



Drongan Primary and Early Childhood Centre Newsletter

August 2026

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you have had a lovely summer and we would like to welcome you and your children to the new school session. I would also like to express a special welcome to all parents and carers of our new Primary 1s. They are already settling in well and our returning children are enjoying getting to know their new teachers.

Partnership with Parents

We look forward to welcoming you into the school during the session for various events and activities. Please keep an eye on the app where there will be information about parent events. I have also attached important dates for your diary for this term, up to the October holiday.

Vision, values and aims

As a school and ECC community we have agreed our shared vision, values and aims. While these are still relevant, we intend to review these later in the session. It is our responsibility to

promote the shared vision, values and aims daily to ensure that our children feel valued and are encouraged to be the best that they can be. We will continue to promote our values of **teamwork, mutual-respect, trust, inclusion, self-belief and resilience** as we work through the session.

Please see attached sheet which details our shared vision, values and aims.

School Gates / Perimeter Fence

For the safety of all children, please remember to close the gates when entering and leaving the playgrounds. The perimeter fence and gates are there to protect the children. Please close the gates using the high slip bolts.

School Uniform

May I take this opportunity to say how smart all our pupils look in their return to school in their uniforms. We are proud of the fact that all our children wear school uniform and thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Please ensure that every item of clothing is clearly named to ensure that we can identify lost items. There will be a lost property rail situated at the front office, which will be added to weekly for parents to check.

We have also collected a lot of used but in very good condition school uniform over the years. This is now being kept in the Community Centre and is available for parents to access there. Please feel free to have a look and take anything that you think could be used.

We will continue to accept any donations of used school uniform, jackets and sportswear that could be used for PE.

Staffing

I am delighted to welcome Miss Wallace, Primary 6/7 class teacher, to Drongan Primary School this session. We are also pleased to have Miss Garrick, Miss Finnigan and Mr Clark back with us in term 1, who are supporting various stages until our interviews have taken place.

Head / Depute Boys and Girls

Well done to all our new school leaders. Our Heads and Deputies, together with the House Captains and Vice Captains will play an important role in wider school life this year.

Our P6 and P7 pupils have already been supporting around the school through various jobs and doing so very responsibly.

Physical Education

Please see below the days that classes will have PE this session:

Primary 1 – Monday & Wednesday

Primary 1/2 – Monday & Wednesday

Primary 2 – Tuesday & Thursday

Primary 3 – Tuesday & Thursday

Primary 4 – Wednesday & Friday

Primary 4/5 – Wednesday & Friday

Primary 5 – Monday & Thursday

Primary 6 Monday & Thursday

Primary 6/7 – Tuesday & Friday

Primary 7 – Tuesday & Friday

Miss Finnigan will take each class for one session of P.E. per week.



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We remind parents / carers that appropriate clothing must be worn during PE activities. Children should have a change of t-shirt, shorts or tracksuit trousers and suitable trainers. We encourage children to leave gym kit in school. Each class can store gym bags and will send home when requested. This ensures all children can actively participate in physical activity, fulfilling the commitment made by the Scottish Government to ensure all children benefit from 2 hours of P.E. each week.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club is now up and running from 8.30am every morning at a cost of 50p per child/family.

Parent Council

All parents are members of the parent forum and are welcome to attend the Parent Council AGM. This is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 1st September at 6.00pm**. New members are always made most welcome, as we continue to encourage parental involvement in the life of the school.

We will remind you of this date nearer the time and let you know how to get involved.

Safer Schools Scotland App

Our main form of communication with parents / carers is via our school app. Please download the 'Safer Schools Scotland' and select Drongan Primary School. The code for parents / carers to gain access is **1383**.



School Improvement Plan Priorities

Thank you very much to those of you who participated in our consultation process by completing the Glow Form questionnaires before the summer. We have also consulted as a staff and with our children, other partners and community links.

I will upload the school improvement plan to the school website over the coming weeks.

Positive Behaviour Policy

At Drongan Primary School, we work hard to create an environment where every child feels safe, respected and valued. We are proud of the high standards of behaviour across our school and are always looking for ways to improve. To help us develop our Positive Behaviour Policy, we would like to hear from parents, carers, pupils and staff. A questionnaire will be shared later this term to gather your thoughts, experiences and suggestions. Your feedback is important to us and will help ensure that the policy accurately reflects our current practice while identifying opportunities for further improvement.

Rights Respecting Schools



We are proud to be a gold accredited Rights Respecting School. We will continue the good work in this initiative to maintain our gold standard. This will be promoted in classes and across the school and we will continue to promote our 'right of the month'.

Class Assemblies

We will continue to hold class assembly presentations this session. Please see the timetable below for each class assembly.

Primary 6	30 th September 2026
Primary 4/5	28 th October 2026
Primary 3	18 th November 2026
Primary 4	27 th January 2027
Primary 2	24 th February 2027
Primary 6/7	17 th March 2027
Primary 1	28 th April 2027
Primary 1/2	12 th May 2027
Primary 5	2 nd June 2027
Primary 7	18 th June 2027



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Wider Achievements in Drongan Primary and ECC

It is always nice to hear about children's achievements out of school. This can range from achievements at clubs or organisations that they go to, or anything else that you feel as being relevant including children contributing to their local community or helping someone out.

