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Dear Parent / Carer,

We are already a few weeks into the new term and teaching and learning is moving forward at pace here at Ochiltree. Please look out for your child's curriculum overview from this term on the blog directly. We also have welcomed Miss Maxine Gorman DHT into the Ochiltree team, and she is enjoying her new role and getting to know our wonderful pupils.

We have a number of new initiatives this term with the role out of Nussy, a film making club and reciprocal readers adding to our curriculum offer.

We continue to develop our excellent lesson across the school with the support of our pupils and embed inclusion at the heart of all we do. Again we would encourage parents to contact us if they have any ideas or areas for consideration as we work to make Ochiltree the best possible school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – Update January 2026

Dates for Your Diary - 2026	
Thursday 22 nd January	Robert Burns Academy staff session with P7s
Friday 23 rd January	Burns Celebration – all parents / carers welcome to attend
Friday 30 th January	Lunchtime Science Club – being held every Friday run by MaidSafe Foundation in school.
Friday 30 th January	P6 Leadership Course
Thursday 5 th February	P5-7 After-school Badminton – run by vibrant communities. Further details to follow.
Friday 6 th February	P6 Leadership Course
Monday 9 th February	School Holiday
Tuesday 10 th February	In Service Day
Wednesday 11 th February	Mental Health Week – details will follow
Wednesday 11 th February	P1 and P7 Dental Health Checks

Thursday 12 th February	P5-7 After-school Badminton – run by vibrant communities. Further details to follow.
Thursday 12 th February	P7 RBA Universal Support Drop-In Session
Friday 13 th February	P7 RBA Second Enhanced Transition
Friday 13 th February	P6 Leadership Course
Thursday 19 th February	P5-7 After-school Badminton – run by vibrant communities. Further details to follow.
Thursday 19 th February	P7 Residential Parents Information Session – 5pm
Monday 23 rd February	Gaelic Week – all classes will take part in Gaelic learning in class.
Saturday 28 th February	Ayrshire Schools Burns Competition – Belmont Academy.
Tuesday 5 th March	World Book Day – details will follow
Thursday 12 th March	Robert Burns Academy staff session with P7s
Tuesday 24 th March	Tempest Photographer
Wednesday 25 th March	P7 RBA 3rd Enhanced Transition
Thursday 26 th March	Parents Day / Evening – sessions at 3-5pm and 6-8pm, appointments will be arranged closer to the date.
Friday 3 rd April	Good Friday and Easter School Holiday
Monday 20 th April	Pupils Return from Easter Break
Monday 4 th May	School Holiday
Wednesday 6 th May – Friday 8 th May	P7 Residential to Inverclyde Sports Centre
Thursday 7 th May	In Service Day
Monday 25 th May	Health Week all week – includes Sports Day (date to be confirmed)
Friday 29 th May	Report Cards – issued to parents.
Monday 15 th June	50 Years of Ochiltree Primary School – week of celebrations. More details to follow.
Friday 19 th June	Summer Celebration – more details to follow.
Friday 26 th June	School Closes 1pm.
2026 / 2027	
Monday 17 th August	In Service Day
Tuesday 18 th August	In Service Day
Wednesday 19 th August	Pupils commence new academic year.

PE Timetable	
P1/2	Monday and Thursday
P3/4	Tuesday and Wednesday
P5/6	Monday and Wednesday
P6/7	Tuesday and Thursday
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 football tops or shorts. Pupils can bring water to drink in class and at PE. Juice will only be allowed at lunch times.	

Please keep an eye on the app and on the blog for further details and updates on our activities this session.

Could we remind parents that if there are any changes in pick up routines or school transport to contact the school office; this will avoid any confusion at the end of the day or any unnecessary text messages / phone calls.

We look forward to seeing you at our events and would encourage you to look out your flairs as we make plans to go back to 1976 to celebrate 50years of the school in June.

Please remember that Ochiltree Primary school has an open-door policy. If you have anything you wish to share with us, ideas or issues, we would be delighted to see you.

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Denise MacColl
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