



Antonine Primary

Term 1

Session: 2026/27

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Head Teacher Welcome



Dear Parent/Carer(s)

Welcome to our first newsletter of session 2026/27. I hope you all enjoyed the summer break - we are looking forward to a great year ahead in Antonine Primary. We are delighted to welcome back all our children, staff and families, with a special welcome to all new members of our school community who have joined us this session, including our new Primary 1 pupils. I have been very impressed to see how quickly the children have settled and are reconnecting with their friends and school staff. As always, if you wish to speak with myself or a member of the Leadership Team, please make contact via the school office or at drop off/pick up. We will do our best to get back to you as soon as we can.

Best wishes,

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Mr G S Byrne



Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome five new members of staff to our school community. Miss Gibson is supporting across our infant department and sharing P1b with Mrs Peffers teaching the class on Thursdays and Fridays. At P3 we welcome Mrs Chesney, a new permanent member of our teaching team. At P4-3 we welcome Miss Burgess who will be sharing the class with Mrs Finlay. Mrs Green and Mrs Ibrahim have also been assigned to us on a permanent basis as Support for Learning workers. I have attached a copy of our staff list for this session.

Please see below key contacts within the leadership team:

P1: Mrs Peffers Principal Teacher

P2 - P4: Mr Byrne (Head Teacher) and Mrs Campbell/Mrs Matheson Principal Teachers.

P5 - P7: Mrs Harrigan (Depute Head Teacher) and Miss Storer Principal Teacher.

Mrs Harrigan is our ASN Co-ordinator across P1 – P7.



Our Values

RESPECT

TEAM
PLAYER

KINDNESS

PUPIL VOICE

AIM
HIGH

School Procedures and Organisation

As we begin a new session, I have included some reminders of school procedures.

Pick Up and Drop Off: School starts at 9.00 a.m. and there is an adult presence in the playground from **8.45 onwards**.

Pupils should not be in the playground before this time. For Pupils in P1 – P3 we operate a soft start with children coming into school from 8.45am. Primary 1 pupils finish school at 2.55 pm, with P2-P7 pupils finishing at 3.00 pm. Parents and carers should drop children off at the school gates, not entering the playground. **Can I ask that all parents/carers respect the yellow zig-zags and please do not park on them at either drop off or collection.** Local Police and parking attendants will be visiting routinely. Let's work together to keep everyone safe by parking responsibly. At home time, pupils in P1- P3 are released from the infant gate, with pupils from P4-3 -P7 mainly exiting via the Halgreen gate. Across P1 -P3 teachers only release a child when they have identified the adult that is picking them up. I appreciate this can take time but it is important that the safety of the children is the main priority. Thank you for your continued co-operation with this.

Communication: Our main method of communication is through use of Group Call (E-mail). We also use text messages, School X account (Twitter feed) and our Parent Council Facebook page. We have our 'Family Friendly' diary, which is emailed out every week, providing an overview of events and activities that are happening in school. A school newsletter, along with a 'Class Curriculum News' are also issued each term. Each class also has an online class Showbie page, that



School Procedures and Organisation (continued)

teachers and pupils will post photographs or examples of pupil work each term to share their learning. We are finalising our 'Annual Calendar' and a copy of this will be e-mailed out. To promote sustainability, we will now rarely send paper copies of letters etc. home but are happy to issue paper copies if required.

We will host an Open Afternoon in September alongside Parent/Carer meetings in October and March with a final written Pupil Progress report in June. Please ensure that the school have your most up-to-date contact details, including e-mail address, and if there are any changes, please contact the school office to let them know.

Attendance: Attendance plays a key role in supporting your child's progress with their learning. This year we will continue to have a specific focus on attendance as part of our school improvement plan and will be targeting support to improve attendance across the school. **Please note that family holidays should not take place during term time.** Our whole school attendance target is **91.5 %** or above. We do also recognise that, from time to time, children become unwell and are unable to come to school. It is important that if your child is unable to attend then you contact the **centralised absence reporting line: 0141 287 0039**. If you are unable to get through on this number, then please contact the school office on: **0141 944 6923** from 8.30 am onwards. **Children should NOT be collected early from school unless they have an appointment.** Please ensure that if you are collecting your child for an appointment, you bring a copy of the appointment letter to school. Every minute of learning time counts and having excellent attendance at school is so important in helping all our children achieve their potential.

