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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 Nessy, 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**

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

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

<b>PE Timetable</b>	
<b>P1/2</b>	Monday and Thursday
<b>P3/4</b>	Tuesday and Wednesday
<b>P5/6</b>	Monday and Wednesday
<b>P6/7</b>	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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