

Crossmichael Primary School

August 2025 Newsletter

Welcome back to a brand new school year. I hope everyone had a fantastic Summer break, the weather was very kind to us this year and I look forward to hearing from the children about their adventures.

Please ensure all school uniform is labelled. All children should wear a school jumper, we have a number of spare jumpers in school. All children have access to the water fountain please ensure bottles are labelled (no juice please).

School Improvement Plan 2025/26

Each year the school identifies its priorities for improvement. These are identified through ongoing self-evaluation with pupils, staff, parents and the wider school community. This year our school priorities are:

- **Strengthening our School Community and Partnership working.**
- **Improving Learning, Teaching and Assessment**
- **Raising attainment in writing**

Child Protection

The child protection co-ordinator for the school is Mrs Glover. The Depute Child Protection Co-ordinator is Mrs Graham. If you have any concerns regarding Child Protection and safeguarding please contact them via e-mail or by telephone.

Child Protection Co-ordinators have recently taken part in online training for their role and PREVENT training. All school staff will attend a 3 -year Child Protection training evening in November.

Medication in school

If your child requires medication in school you are required to complete a form in order for it be administered by a member of staff and stored within our locked cupboard. All medication needs to be prescribed by a pharmacist with a label. If you require a medication form please contact the school office.

Morning arrivals

We have a breakfast club running **Mon – Thurs from 8:30am – 8:50am**. The playground is supervised from 8:30am. Children should not be dropped off in the playground before this time as there is no supervision.

Partnership Opportunities

This year we have planned some Partnership Days where our Gelston pupils and staff can come to Crossmichael. Our first Partnership day this year will be **Thursday 18th September**. On this day our pupils will come together to learn at Crossmichael Primary. The theme for our first Partnership Day is 'Our Partnership' where we will focus on Health and Wellbeing outcomes linked to building positive relationships.

On this day we have organised children to work in their stage groupings e.g. all P7 together with a staff member.

P7 – Miss Reid

P6 – Mrs Burton

P5 – Mrs Stevens

P4 – Mrs Graham

P1/2/3 – Miss Laurie and Miss Scott

R.E.A.C.H

Respectful Eco-friendly Achieving Creative Healthy

Attendance

We are continuing to emphasise the importance attendance in school has on pupil attainment. Dumfries and Galloway Council's aim for attendance in 24/25 was 94%. Crossmichael's attendance for 2024/25 was 95.5% and this was an increase from the previous year.

Please ensure that your child attends school, unless they are unwell.

Meet the Teacher

Teaching staff will be available next **Tuesday (2nd September) 3-5pm** if there are any questions you have about your child. This is an informal opportunity to discuss your child with their new class teacher.

P6/7 residential – Lockerbie Manor

P6/7 pupils across our partnership will attend their residential trip to Lockerbie Manor on March 16th – 18th 2026. There are some remaining payment dates

- August 29th
- September 26th
- October 31st
- November 28th

If you wish to contact the school office to check on your balance please e-mail or telephone.

We would like to hold a Lockerbie manor information evening on **Tuesday 23rd September 6pm @ Gelston Primary** for all partnership parents and pupils. There will be a short presentation followed by any questions you may have.

Crossmichael Parent Council

Parent Council held their AGM at the end of last session. The Chairperson remains as Ben Wild, secretary as Larissa Wheeler and Treasurer as Lucy Wilson.

The next parent council meeting will be held on **Monday 1st September 2025, 7pm @ Crossmichael Primary School.**

If you wish to contact the Parent Council please e-mail crossmichaelparentcouncil@gmail.com

Minutes of the Parent Council meetings can be found on our school BLOG

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/dg/crossmichael/>

Playpark News

The work on our new playpark is scheduled to begin on Monday 15th September. The playpark is funded by Glenkens Community Trust and will be a used by the whole community out with school hours. We are very much looking forward to the playpark being complete and re-opened and plan to have a grand opening.



Communication with staff

This term we will be working with the school community across our partnership to create a communications policy, outline how the school will communicate with parents and how parents/carers should communicate with staff.

Please ensure that you are communicating with staff via their school e-mail address or via telephoning the school. Facebook messenger or staffs personal Whats app should not be used.

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