



Caerlaverock News



28th August 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome Back!

We hope that you have had a wonderful summer break and the sunshine gave you a chance to relax and spend some time outdoors. We are delighted to welcome our new P1 family and our one new entrant, Aurthur to the school. We also extend a warm welcome back to *all* the children at Caerlaverock Primary School.

Road Closure – 1st September 2026 – 31st January 2027

I have liaised with the roadworks team to ensure that the safety of all children, parents/carers and staff are a priority with links to the increased volume of traffic expected before, during and after the school day.

1. **Traffic management** - The roadworks team will have someone onsite outside the school gates before and after the school day to manage the traffic. If flashing lights are required, then this will be put in place as we monitor the situation.
2. **Walk / Scoot / Cycle to school** - whilst this is encouraged by the roadworks team, I feel anxious for the safety of children on their bikes, especially at the bottleneck junction entering Church Street from Glencaple Road. Please discuss this with your child and share that I strongly advise, for their own safety, they do not cycle/scoot to school.
3. **Safer route to school** – from next week, your child will come home with a numbered reflective jacket. Please insist that they wear this to school every day. This means that they will have it at the end of the day for a safer route home. This aligns with the JRSO (Junior Road Safety Officer) 'Be safe, Be seen' message and will help us to protect our children.
4. **Bus** – Our regular driver, Sandy, returns next week. Last term we discussed plans that he will collect any pupils that are on the town side of Kelton at the Brownhall School bus stop. From there he will travel up Stanehouse Loaning to Bankend Road. He will do this trip in reverse at the end of the day. If these plans change, parents will be notified on Dojo.

Thank you for your support in this matter. Please check the Caerlaverock Neighbours and Caerlaverock Community Association Facebook pages for any important travel information. The roadworks team have let me know that the 'Diversion' route is around the Castle Corner/Caerlaverock Castle/Bankend Road. This means that with increased farm traffic and minimal overgrown 'passing places', please use the Quay hill road at your own risk. Caerlaverock Estate advise people to avoid Quay hill because of the farm work being carried out on this road over the next few months. Take care everyone and know that I would rather have pupils and staff arrive later if you have opted for the safer route. *Many thanks, Mrs Scriven*

Staffing:

This week we have had supply teachers in P4-7 to support Mrs Caprani's absence due to a broken foot. I will know more next week about her return to work following her next hospital appointment. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Caprani a speedy recovery. She is 'working' from home to ensure the continuity of learning for the children. Next week we will have Miss Rogerson in school from Tuesday to Friday.

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Staffing for this session:

Headteacher

Mrs Scriven

Principal Teachers:

Mrs Thomson (M/T/W/Th) and Mrs Caprani (F)

Class Teachers:

P1-3 = Mrs Thomson (M/T/W/T) Mrs McGinley (F)

P4-7 = Mrs McGinley (M) and Mrs Caprani (T/W/Th/F)

RICCT Teacher

Mrs McGinley

Support for Learning Teacher

Mrs White

Learning Assistant

Mrs Scott

Senior Clerical Assistant

Mrs Spence (M/T/W)

Playground Supervisor

Mrs Jackson

Catering Manager

Mrs Bonar

Janitor and Cleaner

Mr McQueen

Communication with parents / carers:

1. 'Mail Drop' - information for new parents

Each child will bring their mail drop wallet home from school, as and when required. We hope that this will provide an effective form of communication between school and home, allowing returns and monies to be sent safely to and from the school office. Newsletters, as and when, will be sent via email. This will be sent from the school office account, thus allowing parents to respond if they have any questions or information to be sent in to share with the school staff.

2. Class Dojo

The class teachers correspond directly with parents / carers via this platform. This is a quick and efficient way of sharing learning that is taking place in school with photos and comments. Please make sure that you check these messages as sometimes the teacher informs you of something that may require a response.

Menu and Lunch Money

- P1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 children receive free school meals.
- P6 and P7 pupils pay for lunch, unless your family has applied for Free School Meal Entitlement
- All lunches must be ordered in advance using the online ordering and payment system.
- If you need any support with these arrangements, please contact the School Office.
- Lunches cost - £2.20 a day or £11 for the week.



School day arrangements:

School starts – 9.00am

Morning interval - 10.35 – 10.55 am

****Please remember to provide your child with a snack for break time****

Lunch - 12.30 – 1.10 pm

School Day ends - 3.10 pm

*****Can we take this opportunity to remind you to label all items of clothing*****

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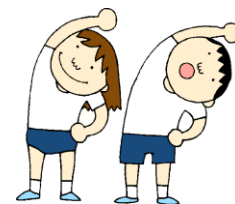


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Physical Education

Our children will continue with the experience of changing into/out of their PE kit at school for the following reasons:



- a) P1-3 pupils are learning to dress and undress independently and learning to manage their belongings responsibly
- b) P4-7 pupils are addressing hygiene and building their confidence to change in privacy

- **PE days will be: P4-7 = Monday and Friday and P1-3 = Tuesday and Friday**
- All children to please bring their PE kit to school on Monday morning.
- Their PE kit will remain in school and will be sent home on a Friday afternoon.
- This will allow all children to participate in PE with their Class Teacher during the week as and when the opportunity arises – if weather changes
- Trainers are required for outdoor PE. If required, these can be brought in or worn on the respective days.
- Ensure your child brings a coat to school daily for both play times and PE as we will continue to have PE outside if the weather permits.

A reminder that under the Dumfries and Galloway 'School Dress' policy, the wearing of football colours in school is unacceptable. Your support is appreciated with this matter.

Parent Council Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 8th September at 5.30pm in school

All parents and families from P1-7 are most welcome to come along so that your voice is heard and you are part of decisions that are made on behalf of your child/ren.

Dates for your diary:

- Parent Council AGM – Tuesday 8th September at 5.30pm in the school hall
- Friday 25th September – whole school trip to Carlisle 'Horrible Histories' – more details to follow.
- P7 Open Evening at Dumfries High School – Monday 28th September at 7 pm.
Hear, see and experience the successful secondary education available at Dumfries High School
- P7 HWB Day at Dumfries High School – date TBC either 29th/30th September
- Caerlaverock Chatter – Thursday 1st October at 2pm – 3 pm.

All parents/carers are invited into school for an informal chat with me over coffee/tea and cake!

All staff are looking forward to another busy year with the children and working with you this session. Any contacts or queries, feel free to contact me through the school office:

Telephone – 01387 – 770237 or email – gw08officecaerlaverock@ea.dumgal.sch.uk

Kind regards

Mrs Karen Scriven and Caerlaverock Staff

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