



**Scotstoun Primary**  
**Session 25-26**  
**August Newsletter**



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to Scotstoun Primary! I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed some time with family and friends. I am delighted to return to school full time, and it has been lovely to see the school full of noise and fun again, with children arriving excited to meet their new teachers, classmates, and begin their learning journeys for the year ahead.

We are very pleased to welcome our new Primary 1 children, their families and new staff into our school community. Over the past week the children have settled well. The adults working with them have commented on how well they have adjusted to life at school, and we hope this continues. We have also welcomed new children and their families in P2, P3, P5, P6 and P7. We are delighted to have you all with us!

At Scotstoun, we are proud of our strong community spirit, and we know that when school and families work together, our children thrive. This term we will be focusing on settling back into routines, building positive relationships, and ensuring that every child feels safe, that they belong and are ready to learn. It was great to see everyone arriving on the first day looking ready for action and extremely smart in their uniforms. We would like to thank all our families for your continuing support.

Thank you for helping us keep our school a safe and welcoming place for all. We encourage all members of the school community to take a full and active part in the life of our school. We are looking forward to sharing many achievements and memorable moments together in the year ahead.

Kind regards,

**E. McGILL**

Mrs McGill

Head Teacher

**Staff Update**

Huge congratulations to Mrs Kissack and her family as they welcomed Koa during the summer holidays. We can't wait to meet him and welcome him to the Scotstoun family.

We have some new staff this session and we would like to extend the warmest welcome to them. Welcome to Miss Neilson (P2b), Miss Newlands (P7a) and Miss Kewal (P5c), Mrs Glendinning (Support for Learning Worker), Mrs Omar (Support for Learning Worker), Miss Taylor (Support for Learning Worker) and Miss McGoran (Office Staff). Welcome back to Miss Kaur (P1c), Miss Martin (P4a) and Ms Alexander (P3/2) who are joining us this session again.

**Drop in to Our Meet the Team**

We would like to invite you to the school on Tuesday 2nd September between 3.30pm and 5.15pm. We are having an open afternoon to allow you to visit your child's/children's class and to meet the staff working with them. Preloved uniforms, lost property (there is quite a mountain already) and teas and coffees will be available in the gym hall. We hope you can make it along!

**Cordia News**

For new families to the school, the Breakfast Club is open to all every morning in the school hall from 7.45am at the cost of £2 for your first child and £1 thereafter for any siblings or free for families who are in receipt of certain tax credits. There is no need to book or attend every day. The school lunch price is £1.90 this session for children in P6 and P7. School meals are free for all children from P1-P5. Both these services can be paid for through Parent Pay in addition to children ordering their lunch the day before.

## P.E.

P1 – P4 children will have an indoor and outdoor P.E. slot this year. Children in P5-P7 will have one P.E. slot in the school gym hall and, from early September, participate in Activity Block between Scotstoun Leisure Centre and school on a Tuesday afternoon. All children should come to school on their P.E. days in their P.E. kit which is a house t-shirt, school sweatshirt and shorts or jogging trousers. On their outdoor PE day, they should also have a waterproof jacket. They should not wear any jewellery, including earrings. Sometimes P.E. times change through the year to accommodate coaches etc., we will endeavour to keep you up to date with any changes.

Class	Indoor	Outdoor/Activity Block
Primary 1a	Tuesday	Thursday
Primary 1b	Tuesday	Friday
Primary 1c	Tuesday	Thursday
Primary 2a	Monday	Wednesday
Primary 2b	Friday	Monday
Primary 3/2	Thursday	Monday
Primary 3a	Monday	Wednesday
Primary 3b	Monday	Wednesday
Primary 4a	Monday	Thursday
Primary 4b	Monday	Thursday
Primary 5a	Wednesday	Tuesday
Primary 5b	Friday	Tuesday
Primary 5c	Friday	Tuesday
Primary 6a	Wednesday	Tuesday
Primary 6b	Wednesday	Tuesday
Primary 7a	Thursday	Tuesday
Primary 7b	Friday	Tuesday

## Health and Safety

We would ask that you keep us up to date with any medical conditions your child may have. In addition, if your child has to take medicine for a brief period of time, please contact the school office to complete a form which allows us to administer that.

We are also a nut free school as we have children and staff who are allergic to nuts. Please do not send nuts, spread containing nuts or sweets with nuts in them into school. Thank you for your support with this.

Could you please ensure that everything your child bring to school is label with their name? We already have some lost property which we cannot return to its owner as there is no way of identifying them.

