

18 August 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited St Bartholomew's Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- Senior leaders and staff create a welcoming, nurturing, and inclusive ethos. They work collaboratively with children to establish positive relationships and a strong sense of community within the school. This supports children to feel secure, safe and ready to learn.
- Children are polite, happy and respectful. They engage well with visitors and are keen to share their experiences. They are proud of their school and their achievements.
- Staff in the early years are providing effective approaches to play-based learning for younger children. Children benefit from rich and engaging learning environments and experiences which support them to be creative and independent as they learn.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from Glasgow City Council.

- Senior leaders need to work more closely with parents and partners to improve children's school attendance. As staff extend these approaches, this should help to improve children's attainment across the school.
- Teachers should continue to develop high-quality approaches to learning, teaching and assessment, ensuring all children experience appropriate levels of challenge during lessons. Children are ready for more opportunities to lead their own learning.
- Senior leaders and the local authority have worked together to take forward areas for improvement in safeguarding which required urgent action. They should continue to monitor and review the impact of this work over time.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using two quality indicators from [How good is our school \(4th edition\)](#). Quality indicators help schools, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are HMIE's evaluations for St Bartholomew's Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school (4th edition) Appendix 3: The six-point scale	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the HMIE website at: [St Bartholomew's Primary School | Inspection Report | His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in Scotland](#)

What happens next?

We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. Glasgow City Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Michael Reid
HM Inspector

On behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland