Burntisland Primary School



Headteacher Update

I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable October break and that you were able to spend some quality time together as a family. We are delighted to welcome all of our children back to school and look forward to another busy and exciting term ahead.

This is always a lovely term at Burntisland Primary School, with lots of wonderful learning experiences, seasonal celebrations and special events planned for our children. We look forward to seeing our pupils continue to develop their skills, confidence and enthusiasm for learning as we move through the term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to sharing all the exciting learning and achievements from across the school in the weeks ahead.

Mrs Louise Gordon
Headteacher

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ALWAYS FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US WITH ANY COMMENTS AND QUERIES

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Parent Contact Meetings

Twice a year we invite you to come in for a meeting with the teacher to discuss your child's progress and learning. The dates for this year will be:

Meeting One: November 2026
Wednesday 11th 3.30-6.30pm or
Monday 16th 3.30-6.30pm

Meeting Two: March 2027
Thursday 4th 3.30-6.30pm
Tuesday 9th 3.30-6.30pm

You will be invited nearer the time to book a 1 to 1 ten-minute appointment nearer the time. These appointments are held in the assembly hall with class teachers.



School Website



We are pleased to launch our new school website.

Burntisland Primary School and Nursery

We have tried to consider the needs of parents and having all information in one, easily accessible place. You will find a link to previous newsletters and other helpful information, including a link to Parents Portal. Newsletters and Groupcall emails will continue, but all key information will also now be available online for easy access.

We also want to promote the use of the Parents Portal App. You can report your child's absence through the app, book parent contact times for parents' night, and view all school events in the calendar, giving you easy access to important dates on your phone. If you are not registered, you will find information about how to do so here: Parents Portal | Burntisland Primary School and Nursery

This is the first step in a review of school communication. Over the coming year, we will introduce Showbie as part of the Transforming Learning project and review our use of Seesaw, MS Teams and Facebook.

We value your views around this important issue. Please explore the new website and complete this survey to share your feedback:

Burntisland Primary School - Communication Feedback



School Photos



After the good feedback from last years school photo's, we have decided to go with Rebecca Lee Photography again this year. Please find attached a copy of the itinerary for the school photo's after the October holidays.



Tuesday 27th October 2026
9.15am: P7
Individuals P1 up to P6
School Siblings, if time allows

9am: Nursery Individuals
Nursery Individuals with Siblings

PM Nursery Individuals
PM Nursery Individuals with Siblings

Wednesday 28th October 2026
9.15am: Primary 7 Year Photo
9.30am: Primary 1 Year Photo
School Age Siblings

All children must come in school uniform both days just in case plans change

Mobile Phones and Digital Devices Consultation

Pupils, parents, carers and school staff are being invited to have their say on proposals to limit the use of personal smart devices in Fife schools.

The consultation, which is now open and runs until 3 November 2026, gives school communities the opportunity to help shape a future Fife-wide approach to the use of smartphones, smart watches and other personal smart devices during the school day.

The consultation follows a report to Fife Council's Education Scrutiny Committee which outlined work undertaken to explore the potential for phone-free schools across Fife and recommended wider engagement with learners and families before any decisions are made.

Fife Council's Education Directorate is seeking views on three possible approaches:

- In-class restrictions - personal smart devices switched off and out of sight during lessons, with controlled access possible at break and lunch times.
- Bell-to-bell restrictions - personal smart devices switched off and out of use throughout the entire school day, including intervals and lunch breaks.
- No personal smart devices in school - devices not brought into school except where an agreed exemption applies.

The consultation has been informed by research, Scottish Government guidance, engagement with school leaders and professional associations, and a review of approaches being used by other local authorities.

Find out more about the consultation here: www.fife.gov.uk/news/2026/council-seeks-views-on-mobile-phones-in-schools

Information on how to take part in the consultation will be available through schools, and the survey link for parents and carers is available via: https://haveyoursay.fife.gov.uk/education/towards-a-smart-phone-device-free-school-parent



Parent Council Update

The Burntisland Primary School Parent Council is delighted to be connecting with more families and finding new ways to support our school community.

Stay connected!
We've launched new Facebook and Instagram pages to make it easier for parents and carers to keep up to date with Parent Council news, events and fundraising activities. You can find us on Facebook at Burntisland Parent Council and on Instagram at @burntislandps.parents. We'd love you to follow our pages, share our updates and get involved.

