



Battlefield Primary School

August 2025 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to welcome back all our pupils and staff team after our summer break. I hope you all had a fantastic time and managed to enjoy some of the good weather we had! Our school is buzzing with positive energy and excitement for the new session ahead. We have so many exciting opportunities for our children to be involved in this year, we can't wait to share with you. It was lovely to greet all our new Primary 1 pupils and to see them and all our other pupils in their smart school uniforms.



Meet the Teacher

Our annual 'Meet the Teacher' event here in school is due to take place on Wednesday 27th August from 3:15-4:15pm. We are delighted to be able to once again invite you in. Children will be dismissed at 3:00pm and you are invited to then return to the classes with your child/ren from 3:15-4:15pm.

This is a drop-in session where you are all invited to visit the class/es of your child/children across the school. Teachers will be on hand to give everyone general class information and to show you their rooms. We hope you are able to join us.

Staffing

Our current staffing is as follows:

Primary 1a – Sarah MacFie & Laura McIlwaine

Primary 1b – Tahira Couborough & Susan Osborne

Primary 2/1 – Debbie Logan

Primary 2a – Francesca Mackay

Primary 2b – Paige Mullen

Primary 3a – Maya Candido

Primary 3b – Catherine Holmes & Susan Osborne

Primary 4a – Christine Bradai

Primary 4b – Rachel Lithgow

Primary 5 – Hayley Hughes

Primary 6/5 – Christine McCarroll

Primary 6a – George Phillips & David Shand

Primary 6b – Ian Glendinning

P7a - Louise Thompson

Primary 7b – Louise Sykes

Nurture – Lauren Currie

GCC EAL – Eirinn Proctor

NCC – Clare Draffen & David Shand

New Staffing

I would like to say a very warm welcome to our new members of teaching staff listed above and also to our new support for learning worker, Natalie Scanlon. I am sure you will all join us in welcoming these new members to the team!

Crossing Patroller

We are delighted to welcome our new crossing patroller, Richard Collins, to our team as this is a vacancy we have been working to get filled for some time now. The Parent & Pupil Council have worked hard to try and get this vacancy filled and we were hugely supported by a friend of the school, Mr Ralph Green, who tirelessly campaigned on our behalf and got Richard appointed. Thank you so much for your support, our families and children are safer as a result of all your efforts.



Exciting News!

We are very excited to announce that this session we have been able to respond to parent and carer Pupil Equity Funding feedback on music provision in the school and as a result have purchased a number of stringed instruments which will be

taught across the school in the years to come. We have employed a 'Baby Strings' tutor, Rachel Wilson, from Glasgow's CREATE team who will deliver music sessions to P2, 3 & 4 classes this year and our P5-7 classes will be introduced to playing the ukulele as Mrs Draffen will now cover music across the school, as well as keeping up the French. P1 classes will again receive tuition from the Youth Music Initiative who will collaborate with our tutor to gear her sessions towards the next stage in P2 of playing our instruments. Our vision is that all children will have learned how to read music and play an instrument by the time they leave us in Primary 7. We will have two concerts this session for parents & carers to come in and hear us perform, so get these dates in the diary. Our Winter Concert will take place on 10th December at 9:30am. Our Summer Concert will take place on the 3rd June 2026 at 9:30am. We would be delighted if you could join us at either/both of these.



STRUT Kidz

We are also delighted to work with a new partner organisation that one of our parents works with. They have kindly offered to give us a series of dance workshops for our upper school pupils in Primary 6. STRUT Kidz is an exciting dance and projection experience designed as a procession and dance party. It culminates in a celebratory show that families can enjoy from the playground and school hall. Children will be invited to participate in ten weeks of expressive dance workshops where they can harness the power of freestyle dance as a universal expression of freedom and joy, alongside animation workshops.

The workshops will culminate in an **after-school dance performance** in the playground and school hall. This final event will also include interactive games, a family-friendly disco, and delicious free snacks. You can see highlights from their pilot project with Cuthbertson Primary here: <https://www.m-hz.co.uk/strut-kids/> We can't wait to see our pupils 'strut' their stuff at our performance at the end of November, more details to follow soon.

Playground Developments

After huge support from our Parent Council, our fundraising parent marathon runners, our enterprising pupils and of course all our families who have donated time and money, we have managed to reach the Parent Council target to get a Trim Trail ordered which will be installed in the front playground this school session. Work is due to start on this the week beginning 25th August. We can't wait to see all our children enjoy this new outdoor resource. Alongside this development we have also used our Pupil Equity Fund to employ a fabulous company, Sewing Seeds, who are currently installing a Loose Parts Play area for us to develop a variety of skills- in pupils. During the summer they also installed a beautiful buddy bench in the infant playground which our new P1 & P7 buddies used at break this week. It is fantastic to see our outdoor areas starting to be developed and we would like to thank you all for your support in this.