Children should not bring toys, games, cards or electronic equipment from home to ensure we keep everyone's belongings safe.

## Playground Safety

In order to keep our playgrounds safe and welcoming for all:

- Smoking and e cigarettes are banned in all Glasgow City Council premises, including playgrounds and school grounds.
- Dogs are not permitted in school playgrounds.
- Parents and carers are asked to wait at a distance from school lines to allow children to line up safely. Information will be shared in SeeSaw to show you where you should stand in the Duncan Avenue playground.

## Parent Council Annual General Meeting

We would love to see as many families as possible at our Parent Council AGM on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm in the school. This is a great chance to hear more about what the Parent Council does, share your ideas, and find out how you can get involved in supporting our school community. Whether you'd like to take an active role or simply come along to listen, your voice and presence make a real difference. We can be reached at [scotstounprimarypc@gmail.com](mailto:scotstounprimarypc@gmail.com). Scotstoun Parent Council

### Pupil absence

In Scotstoun Primary we know that a good education gives children the best opportunities for life and that a good education starts with good attendance. Being in school regularly and on time, gives children the best chance to learn and to get the most out of what school has to offer such as the chance to socialise and make good friendships and to be involved in a wide range of activities such as sport, music and art. Every parent and carer has a part to play. Parents are asked to contact the Pupil Absence Reporting Line if their child is going to be absent (0141 287 0039) or report online. This should be done before 9.30 on the first day of absence. If the child is going to be absent for some time, it would be helpful to know at the earliest opportunity. The school uses daily text messaging to inform parents of their child's absence if no contact is made. All unexplained absence is investigated by the school and appropriate action taken.

Please phone the Pupil Absence Reporting Line to report the following absences:

- Sickness absence: if the absence lasts more than one day, parents and carers are required to call on subsequent days to provide an update. A letter should be provided to the school when the child returns from their absence.
- Medical or dental appointments: Parents and carers should call the PARL to report absences for medical or dental appointments. The school requires a letter or appointment card as evidence of the appointment to ensure permission is given to be absent from class.

To make sure you receive the right support you require, parents and carers should still contact the school directly to report absences of a sensitive or personal nature, for example:

- Bereavement
- Serious illness, for example, an absence which is going to last more than one week
- Injury, for example, broken limb
- Contagious diseases or illness

### Dates for your diary

We are preparing an overview of the school year detailing events, focus weeks and days and other dates which would be helpful for families to have prior knowledge of. We are awaiting a couple of date to be confirmed and then we will share that with you. These dates are for the next couple of weeks.

Dates	Event
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	6.30pm – 8.00pm PTA Welcome BBQ and Ceilidh
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Music begins for P1
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	3.30pm – 5.15pm Meet the Teacher/Open Afternoon
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Class newsletters issued
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	P1 pictures for Evening Times
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Tempest – Individual photos
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Flu Vaccinations
w/c Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Maths Week Scotland
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	6.30pm PTA Family Bingo night
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	September weekend holiday
7 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' evenings
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Inservice day (school closed to children)
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> October (inclusive)	October week holiday

## Glasgow School Holidays

### ★ August

- ★ Tuesday, 12 August 2025 (Return date for Teachers & In-Service Day)
- ★ Wednesday, 13 August 2025 (In-Service Day)
- ★ Thursday, 14 August 2025 (Return date for Pupils)

### ★ September

- ★ Friday, 26 September and Monday, 29 September 2025 (September weekend holiday)

### ★ October

- ★ Friday, 10 October 2025 (In-Service Day)
- ★ Monday, 13 to Friday, 17 October 2025 (October Week)

### ★ December - Christmas and New Year

- ★ Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 19 December 2025
- ★ Monday, 22 December 2025 - Friday, 2 January 2026 (Christmas holidays)

### ★ January

- ★ Schools return on Monday, 5 January 2026

### ★ February midterm break

- ★ Monday, 16 February 2026
- ★ Tuesday, 17 February 2026
- ★ Wednesday, 18 February 2026 (In-service day)

### ★ April - Spring Holiday (Easter)

- ★ Schools close at 2.30 pm on Thursday, 2 April 2026
- ★ Monday, 6 April - Friday, 17 April 2026 (Spring Break)
- ★ Schools return on Monday, 20 April 2026

### ★ May

- ★ Monday, 4 May 2026 (May Holiday)
- ★ Thursday, 7 May 2026 (In-service day to coincide with Scottish Parliamentary election, but may be subject to change)
- ★ Friday, 22 May 2026 and Monday, 25 May 2026 (May Weekend)

### ★ June

- ★ Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Thursday, 25 June 2026