Get involved and have your say!
We're always keen to hear ideas from parents and carers. Whether you'd like to attend a meeting, share suggestions or help with school events, your contribution is valued. Getting involved is a great way to help make our school community even stronger.
We're planning a series of open Parent Council meetings and would love to see as many parents and carers as possible come along to share ideas, ask questions and get involved!
📅 Proposed dates:
✨ Friday 2 October 9-10am
✨Friday 6 November 3-4pm
✨Friday 29 January 9-10am
✨Friday 19 March 3-4pm
✨Friday 21 May 9-10am
Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to working together to support our school community!

Support our school through the Your School Lottery!
For just £1 per week, you can support the Parent Council's fundraising efforts while having the chance to win prizes. Forty pence from every ticket goes directly to our Parent Council to help fund resources, school trips, activities and events for our children. Scan the QR code or visit the Parent Council Facebook or Instgram page to find out more. Participants must be aged 18 or over.

Save the date – Christmas Fayre! 🎄
Our annual Burntisland Primary School Christmas Fayre will take place on Sunday 29 November, from 12.30pm to 3.00pm, with a relaxed soft start from 12.00pm to 12.30pm. We're looking forward to an afternoon of festive fun for the whole school community!
We're also looking for donations to help make the fayre a success. If you have any good-condition small toys, teddies, stickers, temporary tattoos, clean empty jam jars, Christmas clothing or accessories, or children's books to spare, we'd be very grateful for your support.

Finally, a little reminder to check the school's Lost Property for any missing shoes! There are lots of pairs waiting to be reunited with their owners. Please speak to a member of staff if you need access to Lost Property at the P1 door.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Parent Council. Every contribution, big or small, helps us create opportunities and experiences for our children. We look forward to working together and seeing as many families as possible at our upcoming events!

BURNTISLAND PRIMARY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Come along and soak up the Christmas magic at our festive fayre!

Sunday 29th November
12:30pm – 3:00pm
With a gentle, relaxed soft start from 12:00pm – 12:30pm



HAVE A LITTLE SOMETHING TO DONATE? WE'D LOVE YOUR HELP!

Teddies 🎄 Small Toys 🎄
Stickers 🎄 Temporary Tattoos
🎄 Jam Jars 🎄 Christmas
Clothes 🎄 Books



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Burntisland, Kinghorn & Aberdour
Christmas Food Parcels

CHRISTMAS FOOD PARCELS

FOR BURNTISLAND, KINGHORN AND ABERDOUR RESIDENTS IN NEED

REFERRALS NOW OPEN!

If you or someone you know could benefit from a Christmas food parcel, you can now apply.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE

FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER

AT 5PM

FOOD PARCEL COLLECTION

TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER

On a Roll
from 4pm - 6pm

EACH PARCEL INCLUDES

- Chicken
- Stuffing
- Chipolatas
- Vegetables
- Potatoes
- Trimmings and accompaniments
- A tasty Christmas dessert

APPLY HERE

OR PICK UP A PAPER FORM AT ON A ROLL

THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS AND DONATORS

2026-2027
Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
27& 28 Oct	All School	School photos
29th Oct	All School	Outdoor Learning
11th Nov 3.30-6.30pm	All School	Parent Contact Meeting
16th Nov 3.30-6.30pm	All School	Parent Contact Meeting
13th Nov	All School	In-Service
20th Nov	P2 and P 2/3	Sharing the Learning Assembly
26th Nov	All School	Outdoor Learning
2nd Dec	P5	Sharing the Learning Assembly
16th Dec 9.30-10.30 am	All School	Nativity (P1-2 parents welcome)
18th Dec 1.45-2.45 pm	P6-7	Christmas Party
21st Dec 9.30am	P3-7	Carol Concert (P3-7 parents welcome)

2026-2027
Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
21st Dec 1.45-2.45pm	P1-2	Christmas Party
22nd Dec 1.45-2.45pm	P3-4-5	Christmas Party
22nd Dec 3pm	All School	Last day (3pm finish)
23rd Dec - 5th Jan	All School	Christmas Holdays
6th Jan	All School	Back to school
14th Jan	P7	Sharing the Learning Assembly
4th Feb	P1 and P1/2	Sharing the Learning Assembly
18th Feb	P4 and P4/5	Sharing the Learning Assembly
18th March	P6	Sharing the Learning Assembly
30th April	P3 and P3/4	Sharing the Learning Assembly