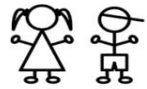


CALDERCUILT PRIMARY & NURSERY

TERM 3 2025 -2026



Caldercuil Nursery Class

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X/ Twitter feed [@Caldercuil](#) on our

Blue Sky feed: [@caldercuil.bsky.social](#) and

Glow blog: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/caldercuil/>

Keep in touch

Your thoughts, opinions, are extremely valuable to us.

Should you wish to contact the school please call 0141 945 0633 at any point during the school day.

To contact myself directly please email

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Gail Palmarini

School updates:

- Delighted to announce our new Support for Learning Coordinator, Fahimeh Zandi, started this week and has really been enjoying getting to know all our children.
- At Caldercuil we are always looking for parents to volunteer and assist us with trips, reading and school activities on and off site. If you would be interested in helping, regularly or one offs, we now require you to complete a PVG check. If interested please email myself at Headteacher@caldercuil-pri.glasgow.sch.uk and I can inform you of what is required for the PVG.
- Pupils of P5-P7 will soon be asked to complete a service user satisfaction survey issued on behalf of Glasgow city Council. This is entirely optional and will provide us with valuable feedback across the city.
- Please can we remind all families that any digital devices from home for messaging or recording (iPad, phones, Apple watches) should not be used on school grounds and for safety of all should be handed into school office and collected at the end of day.
- March so far has brought a real mix of weather and we want to ensure we are always prepared for outdoors. Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate outdoor and indoor footwear, rain and warm jacket. Children not only go outside in all weathers at breaks but will also undertake curriculum lessons outdoors at times.

Class Updates:

Nursery Firstly would like to thank Jewson for donating two tonnes of sand and compost to enhance our outdoor areas. We will have great fun exploring and learning through play with this. We have been working hard in the nursery to re-define some areas to support our environment. We have lots of new natural furniture, and resources. By positioning and using these effectively in line with LCFE strategies and talk practices our setting is relaxed and calm. This has had a significant impact on how the children are learning, we have noticed that the

children are more focused, engaged and willing to take part in all experiences on offer (both adult led and spontaneous play).

The playroom is looking amazing; the children have been socialising more with their peers and interacting well with all. They keen to extend their learning outdoors with particular interests just now in the mud kitchen, water wall and painting.

We have been focusing on Literacy based learning. Particularly through phonological awareness which supports your child's listening, rhyming, syllabification and initial sounds. We have been encouraging this through focusing on a song, a rhyme and story of the fortnight. As well as establishing daily Create sessions which strengthens these skills through songs, rhymes, chants and phonological games. The repetition and predictability of patterns and beats in sounds and short instructions has proven to develop vital skills required to support children across early level learning to read.

Can we please respectfully ask that all children that are still in nappies or require support with toileting have their own wipes, nappy sacs and a change of clothing in their bag. Thank you for your support with this.

Primary 1 A little snapshot of our learning in P1. We enjoyed discussing Scottish landmarks we would like to visit, finding them on google earth and looking at simple features of a map. We held a Scottish Banquet with the Nursery and even had our very own bagpipe player!



We have explored the use of line and shapes used by famous artists.

We have been practising telling the o' clock time and even moved onto half past! This week we have been learning about equal groups and how to share items to make a fair share. We love counting ins 2s and 5s too!



Cosy reading has started; we held a reading museum to explore books we haven't read yet and voted on our favourites. Please continue to support us by keeping toys at home and not in school bags, they distract us and can get broken. Remember no jewellery to be worn on our Wednesday PE day.

Homework: Our Term 3 grid was sent out at the start of the term.

Our lending library day is now a Tuesday!

Thank you for coming to our Bookbug Stay and Play session it was great to read and explore with everyone.

Primary 2 We are having a very busy and exciting Term 3 in Primary 2! In maths, the children have been learning to tell the time and practising their multiplication, focusing on doubling numbers and counting in twos and fours. They are growing in confidence each week and

enjoying the challenge. Next, we will be moving on to exploring division and learning how numbers can be shared equally, helping to build a strong understanding of how multiplication and division link together.

In literacy, we have been developing our percussive writing, working hard to make our sentences lively and engaging. We are also continuing to build on our phonics skills, which is supporting the children to become more confident readers and writers.

This term, we have been travelling across Scotland without leaving the classroom! The children have loved exploring important landmarks and discovering interesting facts about different places in our country. Our curiosity has also taken us far beyond Scotland and into space, where we have been learning about planets, stars and the solar system. The children have been fascinated by all things space related and have asked some fantastic questions.

PE has been full of energy, with the children enjoying gymnastics and developing their balance, coordination and confidence through a range of fun activities.

