



Battlefield Primary School

October 2025 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

We can't believe it is more than halfway through October already, where has the time gone! The clocks go back on Sunday 26th October and our daylight hours grow shorter. It is already a lot colder and can be quite wet so please ensure you send your children to school with clothing suitable for the winter weather. It is important we keep the children safe and warm. I know it is frustrating when children lose hats and gloves etc. but please put names on all of your children's clothing. It is the only chance we have of finding lost items.

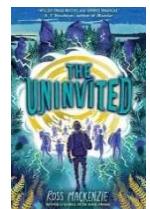


Library Readathon

Thank you to our wonderful library committee and to all our families who supported our recent Readathon. We have a final total of £1151 to go towards our exciting makeover and develop relationships with authors and illustrators. Our Librarians will continue to plan lots of activities for our pupils for the session ahead.

Author Visit

We welcomed award winning author, Ross Mackenzie, author of The Nowhere Emporium, to the school before the break and the upper school pupils were delighted to hear about his new book, The Uninvited and to ask Ross questions about being an author. Ross was fantastic with the children and wants to work with the school in the future, which is really exciting for us all. Thanks to Miss Thompson for organising this partnership with him and Waterstones bookshop.



Outdoor Learning

During last week's in-service day our staff were all trained on how to use our new outdoor loose parts play area. We all had a great time working together and overcoming design challenges, we even built our own dens! Classes are now timetabled to use this area during the school day so we can't wait to see our children using this area and the resources too. 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.



Spooky Disco

Ticket price £4 – includes a snack and unlimited water and squash. Please pay via spooky disco button on parent pay – There will be no physical tickets issued.

- P1 and P2 parent/carers are invited into the gym hall after school closes to get their child ready for the disco. Unless you have already volunteered to help at disco, please ensure you have left the hall by 3.30pm.
- At the end of each disco session, parent/carers will be invited into the hall via the main door to collect their child/ren and leave using the one way system – this will help ease congestion.
- **No child will be allowed to leave the hall unless they are with a parent or carer.**
- **Please note, mobile phones are not allowed and should be left at home.**

If your child has a dietary requirement or health issue you feel we should no about. Please email us at battlefieldparentcouncil@outlook.com

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has volunteered for this event.

The timings are as follows:

P1-2 – 3:30-4:30pm

P3-4 – 4:45-6pm

P5-7 – 6:15-7:30pm

We look forward to seeing everyone there.



Child starting School in August 2026?

We would encourage parents and carers to get their children registered as soon as possible for next session in August 2026. Places in Primary 1 next session will fill up fast so if you know of anyone who has a child that is due to start school next

session then please advise them to go to Glasgow City Council Website and register for Battlefield during the enrolment week beginning 3rd November. Anyone who wishes to apply for a “Placing Request” for Battlefield must firstly register with their local school then apply for a Placing request for Battlefield. If you need any help at all with this please contact the School Office on 0141 632 2162.



Parents Night

We are delighted to welcome parents and carers into school again for our parent's night this term. We will be having two sessions on:

Wednesday 19th November – 5:30-7:30pm

Thursday 20th November – 3:20-5:30pm

If you have not already done so, please book your appointment times on the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4WjoKVQTctawUZKfwEgnqleFLhc1GJCfNwpUNVY4WldCQ1paV1NCRjFWS1dINzBBREtaSy4u>

Winter Fayre Save the date!

Our annual Winter Fayre will be held on **Saturday 29th November 10am – 1pm**.

In order for this to go ahead we need your help.

- On Friday 21st November we are holding a non-uniform day in exchange for prizes for our very popular tombola stall. This can be anything from a packet of sweets, box of chocolate to beauty sets, candles etc. Please note that we are not allowed to accept alcohol.

We will need volunteers to help us on the lead up to the fayre.

- Helping us ticketing all the tombola prizes (this will be done during the school day).
- Wrapping grotto gifts.
- Setting the hall up the night before the fayre (this would be after pick up. Children welcome to help too).

