



# Antonine Primary

## Term 3

### Session: 2025/26

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### Head Teacher Update

Dear Parent/Carer(s)

I hope you enjoyed a pleasant mid-term break. It has been a busy start to 2026 and all pupils are well settled back into school routines. This term all classes will be learning about the Global Goals and continuing to extend their knowledge and understanding of Children's Rights alongside developing their Talking and Listening skills as part of our annual Scottish Poetry competition. We continue to issue our family friendly weekly diary, to keep you posted on activities happening in school each week. Also, in the month of March we welcome families to our Pupil Progress meetings to share your child's progress in learning and discuss their next steps. As always, if you wish to speak with myself or a member of the leadership team, please contact us via the office or at drop off or collection at the gates. Please note, that often members of the Senior Leadership Team are also now covering classes and so we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Best wishes,  
*Mr G S Byrne*



### Attendance and Late coming

Improving attendance continues to be a priority for our school. It is important that if children are well, they should be in school. We need to continue to work together to ensure we maximise pupil attendance, supporting our children in achieving their potential. Every day at school counts! **Our current whole school attendance is 89.4 %.** Disappointingly, this is lower than this time last year but is due to a high level of pupils absent through illness in the months of November and December. A number of families will have received letters from the school due to their child's attendance dipping below a certain level. Moving forward it is vital that we continue to work together to improve our attendance rate. **We want to achieve a target of whole school overall attendance of at least 90.5% by June 2026.** A gentle reminder that family holidays should not take place during term time and pupils will be marked as absent for this period. Also, an increasing number of pupils are being collected earlier at the end of the school day. This should only be if the pupil has a medical appointment. If a child is being collected for an appointment within school hours, parents/carers will be asked for a copy of the appointment letter. We appreciate your support and co-operation with these issues.



### Staffing Updates

After over thirty years of service to Education, Mrs Rae will be leaving us at the start of March. Mrs Rae has worked in Drumchapel for most of her career and has taught many of our children and families. We are so grateful for all her years of care, hard work and dedication; we will very much miss her. We wish Mrs Rae all the very best as she embarks on the next exciting chapter of her life. We are also delighted to announce that after a successful interview, Miss Storer has secured the part time post as Principal Teacher in our school. This means that she will continue to teach P7-6 every Monday, Tuesday and Friday, with Ms Jamieson teaching the class on a Wednesday and Thursday to allow Miss Storer to undertake her remit as Principal Teacher.

### Global Goals Focus

In order for our children to develop as Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors, it is important for them to develop their understanding of the Global Goals that focus on ways to protect our environment, promote responsible citizenship and help to make our world a better place. All classes are focusing on a specific Global Goal:

- P1: Global Goal 2 Zero Hunger**
- P2: Global Goal 15 Life on Land**
- P3: Global Goal 15 Life on Land**
- P4-3: Global Goal 1 No Poverty**
- P4: Global Goal 15 Life Below Water**
- P5-4 Global Goal 13 Climate Action**
- P5: Global Goal 15 Life on Land**
- P6: Global Goal 15 Life Below Water**
- P7-6: Global Goal 1 No Poverty.**
- P7: Global Goal 13 Climate Action**





## Curriculum Updates

All families should have received a Class Curriculum News detailing the class learning for this term. In addition to this, we aim to ensure our curriculum offers children a wide range of experiences across the school, including:

