



Nether Robertland Primary School

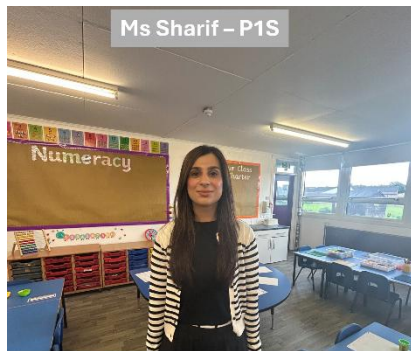
August 2026 Newsletter



Welcome to session 2026/2027

I am excited to welcome back all of our children, young people and families for the new session. A very warm welcome from everyone at Nether Robertland Primary School! I hope you have had a lovely summer and are looking forward to returning to school this week.

We are also delighted to welcome our new members of staff this week: Miss Smith (Principal Teacher), Mrs Ferguson (P7F), Miss Galbraith (P2G), Mrs Patterson (P1P), Ms Sharif (P1S), Miss McLachlan (P7F on Fridays, Targeted Support and NCCT) and Miss Hegarty (Pupil Support Assistant). I am also delighted to share that we now have a new and permanent janitor, Mr Jones.

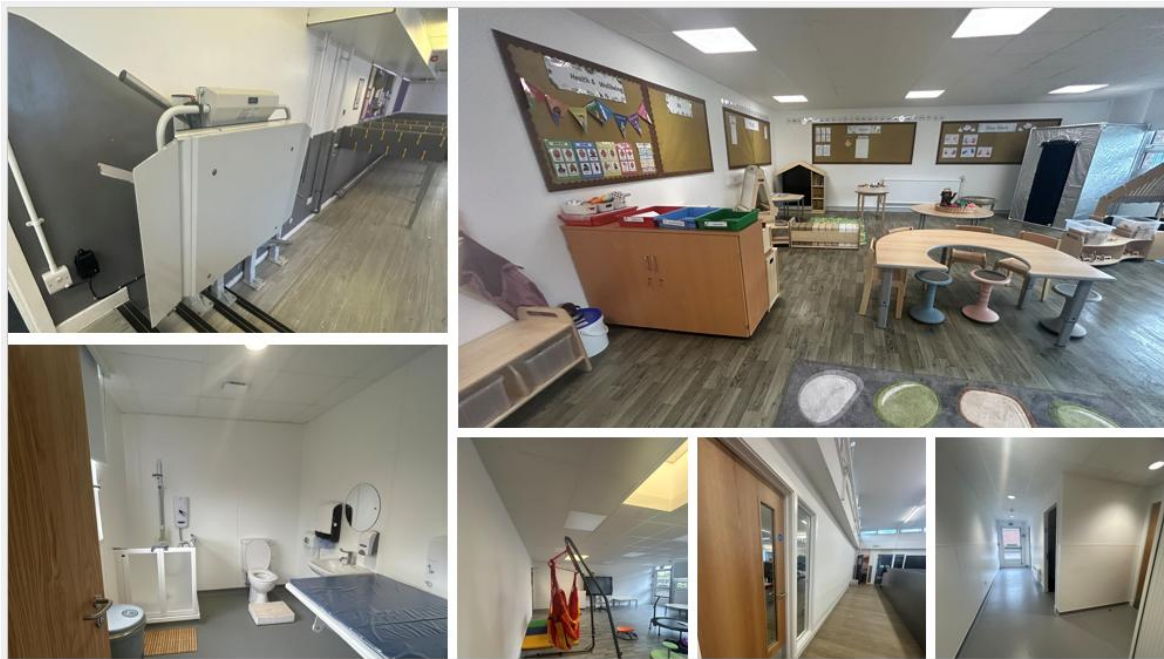


School Works Update

The school has been a busy place over the summer break, with a range of improvement works taking place across the building. We are delighted to now have the following new facilities and enhancements in place. I can't wait for you to see these when you return to school:

- A new classroom for P1P (ASL Class)
- A new playground area for P1P (ASL Class)
- Three accessible toilets
- A fixed stair lift and a portable stair lift to support wheelchair access
- Four upper-school classrooms have been reconfigured with new walls, creating fully enclosed learning spaces

We are very excited about these improvements and the positive impact they will have on our children and staff.



Letters and Sharing of Information

To help us keep our school records up to date and ensure we have all the important information we need about your child, we ask that you complete the following forms as soon as possible.

These forms will be available on the school app, and any paper copies will be sent home in school bags today. Completed paper forms should be returned to your child's teacher.