Next week, we are also looking forward to taking part in our school Eco litter picking competition. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to work together and help care for our environment while showing responsibility and teamwork.

Please continue to support the importance of homework by ensuring jotters are returned each week so tasks can be completed. We would also kindly remind you that jewellery should be removed on PE days for safety.

The children are working extremely hard and should be very proud of their efforts so far this term. We are looking forward to all the exciting learning still to come!

Primary 3 We have been enjoying learning about Scotland this term and have been learning about Scottish inventors/inventions with Miss Thomson. Children have had fun making their own inventions and have even made a timeline of old and new telephones which they were fascinated to see. Primary 3 also loved learning about Oceans and Continents and can confidently use globes to find specific places in the world – I'm sure you've heard the songs we learned in class!



This term we will be focusing on:

- Literacy: learning new sounds and spelling rules, writing to persuade and tools for writing such as VCOP.
- Maths and Numeracy: Data Handling, Multiplication and Division, Equations, Number Patterns and Relationships, Directions and Grid References.
- HWB: Team Games in PE, Circle of Friends, Emotion Works, Healthy Eating, RSHP

- Expressive Arts: Drama linking with literacy and music/art linking with IDL



Other important information: Miss Thomson is working with us in Primary 3 until the end of March.

Homework: Please continue to complete homework that is given out on a Monday due on Friday. This usually consists of reading, spelling tasks and a maths/numeracy task. I appreciate all efforts on homework so far, it has been a joy to see!

Primary 4 This term P4 have been learning about Scotland and the life of Robert Burns. We can name Scottish cities, mountains and rivers. We have recited Scots poems and written our own Scots poems and sentences. We are excellent at writing persuasive texts. In maths, we are revising times tables and working on area and multiplication and division. We will now be exploring The Romans – Roman life, soldiers, forts, Gods, emperors and much more. We will be making Roman shields and building Roman forts. In P.E. we have completed gymnastic work and are now completing fitness circuits.



Along with P6 we have participated in live STEM and World of Work workshops.

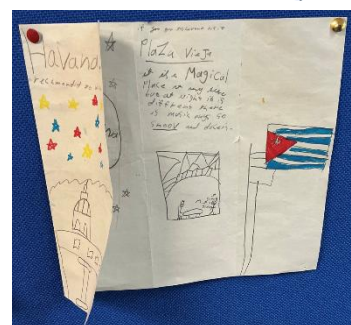
Other important information: In March we will be taking part in Soccer 4's. Miss Dhillon is working with us until the end of April.

Homework: Will be posted on Showbie on a Monday but paper copies issued.

Primary 5 In maths, we have been applying our money knowledge and budgeting skills in a whole-class fantasy football tournament. Here, P5 pupils have had to work within a budget of £100 to create a five-a-side football team and track their performance across the weeks by adding together individual player scores. As you can see, the pupils have taken great pride in designing their badge, team name and football strip!



In literacy, we have been exploring persuasive writing and the P5 pupils have been working together to create a range of persuasive pieces. This has involved creating tourism leaflets for Havana (the twin city of Glasgow), encouraging people to visit on holiday. Pupils have also been excitedly creating their own adverts for different board games, and it has been wonderful seeing the creativity and energy that they have brought to their recordings!



This term we will be continuing with our numeracy focus of exploring and understanding fractions. We will be specifically concentrating on understanding how to simplify fractions and on how to calculate different fractions of a quantity.

Biodiversity in Scotland is our IDL topic this term. For this topic, we will be exploring habitats across Scotland and considering the different species which live in these habitats. We will also be discussing the importance of plants within a peat bog ecosystem, and we will be highlighting the different threats posed to nature by human activity.

Other important information:

We are very lucky to have Sports Leaders from John Paul Academy coming to Caldercuilt Primary to run PE sessions for our P5-7 learners. These Sports Leaders will be running sessions on a Tuesday and a Thursday from the 24th of February to the 17th of March. Please can you send your child to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays during this period with their PE kit in their school bag. These sessions are weather permitting and so all pupils should arrive to school wearing their normal uniform just in case.

Homework:

Literacy homework during term 3 focusses on pupil's consolidating understanding of weekly spelling rules by revising the correct spelling of five set words.

Numeracy and maths homework will revisit topics covered in terms 1 and 2, including time, shape and measure.

Primary 6 In primary 6 we have been exploring Historical Scotland as our IDL focus. We have researched significant events and people in the past and have been developing our skills creating timelines. In literacy we have enjoyed our persuasive writing focus, discussing current issues like social media and climate change. Pupils have also been challenging themselves in maths by putting problems into context as well as exploring our new focus, algebra. Additionally, we have worked alongside primary 4 throughout the term taking part in live lessons linked to STEM and World of Work where we plan to continue this learning collaboratively to set up some experiments.