- ✚ P1 and P2 will continue with fortnightly sessions from Mrs Stevenson our Youth Music Initiative Teacher.
- ✚ In February P1 will begin blocks of weekly cycling sessions with Drumchapel Cycle Hub.
- ✚ P2 will be receiving First Aid Workshops to support them developing important life skills.
- ✚ P3 will be working with Barclays around Financial Education and will be gifted some free books linked to their current Social Studies focus of the Egyptians.
- ✚ P4/3, P4 and P4/5 are currently working on the Soccer 4 programme every Wednesday for a six-week block.
- ✚ P5-4 and P5 are currently receiving weekly cooking lessons from Totnosh for a block of eight weeks.
- ✚ P6 are undertaking the Clyde in the Classroom Project, which involves hatching fish eggs and looking after them in their own classroom.
- ✚ P7 will be embarking on their five day, four-night residential trip to Dounans Outdoor Centre.
- ✚ P5 – P7 classes will participate in a series of online lessons from the TIE campaign promoting inclusion and Equalities.
- ✚ In March all classes will participate in our Scottish Poetry and Song Celebration.
- ✚ All classes are continuing to develop their knowledge and understanding of Children's Rights, and we are working to embed this across our whole school within our ethos and relationships.
- ✚ All classes are continuing to visit Drumchapel library each month, allowing them access to a wide range of books.
- ✚ Groups of learners will also participate in other programmes, including Impact Arts sessions, Forest Schools, cycling with Drumchapel Cycling Hub, Multisport engagement programme and a range of After School Clubs.
- ✚ Throughout the year all classes now benefit from developing a range of skills as part of our Life Skills, Wellbeing and Achievement Framework, including cycling at P1 and P2, Forest Schools P3, Cooking Lessons for P4-3, P4, P5-4 and P5, Outdoor Adventure for P6 and First Aid skills at P7. This is funded from Pupil Equity Funding and ensures all children are provided with the opportunity to experience a sense of achievement.

## Parent/Carer Helpers and Volunteers

We are looking to create a group of parents/carers that can help us with events and to support on school trips. As a result of updated legislation, all parent/carers helpers have to undergo a PVG check, that will be paid for by the school. If you are willing to participate in a PVG check and are available during school hours to help support events and trips, **please contact the school office on 0141 944 6923.** We are hoping to run our annual summer trips in May/June but need a group of parents to have their PVG checks so they can accompany us. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

## Uniform and Personal Belongings

We are seeing an increase in the number of pupils not wearing their full uniform to school. A reminder that black hoodies and jumpers are not part of our uniform. Also, children should not be wearing football tops into school. As a school we place value on the wearing of uniform for all children to create a sense of togetherness and promotion of our school community. We appreciate your co-operation in ensuring that your child comes to school wearing all parts of the school uniform, thank you. **Also, increasing numbers of children are bringing in toys, dolls and other personal belongings. We would ask that these items are kept at home and not brought into school. This will prevent any upset due to loss or damage. Thank you for your support with this.**

## Scottish Poetry

We have launched our Scottish Poetry Competition, with all classes developing their Talking and Listening skills through this context. The children are currently learning their poems, and they will also be sent home to practise as part of homework this term. Each class has been asked to select a finalist who will perform on stage for our judging panel. All classes will also be learning a Scottish song, ensuring that all children are included and part of the event. **The parent/carers of each class finalist will be notified and invited along to the event which is scheduled to take place on: Wednesday 18th March at 9.30 a.m.**

## World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026.** As part of focus on Reading for Enjoyment all children will receive a book using the £1 book token. Also, children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas and bring in their favourite bedtime story. We will be hosting several reading-based activities on the day to celebrate the power and joy of reading.



### School Security

At the start of term, we issued a reminder of our school security and safety procedures for all visitors entering the school building. A reminder that all parents or carers should only ever enter the building via the Main school entrance and once buzzed in wait at the main reception area. We appreciate your co-operation to help ensure the safety of all our children.

### Head Lice

A reminder that you should regularly check your child's hair for head lice. Please see below for link to website for useful information regarding treatment and prevention. [www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/a-to-z/head-lice-and-nits/](http://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/a-to-z/head-lice-and-nits/)

### P7 Residential Trip to Dounans Outdoor Centre

Our P7 cohort are about to embark on their five day and four night residential trip to Dounans Outdoor Centre, in Aberfoyle. This experience allows the children to develop a range of skills, as well as developing their confidence, self-esteem and resilience. Mrs Harrigan will be hosting a Parent/Carer Information evening on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 4.00 pm** in the school. There will be the opportunity for families to ask questions and gain some insight into what the children will experience on their residential trip. Children should attend with their families.