Library Makeover

As our local library is currently closed and being improved, we thought we could do the same here in Battlefield, so our library champions Miss Thompson & Miss Mackay are currently giving our own library an exciting makeover. Reading is so important to us all here in Battlefield and so many of our learners have a real passion for books, so we wanted our library to reflect the love we have for the joy of reading. We look forward to showing this off to you in the coming weeks and our Librarians will be planning lots of activities for our pupils for the session ahead.

STEM Developments

Mr Glendinning is continuing to develop our Science & Technology in the school and this session plans for our STEM Ambassadors to continue to teach the school that art of coding with our Lego Spike sets. We are hosting teacher training in the coming months to further develop this area in the school. Our STEM Ambassadors in P7 and this year in P6 will be demonstrating their skills across the school and we can't wait to see what they achieve!



Global Storylines

Later on this session our staff will be trained by WOSDEC (West of Scotland Development Education Centre) in the teaching of Global Storylines, which we are really keen to develop in the school. Global Storylines is a creative, drama-based educational approach focused on Global Citizenship. It uses storytelling and role-playing to explore complex global issues and their connections to the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) and [Human Rights](#). The program encourages active student participation and aims to develop global awareness, critical thinking, and a sense of agency among learners. **Subject Focus:**

Global Citizenship, Global Interdependence, Sustainable Development Goals, Human Rights, Social Justice, Climate Change.

Annual Flu Vaccinations

The date for our school Flu vaccinations is the 18th September. Children will be issued with permission letters next week so please ensure you return these to the school as soon as possible.

P1 Parentpay

The office staff are currently working on assigning Parentpay links to all our P1 pupils. Please keep an eye on your emails to ensure you don't miss this link.

We Need Your Help

We are appealing to all our parents and carers for support at drop off and pick up times. We urge parents and carers not to be in the playground at drop off and in particular at pick up at 3pm as children and teachers are finding it very difficult to see who is collecting them. If all parents and carers follow this then it should make collecting children much easier, thank you.

Child Protection

If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of any of our pupils please report these to our Child Protection Co-ordinators. **Mrs Stacy Wilson (Head Teacher)** is the first point of contact for Child Protection in Battlefield. In her absence our **Deputy Child Protection Co-ordinators are Mrs Laura Imrie, Mrs Natalie McKay & Ms Louise**

Flanagan. Mrs Wilson is also our **Care Experienced Co-ordinator** and is responsible for monitoring any children in the school who are looked after or in foster care.



Nut Allergies

We have a number of children in our school who have severe nut allergies. Please help to keep all pupils safe and **DO NOT SEND** snacks or foods into school containing nuts. We have had a number of questions already about which products contain nuts. Can I ask that if you have any doubt at all that you send in an alternative as we must ensure that our vulnerable children are not put at risk. Thank you!

Allergy Aware School



Water Bottles

We encourage children to drink water during the school day to help with their concentration and learning. Children should bring a water bottle to school with them, every day. The dinner school has reduced the use of single use plastics so no longer give out cups. Water bottles must be taken home at the end of each school day and be refilled.

Medication



Glasgow City Council policy states that no medication (prescribed or non-prescribed) can be either self-administered or given voluntarily to your child by school staff without your prior written agreement. The relevant forms can be obtained from the school office. Please ensure you fill these in.

Physical Education

Glasgow City Council guidelines state that **"It is important that pupils come prepared to learn and for PE this requires appropriate clothing. All jewellery should be removed."** If your child has their ears pierced please either remove their earrings on the days they have PE (or a sporting club) or ensure that they are able to do this for themselves. Staff are not able to assist with the removal and insertion of earrings. Unfortunately, taping over earrings does not provide the same degree of protection as removal. Earrings worn to school should be small and not dangly as these can cause injury in the playground when children are running around and playing games.



If you are unsure about which days your child has PE, please check with us as we'll be very happy to let you know.

Can you also ensure that your child has shoes appropriate for PE on their PE days. Children should wear either black plimsols or trainers so they are able to take part properly. Boots and school shoes, brogues etc. are not suitable for physical activity in the hall.

Absence Reporting

When reporting your child as absent please make sure that you contact the absence reporting team.