This term we had a P6 residential trip to Blairvadach, and looking forward to Dragons Den social enterprise projects and taking part in the Euro quiz.

Other important information: PE continues to be on Tuesdays, please remember appropriate footwear for the gym hall and no jewellery. The school have received new iPads and children have all been sent an iPad contract to be discussed and signed at home.

Homework: Assigned on Showbie every Monday. Children can also pick a book from the school library to take home weekly.

Primary 7 We have been working hard in mathematics and exploring concepts such as fractions, time, money and angles. We have also been learning and applying Glasgow Counts Strategies for multiplication and division. This term we will focus on decimals, percentages and symmetry.

In Literacy, we have been undertaking our using a range of punctuation effectively. spelling work daily and developing our persuasive writing skills. We have had a particular focus on using a range of punctuation effectively. This term, we will explore response writing, which will be linked to our topic, Scotland.

We will continue to explore our Scotland topic, and the children have been asked to undertake a personal topic with an aim to promoting independent learning.

Additional Information:

- Primary 7 enjoyed a transition day to Cleveden Secondary School – The children enjoyed participating in a Ceilidh dance and STEM experiments.
- We will be welcoming John Paul Acadmy – Sports leaders on Thursday 24th February for 4 weekly sessions.
- Miss Airlie has been supporting our class this term and will continue to work with us until 20th March.
- We have received new iPads, and they will remain in school. Homework will be provided in a paper format for the rest of the term.

Resources for parents:

<https://thechat.scot/> **The Chat** is here to help you to support your child as they learn about friendships, relationships and growing up. You can look for what you need depending on the age of your child, the topic they are interested in, or the questions they ask. Run by NHS Scotland.

<https://rshp.scot/> The national resource for **relationships, sexual ealth** and **parenthood** (RSHP) education for children and young people. The resource can be used in early learning settings, schools, colleges and community-based learning. It is organised to sit within Curriculum for Excellence.

Caldercuil Parent Council

We would like to thank our Parent council for funding the Primary 7 Hoodies which are currently being made by Aspire clothing. The parent council are also hoping to run a spring disco and would appreciate any volunteers to contact them.

Our Parent Council meets termly throughout the year, everyone is welcome and we look forward to hearing your views and ideas. We thank our parent council for organising fund raising events and supporting activities and our learning. To contact our parent council please email them at caldercuilparentcouncil@yahoo.com



School Lunches & Parent Pay

Glasgow's Fuel Zone has just announced that due to popularity this year's three-week menu rotation will continue over the next session. These will be updated on the Fuel Zone web page:

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/6188/Fuel-Zone-School-Meals>

As you are aware, Glasgow schools operate through a cashless system, utilising the functions of Parent Pay for the transferring of money and paying for school services, such as, school meals, Breakfast Club, school trips, and other school related activities. Glasgow City Council are currently carrying out an audit on all charges.



Can I please ask that parents and carers check their Parent Pay account to view their credit or outstanding charges for pupils receiving School Meals, attendance at Breakfast Club or school trip activities. If you have outstanding charges on your Parent Pay account, it would be appreciated if these could be actioned. Please note, all outstanding balances can only be paid through Parent Pay, not the school. Parent Pay can be accessed by clicking here <https://www.parentpay.com/> Mrs Clunie and Miss Campbell in our school office can help with any issues. Please note that before the Easter holidays arrears letters will be sent officially of outstanding balances remain.

Dates for the Diary

- Mondays this term – lunch time netball club and P6/7 basketball afterschool club
- Tuesdays P3/4 and Wednesday P5-7 Football after school club this term
- Thursday lunch time rugby club P5-7
- Thursday 2nd April school closes 2:30pm for Spring break
- Tuesday 2nd and Friday 5th June new P1's for 2026 stay and play session

