



Newsletter



Term 1 2026

Dear parents and carers,

It has been lovely to welcome back Primary 2-7 and meet our new Primary 1 children and families.

We would like to invite you into school for an **Open Afternoon** on Friday 4th September, Primary 1-4 from 2pm and Primary 5-7 from 2.15pm. This is an informal session where your child will show you round their new classroom and the school. Children can be signed out afterwards if you wish (maximum 2 adults per child please). Formal one-to-one meetings with the teacher will take place in October and March. A report card is provided in June.

We have **new teachers** working at Blairdardie, welcome to Miss Higney, Ms Knight, Ms MacKinnon and Miss Quinn. Mrs Anderson is back with us until our Principal Teacher vacancy is re-advertised. Congratulations to Miss Greer who welcomed her baby boy last week, they are both doing well. We hope to advertise for a part-time P1-3 Depute Head Teacher soon, Mrs McCallum only works Wednesday-Friday. Welcome to Mrs Khabbaze who is our new support worker. The start of term is an extremely busy time, if you have contacted the school we will get back to parents/carers within 5 days or sooner if urgent. The school office is open from 8.30am-3.45pm, you can leave a voicemail outwith these times. Our pupils have recorded a lovely welcome message on our answering machine. Please note that pupils can only be collected early for an appointment if advance notice is given and with Head Teacher agreement. Admin staff are unable to leave the office to collect children from classes just before 3pm.

I thought it would be useful to remind parents and carers that teachers are entitled to time out of class each week for planning and preparation, this means that your child will be taught by another teacher for a short while each week. This happens in all classes in Scottish schools.

Please note that children using the trim trail after 3pm must be supervised by their own parents/carers. Dogs are not allowed on the school grounds and should avoid blocking exit gates as some of our children are frightened of dogs. We have a **car free zone** outside the school 8.30am-9.15am and 2.30pm-3.15pm. Please be respectful of our blue badge spaces in the car parks. I'm afraid that we can't allow children to bring 'squishies' into school anymore, some of these have burst and the contents can be harmful.

We hope to see parents/carers at our **Blairdardie Blether** on Thursday mornings from 9.05am. This is an informal way of meeting other parents/carers and to chat with the leadership team. We also have food available which is very kindly donated by Marks and Spencer and collected by the leadership team each week.

Wishing everyone a successful year in school!

Mrs Pears Head Teacher

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Our Blairdardie School values:

Honest

Kind

Responsible

Hard Working

Important Dates

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September

- Friday 4th September - Open Afternoon
- Friday 25th September - Monday 28th September 2026 - Holiday Weekend

October

- Friday 9th October - In-Service Day
- Monday 12th to Friday 16th October - October Holiday
- Thursday 22nd October - Parent/Teacher Meetings
- Friday 30th October - Halloween/Autumn Fun - Children can dress up/wear non uniform

November

- Monday 30th November - St Andrew's Day - Wear tartan or blue/white (no football tops)

December - Christmas and New Year

- Friday 4th December - Christmas fayre
- Friday 11th December - P1-3 Nativity Performance
- Friday 18th December - School closes at 2.30 pm for holidays

January

- Tuesday 5th January - School reopens

February

- Monday 15th February & Tuesday 16th February - Holiday
- Wednesday 17th February - In-service day, school closed to pupils

March

- Thursday 18th March - Parent/Teacher Meetings
- Thursday 25th March - Easter Egg & Easter Bonnet Competition
- Friday 26th March Good Friday - holiday
- Monday 29th March Easter Monday -holiday

April

- Friday 2nd April - School closes at 2.30 pm
- Monday 5th April - Friday 16th April - Spring Holiday

May

- Monday 3rd May - Holiday
- Thursday 6th May - In-service day to coincide with elections, but may be subject to change
- Friday 28th May and Monday 31st May - Holiday

June

- Friday 4th June - Sports Day - parents/carers welcome in the afternoon
- Thursday 10th June - P7 Prom TBC
- Friday 25th June - School Closes at 1.00 pm

Healthy Eating

We encourage children to bring **one healthy snack** for playtime, such as fruit, baked crisps or cereal bars. We also have a fruit break in the afternoon. Please send a piece of fruit if possible.

Please avoid giving your child sweets or chocolate for playtime as these can affect some children's ability to concentrate in class. We can't accept birthday cakes unfortunately.

We are a nut free school.

Children are encouraged to drink water in class. Fizzy drinks are not permitted.

At lunchtime all children can take milk, soup and fruit from dinner school. 😊



Feeling Unwell?

If your child is unwell, please keep them at home and call the absence line on 0141 287 0039.

If your child has a sickness bug they must stay home for 48hours.

Children will be offered a flu vaccine soon, letters will be sent home with more information.