Uniform: We are delighted to see our pupils dressed in full school uniform. Pupils wearing uniform helps to promote a sense of community and togetherness. **Our expectation is that children are dressed in school uniform every day.** Pupils should bring their P.E kits and get changed in school on their P.E days. Our gym hall floor has been resurfaced and in order to preserve it, we are requesting that all children bring a pair of indoor shoes for gym. **A reminder that no jewellery should be worn to P.E. and it is easier for pupils not to wear jewellery on days they have gym. Please note the Local Authority Policy is that taping of earrings or piercings is not permitted. No football tops/strips or logos to be worn to gym or in school.** A letter with P.E days etc. was issued at the start of this term. Please ensure that all items of uniform are labelled with your child's name and class. This makes it easier to locate belongings should they be lost in school. We have a lost property box near the main office. Parents should only access this via the main school entrance and report to the school office.

School Lunches: Children in P1 -P7 are all entitled to free school meals. We would also encourage all families across P1 -P7 who are entitled to Clothing and Footwear grants to please apply for this each session. School lunches should be ordered electronically via Parent Pay. All families should be able to access this.

*****As of September 2026, school lunches must be ordered at home in advance by parents/carers via Parent Pay. School will not be routinely ordering pupil lunches each morning, as this is taking time away from learning and teaching. *****

Please contact the school office if you need any help in registering/using Parent Pay. Fuel Zone Menus are posted on our Parent Council Facebook page and Tweeted weekly, they have also been e-mailed out to all families.

Healthy Eating

We aim to promote healthy lifestyles and as such encourage all pupils to bring healthy snacks to school. Pupils are only allowed to drink water in class. We also have water coolers, so they can refill in school.

A reminder that fizzy drinks, including energy drinks (Prime etc.) are not permitted in school.

We have several children in school with moderate to severe allergies and as such are an ALLERGY AWARE School.

Snacks containing nuts are not allowed, this includes: Bueno bars, Nutella spread in sandwiches and satay sauces.

Thank you for your support with this.



Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

A reminder that **children should NOT bring their mobile phones or electronic devices into school, including smart watches or electric scooters.** If a mobile phone is brought in, it should be handed into the school office and collected at the end of the school day. Pupils should not be using their mobile phones during the school day to contact parents. If a child brings an electric scooter, families will be contacted and asked to come and take it away, due to Health and Safety. We appreciate your co-operation with this.



School Security

Keeping our children safe is the responsibility of all staff and school stakeholders. **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. On pressing the buzzer, you will be asked to confirm your identity before being allowed in, this is standard procedure.** Also, parents/carers should not be approaching the children at the school fences at breaks or lunchtimes and we appreciate your co-operation with this.

Curriculum Updates

All classes will issue a Curriculum Newsletter e-mailed out at the end of this week with an overview of the class learning for this term. In addition to this please see additional information on our curriculum:

