

# Nether Robertland Primary School August 2025 Newsletter





## Welcome to session 2025/2026

We are excited to welcome back all of our children and young people and families this session. A huge special welcome from Nether Robertland Primary to you all! We hope that you have had a lovely summer and are looking forward to getting back to school this week.

We are also delighted to welcome our new members of staff this week; Mr Palmer (P2P), Miss Kay (P3KG) and Miss Ward (P4W). We also have Miss Day who will be the class teacher in P4H for a period of time.

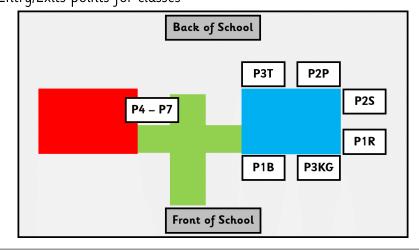






# Start of Session Arrangements

- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August Staff in-service days
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August Pupils return
  - School starts at 9am and finishes at 3.15pm
  - o There will be a 'soft start' between 9am 9.30am for our new P1 pupils
  - Photo opportunity This will be set up in the playground if dry and in the gym hall (Access at back of school) if it is raining
  - o Entry/Exits points for classes



- Letters and sharing of information To keep the school informed and to provide us with important information, we ask that you complete the following forms as soon as possible. The paper copies should be given to your child's teacher. The forms include:
  - Data Check (Paper)
  - Medical form (Paper)
  - Photo permission (App)
  - P1 P3 Pick-up consent (App)
- Pupils are encouraged to come to school prepared to learn with stationery and a gym kit. We also ask that gym kits be kept in school. Please see your child's gym days below.

	Gym Days	
P1B and P1R	Monday, Wednesday and Friday	
P2S and P2P	Monday, Thursday and Friday	
P3T and P3KG	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday	
P4H and P4W	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday	
P5MH and P6GM	Monday, Tuesday and Friday	
P6/7D and P7H	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday	

#### Meet the Teacher

We would like to offer our parents/carers an opportunity to come into school to meet their child's teacher and to receive some important information about the class routines etc. If you can make it along, please come to the main reception on the date and time below for your child's class.

	1.45pm – 2.15pm	2.30pm – 3.00pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	P3T	
	P7H	
Wednesday 27th August	P1R	P1B
	P5MH	P4W
Thursday 28th August	P2P	P2S
	P4H	P6GM
Friday 29th August	P3KG	
	P6/7D	

#### School Lunches

From August 2025/2026, free meals have been extended to all P6 and P7 pupils. This means that ALL pupil can enjoy a free school lunch this session along with free fruit at break and toast in the morning (Rascals door at 8.45am). You will find the three-week lunch rotation (Starting with week two menu) and menus in a variety of places, for ease of access.

- School Blog See 'Parent Zone' and then select 'lunch menus'
- Safer School App See 'Latest News' and select 'lunch menu' category
- Safer School App See 'Staff and School Directory' and the Lunch Menus option will take you to the school Blog page
- ParentPay Online ordering system

## School Building Update

As some of you may be aware from being in our school, there has been an ongoing issue with the ceiling/roof in the GP room. Due to this, some urgent works are required to be carried out. This means that the GP room will be out of use for a period of time. Lunches will continue to be served in the dining hall and another area of the school will be used.

This will also impact on the Rascals service which is provided in our school building. Alternative arrangements will be put in place when the works are being carried out and the service Rascals provide will not be impacted upon.

#### Communication

As a school, we communicate in the following ways:

**App** — To provide instant information that includes calendar dates, messages, news items and ways to communicate with the school. You can also leave an absence message via the app. Last session we introduced a '**Weekly Roundup**'. This is added to the app every Friday and provides useful information about the week past, the week ahead and the following week. The aim of this is to provide parents with reminders and information in advance

**Blogs** — The whole school Blog provides information about all aspects of our school. This session, all classes will have a class Blog. All class teacher will be updating their Blogs regularly and they will now be sharing pupils' success and achievements this way. You will find the link to these from the whole school Blog in the menu tab.

**Teams** — Due to the introduction of the class Blogs, Teams will be used as a teaching and learning tool in the classroom only. Teams will no longer be used as a way of communicating with parents.

**X/Twitter** — The school will no longer have a X/Twitter account.

**Facebook** — To replace X/Twitter, there is a new Nether Robertland Primary School Facebook page. This will be used to enhance communication and to share success and achievement at a whole school level.

**ParentPay** – We operate an online payment service called ParentPay, allowing you to pay for trips and events and to order your child's school lunch. This will be set when your child starts school.

#### Rascals

Rascals Out of School Care is available before and after school for those who require childcare out with the school day. They also offer holiday childcare which operates during the hours of 8am — 6pm. You can contact Abby, the Rascals Manager, on 07949 334945 and manager@rascalsosc.co.uk.

#### Our Vision and Values

We continue to work hard to embed and live by our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Teamwork and Determination in school, at home and in our local community. These are promoted at every opportunity through:

- Values lanyards in every class
- Promotion of our values at every assembly
- Singing our values song at every opportunity
- Whole school commitment to articulating these
- Pupil leadership opportunities to promote our values further
- Encouraged to be lived by at home



# Parental Involvement and Engagement

We are committed to involving and including our parents/carers and families in learning together events and providing opportunities for whole school events. This session, we will be planning additional opportunities. We will also be continuing to have our Meet the Teacher session this term and every class will be planning a Learning Together session in your child's class. See the dates above.

# Diary Dates

Last session we introduced a document that provided diary dates for the session. Parents/carers shared that they found this very helpful so we will be doing the same this session. This will be shared on the school Blog and app in due course.

This term is shaping up to be a very busy one. Our school app will have all of the dates for events this term but I thought it would be helpful to provide these in this newsletter too. Please note that some events may be subject to changes and additional dates will be added to the calendar on our app. If there are changes, this will be communicated through our school app.

## August

Monday 18th August — In-service day

Tuesday 19th August — In-service day

Wednesday 20th August — Pupils return

Tuesday 26th to 29th – Meet the Teacher (See above)

## September

Thursday 4th September – Parent Council AGM at 7pm

Friday 5th September – House Captain speeches

Tuesday 9th September — Personal Learning and Achievement Assembly

Thursday 11th, 18th and 25th and 2nd and 9th October — P4 Bikeability: Introduction

Thursday 11th September – Eco Friendly themed lunch – CANCELLED

Friday 12th September - Class Yearly Overviews on Blogs

Friday 19th September – Holiday

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Holiday

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September – Maths Week Scotland 2024

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September – P1 Parent Workshop

Friday 26th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning (9.30am to 11.45am)

## October

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Super Tattie's Birthday Themed Lunch

Tuesday 7th October — Personal Learning and Achievement Assembly

Thursday 9th October – House Reward

Friday 10th October – Danceathon School Fundraiser

Friday 10th October – Dress as you please

Tuesday 21st October — Pupils Return

## Kind regards, Mrs Beveridge