If your child has achieved outside of school, please encourage them to inform their teacher and bring any certificates, medals, awards or trophies to school on a Wednesday to share at assembly. Children will have their photograph taken and this will be displayed on our 'Wider Achievement' wall.



Parental and Community Involvement and Engagement

As always, we are looking for parents, grandparents and other family members with specific areas of knowledge or expertise gained through either your area of work, a hobby or a personal life experience. Please notify either clerical assistant; Mrs Millar (meaghan.miller@eastayrshire.org.uk) or Mrs Tait, (rosina.tait@eastayrshire.org.uk)

if you feel that you would be able to support the delivery of an aspect of the curriculum in any way.

Bikes and scooters

We continue to encourage our pupils to walk to school or ECC or travel by bike or scooter. For the safety of all our pupils in the Primary School and ECC please encourage children to wear helmets and to dismount their bike/scooters when they enter the school grounds.

A reminder that that children should not be using electric scooters or bikes to get to school.

Dogs in Playground

Please refrain from bringing your dogs into the school playgrounds. Some children are intimidated by dogs, and they are not permitted in the playground.

Home Lunches

In Drongan Primary School we encourage children to have lunch in the school, whether that be a school dinner or a packed lunch. If your child is going to be a home lunch, please ensure that you send a letter with your child to notify the school.

It is vital that letters are specific about what day/s your child will be a home lunch to ensure that we know when you have given permission for them to leave the school grounds at lunch time.

A new letter should be sent in each week and we cannot accept one to cover a longer period of time.

If a child says that they are a home lunch but does not have written permission, they will not be allowed to leave the school grounds. Clerical staff do not have time to make several phone calls home for pupils who are going out for lunch but have not brought a letter to school. The safety and wellbeing of our children is paramount. Please note that when a child is a home lunch, the school cannot be responsible for their safety once they have left the school grounds.

Please note that due to nut allergies, Drongan Primary is a nut-free school. This includes products such as chocolate spreads that may contain nuts; suitable nut-free alternatives are widely available.

Letters, data checks and photograph permission

Please ensure that all letters, data checks and photograph permission is completed and returned to the school as soon as possible. Further information regarding this will be issued.

Tuck Shop Fridays

Our pupils enjoyed coming to tuckshop on a Friday last year, and it raised invaluable funds for the P7 Enterprise Topic. We will continue our 'Tuck Shop Fridays' this session, starting next week on Friday 28th August. Please keep an eye on the app for messages each week about what will be on offer. All items will remain 50p each.



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School Garden Produce



The garden has been a real success in its second year and we are looking forward to harvesting some more of our produce and using it in school.

We will also have some vegetables available for sale again. When items are available, we will post them on the app with the price. All proceeds will be reinvested next year into replanting our fruits/vegetables.

Attendance / Late Coming

In line with EAC policy we monitor children's attendance and late coming regularly. Please note that we expect children to be in school and ready to learn for 9.00am.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the school office in the morning to leave a message, letting us know why your child will be absent.

We are keen to continue the improvement in attendance percentages this session and will

work with you to support your child attending school.

As stated earlier in the newsletter, please contact the school if you have any concerns regarding your child's education or wellbeing. We will endeavour to work together with you to address any issues that may arise.

Yours sincerely

Tom McFadzean
Acting Head Teacher



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Drongan Primary School and Early Childhood Centre Vision, Values and Aims

Vision

In Drongan Primary School and Early Childhood Centre our vision for all is:

To have a sense of belonging and pride in our local community where everyone is valued and we work together to be the best that we can be.

Values

Within our school, ECC and local community, the values that we feel are important to instil in all are:



Teamwork
Mutual respect
Trust
Inclusion
Self-belief
Resilience



Aims

In Drongan Primary School and Early Childhood Centre our aim is to develop the **four capacities** outlined in Curriculum for Excellence in all of our pupils to prepare them for future life.

We will encourage our children to be:

Confident individuals by promoting self-worth, ambition and resilience

Responsible citizens by promoting diversity, communication skills and confidence

Effective contributors by promoting community spirit, enjoyment and participation

Successful learners by promoting skills development, challenge and engagement in learning



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Dates for your Diary: September – October 2026

September

Tuesday 1st September	Parent Council Meeting / AGM (6:00pm)
Friday 18 th September	Holiday
Monday 21 st September	Holiday
Tuesday 22 nd September	In-Service
Wednesday 23 rd September	Parent Open Afternoon
Wednesday 30 th September	P6 Class Assembly

October

Monday 5 th October	Harvest collection for foodbank will be taken
Wednesday 7 th October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 8 th October	Harvest service - 9:30am
Friday 9 th October	School closes - 3.00pm
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	October Holidays
Monday 19 th October	In-service Day
Tuesday 20 th October	Pupils return
Wednesday 28 th October	P4/5 Class Assembly
Wednesday 28 th October	Halloween Disco (provisional date TBC)
Friday 30 th October	Halloween Activities

Please note that further events and activities will be added, dates are also subject to change.