The contact details for the absence team are: 0141 287 0039 or <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence>

Once you have set up your Parent Portal account absences can also be reported through that.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE HEADTEACHER TO REPORT ABSENCES. You should only notify the school in writing (email or note) if you intend to remove your child from school for holidays, etc. You will be asked to come into the office and fill out a slip which details the dates of any holiday. If you need help getting your child to school please contact Mrs Wilson who is able to support with this.



Visiting the School Building

Just a reminder that if you need to visit the school for any reason you should buzz the main entrance buzzer and then report directly to the school office. Children have again been reminded not to open doors to anyone outside so if this does occur, please report this to office staff. No parents or carers should be moving around the building unless they have been registered with the office and issued with a visitors' badge. Please support us in following these procedures.

Outdoor Learning

Here at Battlefield we encourage as much learning outdoors as we can. Therefore, your children may be outside on cold or wet days. Please ensure you send your child to school dressed for all weather conditions. This will help keep them warm and dry as they play and learn. This session we are delighted to include Loose Parts Play into the class timetables as our partners from 'Sewing Seeds' have created an amazing den building and play area for all the children to use both during class time and at breaks.

School Uniform

Our school uniform consists of a white shirt, school tie (navy and yellow), navy blue school polo shirt, navy blue school jumper/cardigan, grey trousers or grey skirt/pinafore or optional school tartan skirt and black school shoes

On PE days children can come to school wearing dark coloured jogging bottoms, their white t-shirt or polo shirt and their Battlefield sweatshirt or cardigan. This means there is no requirement for a full change. Children simply take their sweatshirt off and are ready to go. It also means that children are always wearing their school uniform.

Can I please remind you to ensure that your child's name is on their clothing as children very often forget where they have put things? If you do not have a name on their items of clothing we may never be able to find them! Please help us to help you to keep your child's possessions safe.

We are really proud of our school uniform here at Battlefield and would like to continue to encourage you to support your child in wearing their uniform to school, rather than branded sportswear, hoodies etc. A lot of these types of items are incredibly expensive and if lost can cause upset. We continue to have lots of items of uniform for recycling and know that our families are in support of sustainability so uniform swap & drop is the perfect way to achieve this. If you would like to support our values of being 'Eco Friendly' and recycle our donated items, please get in touch with Ms Flanagan on LFlanagan@battlefield-pri.glasgow.sch.uk and Mrs Hamill will look out a uniform package for your child.

Make up is not permitted in school and jewellery and earrings need to be small so they are not getting caught on things when children are playing.

Car Free Zone

As you know the area around the school is designated as a 'Car Free Zone' but there still seems to be confusion around what this means for some parents and carers. The zones are designed to prohibit cars and other vehicles from driving up to school gates between 8.30am and 9.15am and then 2.30pm and 3.15pm each week day during term time. Blue badge drivers are exempt and residents within the zones are issued with permits that allow them to park without penalty. Any other driver who enters the zone during the specified times can be fined £50 by police. It is essential that all the children have a safe journey between home and school. A number of parents have expressed concern about some potentially dangerous driving around the school. It is also important that the school is a good neighbour in relation to the people who live around and about us. While it is not possible for everyone, walking or cycling can provide a healthy and environmentally friendly alternative to bringing the car to school.

Thank you for all your support, if you have any questions please get in touch with the school office.

Stacy Wilson

Key Dates - tbc

These will follow once the teachers have planned for the dates for their class assemblies and their Sharing of Learning day.

School Holiday Dates for 2025/26

	2025
September Weekend	Friday 26th September 2025 Monday 29 th September 2025

First Mid-Term	Friday 10 th October 2025 (Inservice Day) Monday 13 th October 2025 to Friday 17 th October 2025 (October week)
Christmas/New Year	Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday 19th December 2025 Monday 22 nd December 2025 – Friday 2 nd January 2025 (Christmas holidays)
2026	
Return to School	Schools return on Monday 5 th January 2026
Second Mid-Term	Monday 16 th February 2026 & Tuesday 17 th February 2026. Wednesday 18 th February 2026 (Inservice day)
Spring Holiday	Schools close at 2.30 pm on Thursday 2 nd April 2026. Monday 6 th April – Monday 17 th April 2026 (Spring Break) Schools return on Monday 20 th April 2026
May Day	Monday 4 th May 2026 (May Holiday)
	Thursday 7 th May 2026 (Possible Inservice Day)
May Weekend	Friday May 22 nd 2026, and Monday 25 th May 2026
School Close	Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Thursday 25th June 2026