- ✚ P1a, P1b, P2 and P3-2 will be receiving fortnightly music sessions from our YMI Instructor throughout the whole of this academic year.
- ✚ P1 and P2 classes will all receive cycling sessions from Drumchapel Cycle Hub across the course of this year. This is already underway for a group of our P2 pupils.
- ✚ P3 are participating in the Forest Schools Programme, with all children receiving a three-week block at Garscadden (Bluebell) Woods in Spring 2027.
- ✚ P4-3 and P4 will be receiving a block of cooking workshops with Totnosh, learning how to make some delicious dishes. These will begin in October and run through till Christmas.
- ✚ All P5 pupils are already visiting Drumchapel Pool every Tuesday for a 10-week swimming block.
- ✚ P6 pupils will be undertaking a STEM Air Quality Project in October, working with scientists and engineers.
- ✚ P7 will participate in the Sense Over Sectarianism Project as well as their P7 Residential trip to Blarivadach Outdoor Centre. They will also receive a block of instrumental tuition from Celtic Connections.
- ✚ All classes across P1 -P7 will visit our local Drumchapel Library (Hecla Avenue) every month as part of our work this year on promoting Reading for Enjoyment. This will start Sept'26.
- ✚ P2 – P4 classes will continue to visit our Discovery Den each week to develop important meta skills, including creativity, problem solving and teamwork. Each class will also have an investigation station to promote enquiry-based learning.
- ✚ P5 -P7 classes will continue using Showbie, a digital learning and teaching tool, as we develop our approaches to digital learning.
- ✚ This year all classes will have Science, Expressive Arts and Modern Languages delivered by:
P1 – P3 Miss McDonald
P4 and P4-3 Mrs Finlay
P5 - P7 Ms Jamieson
 Classes that have two teachers, share responsibility for covering the above curricular areas.

Flu Immunisation Programme

The annual flu immunisation programme will take place in school for pupils in November 2026. Letters were issued last week and we ask that all forms are returned as soon as possible. Only pupils with returned and completed consent forms will receive the treatment which is a nasal drop and not an injection.

Communication with Staff

We enjoy very positive parent/carers 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.

Life and Ethos of the school and Opportunities for Personal Achievement

Rights Respecting School: As a Silver Rights Respecting School, we are now on the journey to Gold and will be working hard to achieve this within the next eighteen months. Every class are currently creating their class charters, and each class will take the lead on an aspect of Children's Rights and Citizenship as part of our commitment to promote pupil voice and leadership for all pupils. This session we will also be examining our role as Global Citizens and how we can make a difference in upholding the Rights of others. We will also be creating a whole school Charter, involving families. Mrs Matheson will be continuing to lead on this school improvement priority and communication around our whole school charter will be sent out shortly.

House System: Our House System is an important initiative to help promote our school values and allow greater opportunity for both pupil leadership and pupil voice. Our four houses are: Emerald, Ruby, Sapphire and Topaz. Elections were held last Friday and congratulations to all our newly elected Captains and Vice Captains. Also, well done to all pupils that put themselves forward, we are proud of you all.



Celebrating Achievement: Within school, we regularly celebrate achievement and success. Weekly certificates are issued at assembly including Confident Individuals, Successful Learners, Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors. Children also gain certificates for displaying our values, having a positive Maths Mindset and achieving Writer of the Month. Alongside certificates, we are delighted to hear about our pupils' success outside of school. If your child has won any awards or been able to achieve success in a club or activity, then please encourage them to share that with us. We will promote this through use of our school Twitter(X) page and issue them with an Antonine Wider Achievement Certificate to recognise their success.



Term 1 Diary Dates

August to October 2026



Please find an overview of key dates for this term. Please note, we may add additional dates and will update you through our communication channels.

Date	Event Information
August 2026	
Thursday 20th August 2026	School Photographs, Individuals and school siblings, P1 and P7 class photos.
Friday 28th August 2026	House Elections for Captain and Vice Captains in school.
September 2026	
Monday 7th September 2026	P1 and P2 Lunchtime Toothbrushing begins. This will take place Mondays and Fridays supported by Child Smile and our P7 pupils.
Wednesday 9th September 2026	Glasgow Evening Times photographer in School for 'P1 First Year at School' photographs 1.30pm. Date of publication in the newspaper will be confirmed.
Thursday 24th September 2026	Whole School Open Afternoon. We welcome families into school to have the opportunity to visit your child's class and take part in some Numeracy and Maths learning as part of Maths Week Scotland. P1- P4 families 1.15 – 2.00 pm and P5 – P7 families 1.30 -2.15 pm.
Friday 25th September to Monday 28th September	School CLOSED for the September weekend. School will re-open on Tuesday 29 th September.
October 2026	
Thursday 1st October 2026	Pupil Progress Meetings 6.00 -8.30 pm appointments will be available to book via Parent Portal.
Tuesday 6th October 2026	Pupil Progress Meetings 3.30 -6.00 pm appointments will be available to book via Parent Portal.
Friday 9th October 2026	Inset Day 3, school CLOSED to pupils.
Monday 12th to Friday 16th October 2026	October School holiday. Pupils and staff return to school on Monday 19th October for the start of term 2.



