils.

Pupil Equity Funding and Resources

PEF is supporting writing and numeracy resources, health and wellbeing, outdoor learning and digital learning.

Outdoor Learning and Playground

Planters, soil and bulbs have been purchased for the playground. The school entered a biodiversity competition and prizes were delivered during the week.

The school is also considering upgrades to outdoor equipment and involving pupils in developing other areas of the playground. Football has not been facilitated on the pitch because of staffing. Staff had discussed with pupils how this had also reduced conflict among pupils who play football, and it has also led to discussions about other ways the pitch can be used and other things the playground can be used for.

Health, Wellbeing, STEM and Digital Learning

Mrs Carroll is leading health and wellbeing this year, which is a school priority. The “Thrive on Thursdays” programme is intended to support children who are experiencing difficulties in attendance.

Following a visit to a partner school, the Young Leaders of Learning requested a STEM and digital-learning area. It has been resourced, is timetabled and is used weekly by classes.

Classes are being encouraged to use the ICT suite for digital work. Eight new screens are expected for classrooms and the ICT suite. Broken or obsolete Chromebooks have been replaced, and there is one device per child and a class set for every class.

School Trips

The school intends to fully fund one trip for every class. Transport costs were noted as exceptionally high; councillors reported that some other schools charge up to £5 for trips due to funding issues.

Peer Review and Inspection Preparation

The school expects an HMIE inspection during the current school year. Parent surveys will be issued and volunteers will be sought for a parent focus group.

A peer-school review took place last year with two partner schools as part of a three-year cycle, with this school the last to be visited. The process included input from a Quality Improvement Officer, pupil focus groups and staff discussions.

Peer reviewers were very impressed by progress in writing and by pupils' ability to explain the writing process.

Health and Wellbeing Survey

Pupils completed a health and wellbeing survey using the Glasgow Motivation and Wellbeing Model (GMWP). It covers social and emotional wellbeing, peer relationships, access to a trusted adult and feeling safe at school. The vast majority of responses were positive, and the information was considered very useful. Any concerns will be acted on accordingly.

Great Scottish Athlete Visit

Commonwealth Wrestler Cameron Nicol visited the school through the Great Scottish Athlete programme. Pupils responded well to the visit. The event raised £1,054 for the school; most of the proceeds will go towards a voucher to be spent on sports equipment.

- PTFA Update

Finance

The PTFA account balance was reported as £1,508. Hoodies and the pantomime have been paid for already.

Upcoming Events

- Halloween Parade: 30 October 2026.
- Christmas Fayre: 3 December 2026.

- Possible fundraiser: 6 or 27 February 2027.

Future of the PTFA

Longterm members Nicola, Ashley and Stephanie will be leaving the PTFA in June 2027 when their children finish primary school. The PTFA and Parent Council should seek new volunteers and plan for succession to ensure there are enough members in the PTFA to allow the valuable work they do to continue. Consideration was given to how to highlight this and encourage new members. This included speaking at the upcoming Halloween Parade and preparing an information letter for parents.