- The forms include:
 - Data Check (Paper)
 - Medical Form (Paper)
 - Photo Permission (App)
 - P1 to P3 Pick-up Consent (App)

Thank you for your prompt attention and support in completing these forms.

Ready for Learning

To help ensure a positive start to the new session, we encourage all children to come to school ready to learn each day with the necessary stationery and a gym kit. Where possible, gym kits should be kept in school throughout the week. Please see your child's allocated PE days below.

	Gym Days
P1P and P1B	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
P1S and P1/2HW	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
P2G and P2/3S	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
P3T	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
P4H and P4G	Monday, Thursday and Friday
P4/5MH and P5D	Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
P6GM	Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
P7F	Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
P7S	Monday, Thursday and Friday

Meet the Teacher

We are delighted to invite parents/carers into school to meet their child's teacher and receive important information about class routines, learning experiences and expectations for the year ahead.

During the session, teachers will share information about classroom routines, learning and teaching, homework and communication. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

If you are able to attend, please come to the main reception at the date and time listed below for your child's class. We look forward to welcoming you, sharing information about your child's class, and working together to ensure a successful and enjoyable year ahead.

	1.00pm to 1.30pm	1.30pm – 2.00pm	2.20pm – 2.50pm
Monday 31st August		P5D P4/5MH	P1B P7F
Tuesday 1st September		P7S	P2G P4G
Wednesday 2nd September		P2/3S P6GM	P1/2HW P4H
Thursday 3rd September	P1P	P3T	P1S

School Lunches, Fruit and Toast

All children are entitled to a free school lunch this session.

In addition, all children receive free fruit at break time each day. Free toast is also available every morning from 8.45am and can be collected from outside the Rascals door.

You will find the three-week lunch rotation (starting with Week 3) and menus in a variety of places for easy access:

- School Blog – See Parent Zone and then select Lunch Menus
- Safer School App – See Latest News and select the Lunch Menu category

- ParentPay – Online ordering system
- East Ayrshire Council website – <https://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/Schools-Catering/SchoolLunchMenus.aspx>

We encourage all families to check the menus regularly and take advantage of the free meal provision available to every pupil.

Around the World Interdisciplinary Learning

This session, we are excited to launch a whole-school interdisciplinary learning topic: Around the World that will be taking place in term 1.

Each class will explore a different country, learning about its culture, traditions, geography, landmarks, food, language and way of life. Through a range of engaging learning experiences across the curriculum, children will develop their knowledge and understanding of the wider world while making meaningful connections between different subjects.

There will be a Showcase of Learning Around the World in the school and you are invited to come and enjoy seeing and hearing all about the learning that will have taken place. This will take place on Wednesday 7th October, 3.30pm to 5.00pm and we would be delighted if you can join us.

Please see below for the countries the classes will be focusing on.

P1P	Spain	P2/3S	France	P5D	Egypt
P1S	India	P3T	Brazil	P6GM	Australia
P1B	China	P4H	Norway	P7F	UAE
P1/2HW	New Zealand	P4G	Mexico	P7S	Greece
P2G	Italy	P4/5MH	Japan		

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 teachers 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.

Learning Journals – P1P will be using Learning Journals to communicate and share learning. The aim is to have these in place as soon as possible.

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.

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 17 th August – In-service day Tuesday 18 th August – In-service day Wednesday 19 th August – Pupils return Monday 31 st August to 3 rd September – Meet the Teacher (See above)
September
Thursday 3 rd September – Parent Council AGM at 7pm at Nether Robertland Primary Friday 4 th September – House Captain speeches Tuesday 8 th September – Personal Learning and Achievement Assembly Thursday 10 th , 17 th and 24 th and 1 st and 8 th October – P4 Bikeability: Introduction delivered by Active Schools Friday 11 th September - Class Yearly Overviews on Blogs Friday 18 th September – Holiday Monday 21 st September – Holiday Tuesday 22 nd September – Pupils return Tuesday 22 nd to 25 th September – Maths Week Scotland 2026 Thursday 24 th September – P1 and P7 Class Photographs Thursday 24 th September – P1 Parent Workshop, 5pm to 6pm Friday 26 th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning, 9.30am to 11.45am
October
Friday 2 nd October - Super Tattie's Birthday Themed Lunch Tuesday 6 th October – Personal Learning and Achievement Assembly Wednesday 7 th October – Showcase of Learning Around the World Event Thursday 8 th October – House Reward Friday 9 th October – Fundraiser (TBC) Friday 9 th October – Dress as you please Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th October – October holiday Tuesday 20 th October – Pupils Return

Kind regards, Mrs Beveridge