### Digital Learning: Showbie

All classes now have a Showbie Account, and all families were issued with log in details and instructions in term 2. Classes are now starting to post some photographs of learning and class Curriculum Newsletters on this digital platform. In order to support family engagement with this, Miss Storer will be running a Showbie workshop for families on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00 pm in the school dining hall**. This will give an overview of how we are using Showbie and the opportunity for any questions or provide technical support to log in etc. We look forward to welcoming as many families as possible.

### Scholastic Book Fayre

Scholastic Book Fayre will be available to visit during our pupil progress meetings. Families will have the opportunity to purchase books, but payments will be debit or online card methods only.

### Parent Portal and Pupil Progress Meetings

Over half of our families are now registered on Parent Portal and a such can now access our new online booking system for Pupil Progress Meeting appointments. Thanks to all families who have now successfully booked their appointments electronically. We are aware that there are a few teething problems with the new system, but we appreciate your patience and co-operation as we work hard to address any technical issues. For families that have still not signed up, paper copies of letters to make appointments are coming home in bags. It is our aim that for next session all families are signed up to Parent Portal.

### Communication with Staff

We enjoy very positive parent/carer and staff relationships in our school. A reminder that our school value of respect is one that we want everyone to model for our children. We appreciate that sometimes a parent or carer may be unhappy with a particular situation, however, I would ask that no parent or carer uses offensive language or displays inappropriate actions to any member of school staff. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with this.

### P1 New Entrant Transition Programme

We were delighted to welcome our new P1 catchment entrants and their families to the first of two Stay and Play sessions this term. Our next Stay and Play in Antonine will take place on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 1.30 -2.30 pm**. All catchment registered families will soon also receive a letter inviting them to individual meetings with either Mr Byrne or Mrs Peffer as part of our P1 transition programme.

### Equalities Ambassadors Update

Our Equalities Ambassadors will be leading on events to celebrate International Women's Day in school on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. The Representatives will also attend Women of Wonders' International Women's Day events at the local Community Centre. All children and staff are also invited to wear something purple to school.

### Pupil Council and Rights Knights Update

Our Pupil Council and Right Knights worked with the local community regeneration and planning team on designs for new playparks in Drumchapel. It was great for the children to have their views and opinions listened to and their designs will be displayed in our local library as part of the consultation process. Also, our Pupil Council have surveyed classes and ordered new playground equipment bags funded by money raised at our School Christmas Fayre.



# Term 3 Diary Dates

## February to April 2026



Here is an overview of key events for this term. We will also issue a Monthly Calendar with additional information at the start of each month.

Date	Event Information
<b>February 2026</b>	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Totnosh Family Cooking club 3.00 -4.00 pm. Two further sessions on Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March. Spaces are limited and places must be confirmed by school.
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	P5-4 Drumchapel Library visit
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	P4-3 Drumchapel Library visit
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	P4 Drumchapel Library visit
<b>March 2026</b>	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Parent/Carer Pupil Progress Meetings 3.30 -6.00 pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	World Book Day. All children to receive a book and Children can come to school dressed as their favourite character or in pyjamas with their favourite bedtime story.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	P7 Dounans Residential Trip Parent/Carer Information Session 4.00pm.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	International Women’s Day. Equality Ambassadors leading on activities and taking part in G15 and Women of Wonder event at Local Community Centre.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	New P1 Entrants Stay and Play Session 2 1.30 -2.30 pm.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Parent/Carer Pupil Progress Meetings 3.30 -6.00 pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Scottish Poetry and Song Competition Final 9.30 am <b>Parents/Carers of finalists only to be invited.</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Showbie Parent/Carer workshop in school dining hall 2.00 pm.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026.	P7 Residential trip to Dounans Outdoor Centre.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026	<b>School Closes for Spring Break at 2.30 pm. School re-opens on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.</b>