It's two ½ weeks into Term 2 and what a lot has happened already, with more exciting things planned!

All events are also on our school webite. You can click the link below or find us at https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/fi/pitteucharwestprimary/

school website

School news

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Miss Donald to the Pitteuchar West Team. Miss Donald is covering Mrs Piggott's maternity post but many of you will recognise her from her time with us previously.

Baby News

Congratulations to Mrs Piggott on the birth of her baby girl. Mrs Piggott and family are loving their new addition and she is just beautiful! We look forward to a visit soon.

Nursery Garden

Our nursery garden revamp continues. We're very nearly there just additions to be added soon. A huge thank you to our partners for their hard work.

The term so far:

We've had a really busy start to term 2, kicked off by a performance of Jack and the Beanstalk by M and M Productions. Everyone enjoyed it so much we immediately booked in for next year's production.

School photographs have been taken. Please share any feedback on the images but we loved the images on the samples sent home.

Hallowe'en Disco: Our hard-working parent council organised and ran another successful disco. It was lovely to see so many families stay for the event. Andy Kane's Disco always get it right with their music choices and fun, as well as a few surprises!

Assemblies and wider achievement:

Thank you to everyone who has shared information about wider achievements. The photos so far will be added to our hall display. Pupils in P6 and P7 can also add their achievements to their MyWorldofWork account using their glow email and password.

Our **Metaskills** focus this term has been on **Leadership** and our value has been **Ambition**. Leadership groups are well underway so look out for our sways and posters created by our pupil voice teams for upcoming events.



Sharing Wider Achievements – Fill in form

Use the QR or the link above to share wider achievement information.

QR codes are also at each wing door.

Photos can be emailed to pitteucharwestps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk

Breakfast News

Magic Makers, from Magic Breakfast will be joining us on the 5th December to see our breakfast in action. They have linked with Noble Foods and will be delivering some games and activities as a gift, recognising the leadership our amazing Breakfast Buddies and children have done to make our whole school breakfast provision so successful.

Taylor Wimpey are also linking with us this term to host sustainability workshops and potential 'make overs' to spaces within the school.



Help!

We would love to have volunteers to help cut the bagels. Our breakfast bagels are provided by the service to be in line with nutritional standards, so purchasing an alternative has not been possible. If you have any time on a Wednesday or Thursday morning and would like to help, please contact the school office.

Transition Events

Transition work for our P7s is well underway. YAP and CLD have been working with our P7s on leadership, wellbeing, resilience and social communication. YAP will continue to support the transition process, including accompanying pupils to Auchmuty for additional visits.

The annual Auchmuty cluster ceilidh is Thursday 13th November, which allows P7s from all cluster Primary schools to meet. It's always a lot of fun! Pupils from Auchmuty will walk with us to the high school so there will be lots of familiar faces when they visit.

Parent Council

The parent council met on Tuesday night for our first Term 2 meeting. Look out for updates on the website and by email.

<u>Christmas Jumper swap and shared learning afternoon</u> Friday 5th December 2pm-3pm Our parent council will be supporting this event in the hall.

Christmas Disco: 11th December P1-P3 5:30pm-6:30pm, P4-P7 6:45pm-7:45pm

Easter Disco: 1st April P1-P3 5:30pm-6:30pm, P4-P7 6:45pm-7:45pm

Kindness Festival – Saturday 20th June . More information to follow.



Pitteuchar West's Big Birthday!

In August 2026, Pitteuchar West will celebrate it's 50th Year since it was officially opened.

In the lead up to this there will be a lot of learning taking place, looking back in time and to the future.

We would love your help with this.

If, like Mrs E Cameron, Miss Donald and me, you were a Pitteuchar West pupil or know someone who was, we'd love you to help us gather photos for displays next term.

Look out for more information as our planning develops.

The academic year 2025-26 School Holidays (all dates are inclusive)

| Holiday description | Start date | End date |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | | |
| Christmas - lasting 12 days | Mon 22 Dec 2025 | Fri 2 Jan 2026 |
| Additional - lasting 2 days | Thu 12 Feb 2026 | Fri 13 Feb 2026 |
| Spring - lasting 15 days | Fri 3 Apr 2026 | Fri 17 Apr 2026 |
| Additional - lasting 1 day | Mon 4 May 2026 | Mon 4 May 2026 |
| Additional - lasting 1 day | Mon 1 Jun 2026 | Mon 1 Jun 2026 |
| Summer - lasting 40 days | Mon 6 Jul 2026 | Fri 14 Aug 2026 |

Christmas Services

Wednesday 17th December

P1-P3 9:30-10:30am

P4-P7 11am-12pm.

(Non-ticketed events)



Christmas Parties

15th December 1:35-3:15pm P6, P6/7 and P7.

16th December 1:35pm P4/5 and P5

17th December 1:35-3:15pm P3 and P4/4

18th December 1:35pm-3:15pm P1 and P2

In-service days (nursery and school closed to pupils)

| School in-service day - lasting 1 day | Fri 14 Nov 2025 | Fri 14 Nov 2025 |
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| School in-service day - lasting 1 day | Wed 11 Feb 2026 | Wed 11 Feb 2026 |
| School in-service day - lasting 1 day | Thu 7 May 2026 | Thu 7 May 2026 |

End of year services and awards/House prizes

Wednesday 24th June

P1-P3 9:30-10:30am

P4-P7 11am-12pm

Please note, this is a week earlier this session, not the last Wednesday of term 4)

Shared learning and Christmas jumper swap

Following the success of last year, we have linked our shared learning and Christmas jumper swap. If you have a Christmas jumper that no longer fits, please hand these to the school office. On the afternoon of the event, jumpers will be displayed in the hall for you to take.

Our Pupil Eco Group are organising this event.

Pupils are free to wear their Christmas jumpers (if wished) for the whole of December for maximum wear!

We do not participate in Christmas jumper day in line with our cost of the school day policy.





