

CROFTFOOT PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2026



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE



Dear Croftfoot Community,

I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful and happy break. On behalf of all our staff, I would like to warmly welcome you back to school for the start of the new term.

January is always an exciting time in our school. The children return refreshed and ready to learn, and we look forward to building on their achievements as the year progresses.

At the heart of our school are the values of compassion and community. As we begin this new term together, we remain committed to creating an environment where every child and every family feels welcomed, valued and supported. We want all members of our school community to feel a strong sense of belonging, knowing that they are an important part of our school.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting term planned, including the P7 Burns Supper Event and a Showcase of Learning at the end of this month. Please continue to look out for newsletters and our school calendar for important dates and upcoming events.

Kind Regards

Mrs Leitch

Head Teacher



A Croftfoot Primary Citizen is ...

Ready	Responsible	Safe
To learn To listen To follow instructions To challenge ourselves	For our words and actions For the choices we make For our learning For our looking after our learning environments and resources	Keeping ourselves safe Keeping others safe Helping to create a safe environment



Curiosity
We ask questions, wonder why and look for creative solutions





Commitment
We are committed to always trying our best and never giving up





Compassion
We respect everyone to be treated fairly and with kindness





Community
We want everyone to feel welcome and that they belong





Courage
We resist choosing comfort over comfort





"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."

MARGARET J. WHEATLEY



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SCOTLAND THEME MONTH

January is a special time at Croftfoot Primary as we celebrate Scotland Theme Month! This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage with their Scottish heritage, exploring the rich history and culture that defines our nation. We are particularly excited about the upcoming Burns Supper, where students will learn about this cherished tradition and its significance.

Throughout the month, students will participate in various activities to help them develop their knowledge and understanding of Scotland's rich history and culture. We encourage families to join in the fun!

Here's a glimpse of what's to come:

- Poetry readings
- Traditional Scottish music and dance
- Art projects inspired by Scottish culture
- Showcase of Learning - Open doors event for parents/carers to see their child's learning



P7 BURNS SUPPER EVENT

P7a and P7b will be working together over the next few weeks to plan and prepare a traditional Burns Supper event for their parents and carers. This event will be held on Wednesday 28th January at 1.45pm and the children will be sharing more information with you in upcoming weeks.

The children will be learning traditional poems and songs to share with you and will pay tribute to Scotland's National Poet, fondly known by Scots as "Rabbie Burns".

We look forward to seeing all P7 parents/carers at this event and make sure to wear something tartan or Scottish themed.



SCHOOL OFFICE



Our school office is run by Mrs Paterson (Mon - Fri) and Ms Innes (Tues - Fri). Please note that Ms Innes does not work Mondays and Mrs Paterson should be your main point of contact on this day
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WE WANT TO BE OUTDOORS!

Many of our children struggle with “wet play” as they feel that they don’t have the chance to move around when in the classroom at break times.

Please ensure that your child brings a waterproof jacket to school and wears suitable shoes to enable them to be outdoors as much as possible over the next few months. Children can bring wellies with them to change into too if they wish. It is also worth packing a spare pair of socks and leggings/joggers in your child’s bag.

If you have jackets, wellies that no longer fit, we would happily take donations of these items for our clothing bank!



MOBILE DEVICES

Children are not permitted to use mobile devices within our school grounds. All phones/smart watches must be turned off and stored away safely during school hours. Smart watches are considered a mobile device and should not be worn to school.

Many smart watches have the ability to:

- Take photos or videos
- Record audio
- Track location

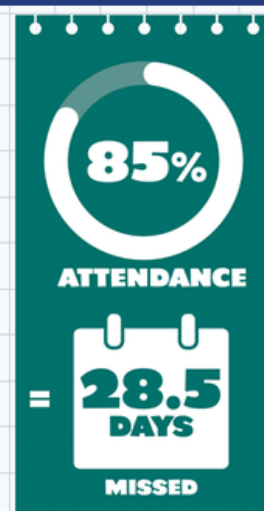
This can raise privacy and safeguarding concerns for both children and staff. Schools must ensure that everyone feels safe and that no images or recordings are taken without permission.

If you need to get in contact with your child during the school day to change their pick up arrangements, this should be done so via the school office.

CONNECTED LEARNING REFRESH

Glasgow City Council has, once again, made a significant investment in digital learning, as part of the Connected Learning Programme, which will entail a city-wide refresh of iPad devices, as well as improvements to digital infrastructure, across Education Services.

The programme termed 'Connected Learning 2.0' will entail 1:1 devices for P6-S6, and shared devices for P1-P5. Our P6s and P7s should receive their new devices before the end of February.



**Every school day
makes a difference.**



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ONLINE

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Online safety is an important part of supporting our children's learning and wellbeing. Parents can help by talking regularly with their child about how they use the internet, setting clear boundaries around screen time, and reminding them not to share personal information online. It's also important to be aware that most social media apps have minimum age requirements (often 13+) to help protect younger users. An increasing number of our children have access to apps such as Tik Tok and Snap Chat. Encouraging children to speak up if something makes them feel uncomfortable, and using age-appropriate privacy and parental controls, can help create a safer and more positive online experience for everyone.

We are aware that many of our children are playing games such as Roblox and Minecraft and would advise all parents to take appropriate steps to protect children from the following risks:

Roblox can be fun and creative for children, but it also comes with some safety risks that parents should be aware of:

- **Online interaction with strangers:** Games such as Roblox, allows players to chat and interact with people they don't know. Even with filters, children may be exposed to inappropriate language.
- **User-generated content:** Games are created by other users, which means content quality and appropriateness can vary. Some games may include themes, visuals, or behaviours that aren't suitable for younger children.
- **Privacy and personal information:** Children may not realise the risks of sharing personal details such as their real name, school, location, or photos while chatting or playing.
- **Screen time and wellbeing:** Games such as Roblox are designed to be highly engaging, which can make it hard for children to stop playing without clear limits.

To reduce these risks, parents can use parental controls on games and apps, disable or limit chat features, set spending restrictions, and regularly talk with their child about who they play with and what they experience online.

WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY ?



January 2026					
What's On					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
12 <i>Personal Learning Week Masterclasses (pm)</i>	13 <i>Personal Learning Week Masterclasses (pm)</i>	14 <i>Personal Learning Week Masterclasses (pm)</i>	15 <i>Personal Learning Week Masterclasses (pm)</i> <i>P7 Swimming 1.45pm</i>	16 <i>Personal Learning Week Masterclasses (pm)</i>	
19	20	21	22 <i>P7 Swimming 1.45pm</i>	23 Wear Tartan or Scottish themed accessories to School. You can also choose to wear blue/white.	
26 P7s at STEM Event Kings Park Secondary at 1.15pm	27	28 <i>P7 Burns Event with P7 Parents @ 1.45pm</i>	29 <i>Poetry Slam (Class Poetry Competition)</i> <i>P7 Swimming 1.45pm</i>	30 <i>Showcase of Learning (Parent Event) @ 9.20am</i>	