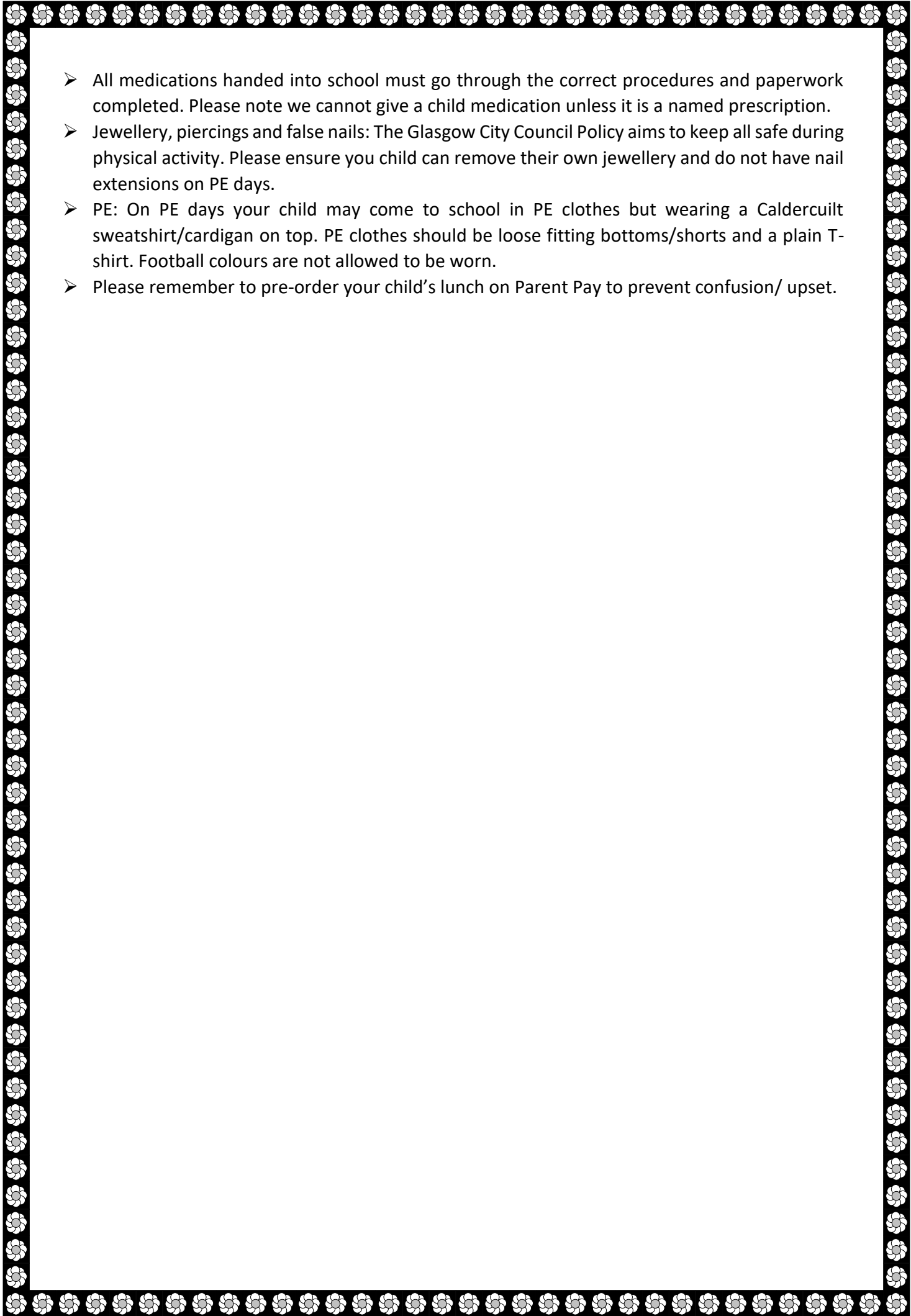
Holidays

All school holidays can be found here

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/4276/School-Term-Dates>

Information and Reminders

- **Breakfast Club:** Breakfast club runs from 8am to 9am. Last breakfast will be served at 8:45am. If your child is attending breakfast club please make sure, they enter through the **main door of the school** and go straight to the hall. We kindly ask you do not leave your child before 8am as there will not be adult supervision for them until 8am. Please remember to sign up on the Glasgow City Council web page to register for Free School meals and Clothing Grant as this also covers breakfast club.
- Please ensure your child arrives on time for the start of school this is important to allow for routines and structures to be in place allowing all to settle into their daily activities quickly.
- For obvious safety reasons please do NOT allow your children to walk through the school carpark on arrival or departure.
- A reminder to all parents and families that the school carpark is strictly for staff only.
- We encourage all children to be outdoors even in light rain, please make sure your child has a jacket and sensible footwear. The school can provide waterproof jackets and boots if required.
- If you know your child is going to be absent, please either contact the absence line on: 0141 287 0039 OR call the school office before 9:30am.
- The school has a uniform station just inside the main entrance, please help yourself to any uniform you require.

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- All medications handed into school must go through the correct procedures and paperwork completed. Please note we cannot give a child medication unless it is a named prescription.
 - Jewellery, piercings and false nails: The Glasgow City Council Policy aims to keep all safe during physical activity. Please ensure your child can remove their own jewellery and do not have nail extensions on PE days.
 - PE: On PE days your child may come to school in PE clothes but wearing a Caldercuilt sweatshirt/cardigan on top. PE clothes should be loose fitting bottoms/shorts and a plain T-shirt. Football colours are not allowed to be worn.
 - Please remember to pre-order your child's lunch on Parent Pay to prevent confusion/ upset.