



Caerlaverock News



9th January 2026

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back!

We hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year over the Festive Season. We would like to thank you all for your gifts, chocolates, biscuits and home-baking for staff over the past month – all very much appreciated.

Staffing for Term Three

Mrs Thomson and Mrs Scriven are Teaching Fellows for Glasgow University Dumfries Campus. Mrs Thomson has been given an excellent secondment opportunity for 7 Mondays to mentor and support Second Year students to deliver a literacy programme to pupils in local schools. To maintain consistency in the P1-3 class, Mrs Caprani and Mrs Barr will work on Mondays over the course of the 7 sessions. Mrs Scriven will be a Mentor for 2 Third Year students and observe them during their 6-week placements later in the term.

Scots' Poetry Recital Competition and Burns' Lunch

All children can *come to school dressed wearing tartan* in the spirit of celebrating the work of Robert Burns.

As part of our listening and talking curriculum, your child/ren will be given their own Scots poem to recite and enjoy delivering them in school on this day.

Please help your child/ren to practise at home.

The winners will recite their poem at Burns' Lunch.

See poster for meal options on this day. Mrs Bonar will take the pre-orders individually as the system cannot be changed from what it currently states. Thank you.

Wednesday 28th January



Day of Dance - 'Jigs and Reels' - Thursday 30th January

The whole school is going to take part in this Nithsdale regional event. During our PE sessions, the children are learning the traditional Scottish dances that they will enjoy with a host of schools across Dumfries. The event will take place at St. Joseph's College during the school day and the children will be transported by minibus to and from the event.

School Menu Orders – Polite reminder

It is important that all parents/carers place their child's order online prior to the week in school. The menus are already in place so Mrs Bonar and staff would really appreciate your support in discussing the options with your child so that the kitchen knows what food to order and prepare each day.

Diary Dates and School events: This is a 12-week term with a February mid-term break.

PGDE Student starts in P4-7 on 29 th January 2026	Miss McCrae will be in class every Thursday for 4 weeks, followed by a 10-week placement.
Tuesday 17 th February – BROWNROCK Partnership Day at Brownhall	Please put arrangements in place to drop off and pick up your child/ren from Brownhall on this day.
Wednesday 18 th February at 2pm (P4-7)	P4-7 Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Fayre for parents/carers.
February In-set and Mid-term break	No school on Thursday 19 th and Friday 20 th February
Wednesday 4 th March – P3-P7 pupils Glasgow Science Centre trip	This will be an early start and late finish for P3-7 pupils



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Make Lunchtime Legendary

Join us for a Scottish feast in the canteen

Rabbie's big feast
Haggis, neeps and tatties
Vegan haggis, neeps and tatties
Sausage, neeps or beans and tatties

Lighter bites
Sandwich or wrap with filling
Add a little side – salad or veggie pot if you fancy

Sweet treats
Ice cream and toffee sauce with homemade shortbread biscuit
Fresh fruit
Yogurt

Burns lunch meal deal £2.10
FREE FOR P1 TO P5

Pre-order now so your child doesn't miss out!

Dumfries and Galloway COUNCIL

D&G Competition events – There is a separate letter for return that is only required if your child is interested and able to attend.

A selection process will then take place for the school team.

Polite reminder – School drop off time is from 8.30am when staff are onsite.

Winter days are very cold so please ensure your child has a warm coat, gloves, scarf and hat for when they are playing/waiting outside.

Indoor Shoes –

- We are doing indoor PE / Country dancing this term.
- Indoor shoes must be suitable footwear to wear for indoor PE.
- This means that staff and pupils are finding that Crocs are not suitable footwear.
- Please can you provide plimsoles/trainers that will be more suitable for PE sessions.
- Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

Mrs Scriven and Caerlaverock Staff