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Dear Parents and Carers

We were delighted to see all our pupil return to Ochiltree Primary for Session 25/26. They all looked incredible in their uniforms: relaxed, refreshed and ready for the new term. We also gave a special welcome to our new P1's who have been amazing, settling in over our first week.

All the teaching staff, including our new teachers Mrs Agnew and Miss Murray, are looking forward to getting to know you all and sharing some wonderful learning experiences this session.

Looking forward we have some key dates for your diary and also information around P.E. days.

PE timetable	
P1/2	Monday/Thursday
P3/4	Tuesday/Friday
P5/6	Monday/Wednesday
P6/7	Tuesday/Thursday
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Please note - pupils should bring soft shoes and shorts on PE days (these can be left in school). We would ask that pupils do not wear team football tops or shorts. Pupil can bring water to drink in class and at PE. Juice will only be allowed at lunch times.

Dates for the diary	
Grow together Cook together	Thursday 18 th September. P7 parents invited pm
	– more to follow
Local Holiday	Friday 19th Monday 22nd Sept
Play & Stay workshops Primary 1/2	Thursday 25 th September
MacMillan Coffee morning in school - all	Friday 26 th September – bought cake & biscuit
welcome	donation welcome
Parents day/night	Thursday 9 th October 3-5pm & 6-8pm
School closed	Monday 13 th -Monday 20th pupils return
	Tuesday 21st October
School Halloween Parties	31st October (pm) come dressed in the morning –
	nothing too scary and no props



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Children in need	14th November - more info to follow
Flu Immunisation	26 th November (pm) – STEM room
Nativity/Xmas Service	Hold the date 12 th December
Panto	Date to be confirmed
Christmas parties	P1-4 Tuesday 16th Dec P5-7 Wednesday 17 th
	December. Early school lunches –come dressed
	for parties.
Close for Christmas	Friday 19 th December at 2:30pm
Children start back after holiday	Monday 5 th January 2026
Burn's Celebration - all welcome	Friday 23rd January 2026
Mental health Week	Week beginning 9th February details to follow
World Book Day	Thursday 5 th March - details to follow
Parents day/night - appt to be arranged	Thursday 26 th March 3-5pm & 6-8pm
Health week including Sports Day	Week beginning 25 th May
Report Cards issued to parents	Friday 29 th May
50 years of Ochiltree PS celebration week	15 th – 19 th June – details to follow
Summer Celebration	Friday 19 th June
School closes	Friday 26 th June at 1pm

There may be times when we have to move dates however, we will endeavour to give as much notice as possible. We also hope to share our learning with you over the year, and these dates will be shared with you as they come up. With enquiry-based learning, play & stay and parent child learning workshops – dates still to be confirmed, it's going to be a busy year at Ochiltree!

Could we remind parents that if there are any changing in pick up routines or school transport to contact the office, this will avoid any confusion at the end of the day or any unnecessary text messages. Ochiltree Primary has an open-door policy and if you have anything you would like to share with us, ideas or issues, we would be delighted to see you. Keep an eye on the app and on the blogs for further details on our activities this session.

Ochiltree continues to be a nut free school. Please ensure your child doesn't bring any snack/lunch items that contains nuts.

We thank all our parents and the parent council for their continuing support, and we are looking forward to working with you all this session and a reminder that we look forward to an excellent session at Ochiltree PS! Our Parent Council AGM is on Wednesday 3rd September (venue to be confirmed).

Denise MacColl and the Ochiltree staff team

Denise Machell