******I am delighted to welcome the children back to the new session. A particular welcome to all our new primary one children and other children who are new to our school. I am looking forward to a productive and collaborative school year with our children, staff, parents and other partners.

***Uniform and Clothing***

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Children are looking very smart on their return to school. **Please ensure your children’s clothes are labelled, particularly jackets and sweaters.**

Please remember to send your child in with a rain jacket, even if it’s sunny, as the weather in Scotland is very changeable.

Children should bring in shorts, tee shirt and soft shoes to change into on gym days. Please ensure your child wears **no jewellery** on these days.

***Holidays Dates***

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| September Holiday  | Friday 26thand Monday 29th September |
| In Service Day | Friday 10th October |
| October Week | Monday 13th to Friday 17th October |
| Christmas and New Year | School closes at 2.30pm on Friday 19th December until Monday 3rdJanuary |
| Children return | Monday 5th January 2026 |

 ***Dates for Your Diary***

Please see events throughout the session which parents/carers are invited to attend:

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| Harvest Tea hosted by P.7s | Wednesday 1st October |
| 125 Year Celebration  | Friday 19th September |
| Parents’ Evening | 8th October |
| Halloween Disco | Thursday 23rd October (after school) |
| P.6 Learning Showcase | Thursday 6th November |
| P.5 Learning Showcase | Thursday 20th November |
| Nativity led by P.1s | 9th and 10th December |
| P. 4/3 Learning Showcase  | Thursday 22nd January |
| Family Ceilidh | Wednesday 4th February |
| P.3/2 Learning Showcase | Thursday 12th March |
| Parents’ Evening  | Wednesday 25th March |
| Easter Assembly led by P.2/1 | Wednesday 1st April |
| Sports Day  | Wednesday 13th May |
| Summer Fayre | Friday 29th May |
| Summer Trip | Wednesday 3rd June |
| School Show | 8th and 9th June |
| Awards and Leavers Assembly | 17th June |

******You are invited to meet your child’s teacher and find out about what the children are learning in class on **Wednesday 3rd September from 1.45-2.45pm**.

***Parent Council***

The support provided by the Parent Council is greatly appreciated. They help to organise events for the children throughout the session. If you are interested in joining the Parent Council, please feel free to contact the school. You are invited to attend a meeting of the Parent Council on **Monday 25th August at 2.30pm**

***Celebrating 125 Years of Thornwood Primary School***

On Friday 19th September we will be celebrating Thornwood’s 125 year anniversary. There will be a special assembly followed by a fun afternoon for the children and community events. Further details will follow shortly.

If you or a friend or family member have memories or photos from their time in Thornwood, it would be greatly appreciated if you could share them.

***Family Reading Sessions***

The school library has recently been updated and there is a wide selection of books, including dual language books.

You are invited to family reading sessions where you can select and share a book with your child. These sessions will run each **Friday morning from 9.00-9.30am**. Please see the dates below for your child’s class:

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| Primary 7 | 29th August |
| Primary 6 | 5th September |
| Primary 5 | 12th September |
| Primary 4/3 | 3rd October |
| Primary 3/2 | 24th October |
| Primary 2/1 | 31st October |
| Nursery | 7th November |

***Sports Coaching and Clubs***

The following have been arranged for this term:

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| Monday | P.5 & P.6 | Tennis coaching |
| Tuesday | P.4 & P.5 | Squash Lunch Club |
| Thursday | P.3 & P.4 | Karate After School Club |
| Friday | P.6 & P.7 | Dance Lunch Club |

P.2 will be offered Mini kickers in September

Children will be invited to apply for clubs, which all have limited numbers. Further sports clubs will run throughout the session for any children who are unsuccessful.

***Lunch Clubs***

The following lunch clubs will be offered in the library this term:

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| Monday | P.4 - P.6 | Lego |
| Tuesday | P.4 - P.7 | Board Games |
| Wednesday | P.5 - P7 | Chess |
| Thursday | P.6 | Newspaper |
| Friday | P.3 -P.4 | Reading Lunch |

A football development club will also be offered on Fridays for P.6 to P.7 pupils.

***Daily Mile***

All children across the school will be participating in the Daily Mile on a timetabled basis.

***Relationship and Sexual Health Programme (RSHP)***

The RSHP programme will run throughout the session. Each term you will receive a curriculum newsletter which tells you what your child is learning. You can find out about the RSHP by following the link within the newsletter.

***L******unch and Breakfast*** ***Cl******ub***

School lunch is free for all children up to P6. The cost of lunch is £1.90 for children from P7, unless in receipt of free school meals.

Breakfast club operates from 8.00am and cost £2. It is free for children in receipt of free school meals.

***Meal Selection***

If your child is accessing school lunches, please remember to order using the Parentpay system. This will enable you to discuss the menu with your child and select their preference in advance. If you do not select your child’s choice at home this will be done by the teacher in the morning, however, the time taken to do this can impact on teaching time.

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***Nut Free Zone***

Our school is a nut free zone as there are children with severe allergies. Please ensure your child does not bring nuts or products containing nuts to school. This includes chocolate spreads containing nuts.

***Appoin******tments***

If your child requires a doctor’s or dental appointment, please try to make this after school to reduce disruption.

If you require to collect your child early from school, please inform the office in advance to avoid any delays.

***Communication***

Pupil absence should continue to be reported before 9.30am. This should be reported online at <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence>

or by phoning 0141 471 3710 or

0141 287 0039.

**All reasons for absence require to be communicated to the school.**

I look forward to working in partnership with you.

Caroline E. Dunleavy

Head Teacher