On the day

- We will need help at our stalls – all we ask is an hour and half of your time.
- Savoury food donations.
- Home baking donations.



Vendors/stalls

- We have space for 6 stalls in our main hall costing £20 a table and 11 stalls that children can sell their crafts etc for £10. If this is something you are interested in, please email us at battlefieldparentcouncil@outlook.com

Please email us if you have any questions. We will also be in the gym hall at both parents' nights. Come see us for more information and keep a look out for our sign-up forms via group call.

As always, thank you for your continuous support.

Baby Strings

Just a reminder that we will have two Baby Strings concerts this session for parents & carers to come in and hear us perform. Our Winter Concert will take place on 10th December at 9:30am where P4a will perform with the P2s & P3s. Our Summer Concert will take place on the 3rd June 2026 at 9:30am where P4b will perform with the P2s & P3s. We would be delighted if you could join us at either/both of these.



STRUT Kidz

Our STRUT Kidz performance is taking place at 3pm on Friday 28th November. This is a celebratory show that families can enjoy in the playground and school hall. Children will be able to display the expressive freestyle dance they have been developing with our fabulous partners at STRUT Kidz, we can't wait to show everyone our moves!

Trim Trail

You may have noticed that there are a few repairs needed to our new trim trail due to faulty parts. I have been assured by the company that these have been ordered and will be with us as soon as possible. It has been a huge success with all classes having a go during breaks and class times. Thank you again to our wonderful parent council for making this happen.



Play Along Maths

Mrs Marsh and the P1 staff are going to start our Play Along Maths sessions for P1 parents & carers again in November. Numbers will be limited so these will be on a first come, first served basis and sessions will be starting on Monday 3rd November at 3.10pm for about half an hour. Further detail will be sent directly to P1 families.

Glasgow Triathlon

A huge [Congratulations](#) to P7 pupils, Edwyn, George, Oscar, Hunter, Minako and Finlay who did an amazing job representing Battlefield at the recent Glasgow Schools Triathlon event. They all had a great day.

We Still Need Your Help

We are again appealing to all our parents and carers for support at drop off and pick up times. The addition of the trim trail has meant that some adults are coming into and staying in the playground before 3pm and then afterwards to allow children to play on the trail. While we want everyone to be able to access this, we would ask you to stay out of the playground until all classes have been dismissed and then if you wish to return once children have been dismissed safely you can. If all parents and carers follow this then it should make collecting children much easier, thank you.

Attendance Matters

The attendance of all pupils is always closely monitored. Glasgow City Council is passionate about improving children's level of attendance. We would ask that parents/carers do their best to ensure that they do not take their children on holiday during term time. You should 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. Glasgow City Council policy states term time holidays will be recorded as unauthorised absences. As a school we are not able to grant permission for holidays in term time or to authorise these holidays as the policy is to encourage maximum attendance. Our holiday slips are completed so we can monitor the number of holidays taken during term time on an annual basis. These absences count towards your child's overall attendance so they may trigger absence letters or appointments to speak to the head teacher to try and improve your child's attendance rate. We do understand that there are exceptional personal and/or family circumstances or celebrations that families wish to attend so in that instance, you can fill out a holiday slip from the office.

We ask if you could phone the **Pupil Absence Reporting Line Service** on **0141 287 0039 instead of the school office**. You can call this line each day from 8am. This is to ensure that staff always know whether a child is supposed to be at home or school on a particular day. You should only phone the school for other reasons including:

- Requests for Religious/Parental holiday requests
- Illness of a family member
- Children's Panel
- Funerals
- Bereavements
- All exceptional circumstances



Mrs Wilson will also continue to monitor the attendance of all pupils in the school as the impact attendance and late coming has on a child can be significant. We may contact you if we have any concerns. Monthly attendance checks will take place and letters may be issued if your child's attendance does not meet the recommended 90% or if it continues to decline. Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.

Surely 1 or 2 days absent a week doesn't seem much but this is how it is..

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

If your child is late 10 minutes a day - surely that won't matter or affect my child..

