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Dear Parents,

This week we will hold our Sports days from Wed 27th until Fri 29th for Nursery up to P7. In the event we have sunny weather, please ensure children are suitably prepared with suncream applied before school, a sun hat/ cap and plenty of water. We are grateful to Eamon McKillop and the Spar Frys Road, for the sponsorship of both days, to the staff and pupil helpers and Miss Hart and Mrs Young who have organised both days.

We are now in the last few weeks of school for this academic year, but there are still some events, trips and activities to look forward to. As always please do visit the school website (www.braidside.co.uk) and Facebook page for regular updates and information.

Congratulations to our P4 children who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday past in All Saints' Church. It was a wonderful occasion and we were so proud of all the children. We hope you all had a fabulous day. Thank you to Mrs Bradley for her preparation of the children, to all those who attended on Saturday to support the children and to Fr McGinness who celebrated the sacrament.



Braidside Summer Fair

The Parent Group have been hard at work these last few weeks, planning and organising for the Summer fair which takes place on Saturday 6th June, 11am – 3pm. Flyers outlining information for Saturday is now available on our website. We hope you will be able to join us. As always, we want to be a good neighbour and I would ask parents not to park their cars at the Spar and to avoid blocking in residents driveways near the school. We will have some parking onsite, but parents will also be able to use the Church of God carpark on Frys Road. We appreciate your assistance with this.

End of Year Reports, together with information on classes for 26-27, will be issued on Monday 29th June, 2026. Information on classes and teachers for 2026-27 will be shared on Wed 24th June, prior to our Bump up Day.

Celebration Assembly: 25th June

Our final whole school assembly for this year will take place on Thursday 25th June, when we hope to celebrate the many achievements, children have attained this year. We want to recognise any achievements outside of school e.g. for music, sport, dance, etc. To help us prepare for this, parents should send any certificates, medals, cups to Mrs Fenton by Monday 22nd June. If your child hasn't received the award by that date but you know he/she will achieve it, please send a short note in lieu of the award.

Board of Governors

This year we have a *vacancy within our parent governors*.

Any parent with children at the school can stand as a Parent Governor, which is a voluntary role. Governors meet once a month (usually on the second Tuesday in the month) and play an important role as a management group for the school, contributing to decisions relating to the school budget, staffing, the running of the school and school development planning. Parent Governors are elected by the school at the Parent Meeting.

Our Parent Governors have helped to play a vital role in driving and supporting the success of the school. Please feel encouraged to consider this role. If you would like any further information, feel free to ask Ms McAuley. A nomination form is shown below. If you are interested, nomination forms can be obtained from the school office and should be returned by **Monday 8th June**.

Key Dates for your Diary:

8th-11th June: P1 Induction sessions

12th June: Year 8 Induction Day

29th June: Annual Pupil Reports issued.

23rd June: P7 Leavers' Day and Assembly (10am)
P7 pupils will finish school after their assembly.

25th June: Bump Up Morning! Classes will meet and spend the morning with their new teacher for September 2025.

26th June: Nursery Graduation, 10am

30th June: Last day of School, close for summer holidays at 12:15pm

Please see the website for dates of individual class activities and taster days.



Lost Property

We have lots of lost property this year. A cupboard with items is maintained in the Hygiene Room. However, as cloakrooms and classrooms are tidied over the next few weeks, please encourage your children to check the cupboard for any missing items.

We aim to hold a lost property afternoon when parents can come into the school hall and reclaim any missing items. Please keep checking the website/ Facebook for the date of lost property reclaim.

Applications for Free School Meals 26-27

We encourage all parents to get ready now for your 2026-27 application for Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance.

Information on applying for free school meals and eligibility can be found at www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants/apply-for-free-school-meals-uniform-grants

Although applications for 26-27 are not available yet, it is important to get prepared.

Yours faithfully,

J McAuley

Parent Governor Nomination Form
Braidside Integrated Primary and Nursery School

Nominee

I am the parent of a child at the school and am willing to be nominated as a Parent Governor.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Proposer (parent of children at the school)-

Proposed by (please sign): _____ Date: _____

Please return to the school by 8th June. Thank you.