School Term Dates 2026-27

August

- Monday, 10th August 2026 (Return date for Teachers & In-Service Day)
- Tuesday, 11th August 2026 (In-Service Day)
- Wednesday, 12th August 2026 (Return date for Pupils)

September

- Friday, 25th September and Monday, 28th September 2026 (September weekend holiday)

October

- Friday, 9th October 2026 (In-Service Day)
- Monday, 12th to Friday, 16th October 2026 (October Week)

December - Christmas and New Year

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 18th December 2026
- Monday, 21st December 2026 – Monday, 4th January 2027 (Christmas holidays)

January

- Schools return on Tuesday, 5th January 2027

February mid-term break

- Monday, 15th February 2027
- Tuesday, 16th February 2027
- Wednesday, 17th February 2027 (In-service day)

March – Easter Bank Holiday

- Friday, 26th March 2027 (Good Friday - school closed)
- Monday 29th March 2027 (Easter Monday – school closed)

April - Spring Holiday

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 2nd April 2027
- Monday, 5th April - Friday, 16th April 2027 (Spring Break)
- Schools return on Monday, 19th April 2027

May

- Monday, 3rd May 2027 (May Holiday)
- Thursday, 6th May 2027 (In-service day)
- Friday, 28th May 2027 and Monday, 31st May 2027 (May Weekend)

June

- Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Friday, 25th June 2027





Our Staff Team

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Senior Leadership Team

Head Teacher	Mr G Byrne
Depute Head Teacher	Mrs K Harrigan
Principal Teacher	Mrs G Campbell
Principal Teacher	Mrs C Peffers
Principal Teacher(s)	Mrs J Matheson/Miss E Storer

Teaching Staff

P1a	Mrs D Colquhoun	P5a	Mrs A Templeton
P1b	Mrs C Peffers/Miss L Gibson	P5b	Miss S Kinnear
P2	Miss M Fraser	P6	Mrs A Murray
P3-2	Ms L Nicholl	P7-6	Miss E Storer/Miss S Jamieson
P3	Mrs A Chesney	P7	Ms K McCabe/ Miss E Hughes
P4/3	Miss M Burgess/Mrs E Findlay	NCCT	Miss A McDonald (P1-P3) Mrs E Findlay (P4 and P4-3) Miss S Jamieson (P5-P7)
P4	Mrs G Campbell	Wellbeing Support	Miss E Hughes (Mon-Thurs)

Support for Learning Workers

Mrs J Brady
Mrs L Brown
Ms A Dobbie
Mrs L James
Miss L McGeever
Miss K McPhie
Mrs I Peebles
Mrs D Green
Mrs M Ibrahim

Raising Attainment and Targeted Support

Mrs J Matheson (Mon – Wed 0.5)
Mrs C Peffers (0.4)
Mrs J Lang (0.4)
Miss E Storer (0.2)
Miss L Gibson (0.4)

Catering Assistants

Ms I Quail (Catering Manager)
Mrs E Agnew
Mrs N Barclay
Ms S D'Arcy
Miss C Morton
Mrs I Richford
Ms E Nicol
Breakfast Club
Ms C Swift
Ms A McGeogh

Clerical Staff

Mrs J Bradley
Mrs J Appleby

Janitor

Mr M Lawson

Cleaning Staff

Ms Swift
Ms Gourlay
Mrs Wright
Miss McIntosh
Mrs O'Donnell

School Crossing Patrol

Mrs T Elsby

Active Schools

Mr M O'Mara