Only missing just..	That equals..	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

Late coming

Lateness has a negative impact on school life because being late can:

Disrupt lessons Affect achievement Embarrass/upset your child

Is 80% good for school attendance?

An 80% mark in an exam may be good but 80% attendance through four years of school equal **1 full school year** lost.

Being on time and at school means not missing out!

If your child is late or absent from school on a regular basis – maybe we can help. Please contact the school office to discuss any issues.

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. Could parents and carers also consider the footwear that children have on for PE days. They can bring in black plimsoles or trainers to change into or just wear gym shoes to school on PE days. School shoes and boots do not allow children to fully take part in lessons. 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.



Child Protection

If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of any 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



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.

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 – See next page

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2025 - 2026



Date	Event	Time
Thursday 30 th October	Halloween Disco	P1-2 3:30-4:30PM P3-4 4:45-6:00PM P5-7 6:15-7:30PM
Tuesday 11 th November	School Remembrance	
Wednesday 19 th November	Parents Night (Late)	5:30-7:30PM
Thursday 20 th November	Parents Night (Early)	3:00- 5:30PM
Thursday 27 th November	P2 Sharing of Learning	1.30-2.30pm
Friday 28 th November	P6 STRUT Dance Performance	3:00-4:30PM
Saturday 29 th November	Winter Fayre	10:00-1:00PM
Monday 8 th December	Numeracy Jotters/Work Out	
Wednesday 10 th December	P2-4 Baby Strings Winter Concert	9:30-10:15AM
Thursday 11 th December	P1a, P1b & P2/1 Nativity	9:30AM
Thursday 11 th December	Numeracy Jotters/Work Returned	
Friday 12 th December	WHOLE SCHOOL – Winter Concert	9.30AM
Thursday 18 th December	Upper School Panto	6PM
Friday 19 th December	Early Close	2.30PM
22nd December – 2nd January	Christmas Holidays (Inclusive dates)	
Monday 5th January	School returns	
12 th January – 16 th January	Primary 7 Residential	
Wednesday 11 th February	P5 & P6/5 Sharing of Learning & class assembly	9:30am
Thursday 12 th February	P3a & P3b Sharing of Learning & class assembly	1.30-2.30pm
16 th – 17 th February	February Holiday (Inclusive dates)	
Wednesday 18 th February	In-service Day	
Wednesday 25 th February	P6a and P6b Sharing of Learning	9:30am
Thursday 12 th March	P2a Class Assembly	9.30am
Monday 23 rd March	Writing Jotters/Work home	
Wednesday 25 th March	Parents' Night (Late)	5:30-7:30PM
Thursday 26 th March	Writing Jotters/Work returned (parent/pupil feedback)	
Thursday 26 th March	Parents' Night (Early)	3:00-5:30PM
Thursday 2 nd April	Early Close	2.30PM
Friday 3 rd April	Holiday Good Friday	
6 th April – 17 th April	Spring Break (Inclusive dates)	
Monday 20 th April	Schools return	
Monday 4 th May	Holiday	
Thursday 14 th May	P4a & p4b Sharing of Learning & Class Assembly	9:30am
Tuesday 19 th May	P1 Sharing of Learning	2pm
Thursday 21 st May	P6b Class Assembly	9:30am
22 nd May & 25 th May	Holiday	
Wednesday 27 th May	Sports Afternoon (First Choice)	PM
Thursday 28 th May	Sports Afternoon (Reserve Date)	PM
Wednesday 3 rd June	P2-4 Baby Strings Summer Concert	9:30-10:15PM
Thursday 4 th June	P6a Class Assembly	9:30am
Wednesday 10 th June	P2b Class Assembly	9:30am
TBC	P7 Leavers' Assembly	
Friday 19 th June	WHOLE SCHOOL - Summer Concert	
Monday 22 nd June	Reports Issued	9.30AM
June	P7 Transition Week – Shawlands Academy	TBC
Thursday 25 th June	Early Close	1.00PM

School Holiday Dates for 2025/26

	2025
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

