

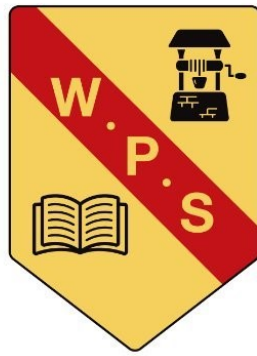
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Newsletter

Welcome to our November Newsletter. We have had a very busy start to Term 2. Our Therapist, Ellie, and her Handler, Jemma, started working with us, on a weekly basis, to support reading development with targeted children. This input is going well and we are all loving having a furry friend in the school to support learning. We have also applied for our Rights Respecting Schools Bronze Award and are hoping to hear back very soon if we have achieved Bronze status. This award will recognise all of the hard work this session in relation to Children's Rights. A huge thank you to Mr Collins, our Primary 7 teacher, who has been leading on this.

At Wallacewell Primary we follow Glasgow City Council policy and procedures for managing attendance in school—

Included, Engaged and Involved: A Positive Approach to the Promotion of Attendance in Glasgow Schools

We have started to send out letters to families of pupils whose attendance has dipped below 95% and therefore is a cause for concern. We will continue to follow GCC procedures in relation to attendance to ensure we are getting it right for all of our young people.

Our school day starts at 9am. All lateness adds up, meaning that some children are regularly missing between one hour and one day of education each week. This inevitably affects attainment and progress. We would also like to remind families that the school day finishes at 3pm. We are seeing an increase in the number of families looking to pick children up early, between 2.30pm and 2.45pm. Children should not be collected from school before 3pm unless they have a medical appointment that they have notified the school about. Staff availability and capacity towards the end of the school day make it very difficult for us to remove children from class for early collections, as such we would kindly ask that appointments, wherever possible, are made out with school times. Please note children cannot be picked up early from school to avoid traffic congestion in the carpark and surrounding roads.

Now that the Halloween festivities are over, we can say the C word—CHRISTMAS. We have lots of exciting plans in the lead up to Christmas which you will see in our Countdown to Christmas within this newsletter. Further info about our Christmas Fair will follow in due course.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

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Parent Council 2023-24

Our Parent Council have organised an event this term to raise money for their Fundraising missions. More info about these missions can be found on the school website. On Friday the 10th of November pupils are encouraged to dress down/as they please. We will be gathering monetary donations with 'Chuck It In A Bucket' buckets at the school gates. Families are encouraged to bring a small monetary donation to school to put into the buckets.

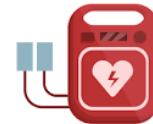
Parent Council Contact Email: wallacewellpsparentcouncil@glow.sch.uk

Website Link: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/wallacewellprimary/>



Keeping Everyone Safe

We plan to fundraise for a campus Defibrillator this session to ensure the safety of all of the adults and young people we work with. This cost to supply and fit one of these devices in the school is around £1500. This may seem like a lot but if it can help to save a life we feel it is money well spent. We have already been in talks with one of the local Councillors about this project. More information about our fundraising plans will follow in due course.



Health & Safety Reminder

- **Nuts**—We want keep all our children safe. As some members of our school community have severe allergies to nuts we kindly request that families avoid giving pupils products containing nuts for break/lunch, for example Kinder Bueno, Peanut Butter, Nutella & Snickers. We kindly ask that you check the ingredients of snacks before allowing your child to bring them to school.
- **Toys**—Please do not allow your child to bring any toys into school. We cannot be responsible for any loss or damage, and we have plenty of nice things to play with here in the school.
- **Phones**— An ever-growing number of pupils are bringing mobile phones to school. We understand there are various reasons for this. Pupils should ensure their phones are switched off before they enter the school grounds and should not be taken out of bags or used during the school day. Teachers remind pupils of this daily, but we would appreciate your support in sharing this message at home. We would also remind you that social media apps have age restrictions for a reason.

Attendance & Engagement

Wallacewell Primary are passionate about getting it right for the pupils we work with. In order for us to meet learners needs we require pupils to be in school on time each day. In Glasgow when a child's attendance falls below 95%, this becomes a concern for the school. We will follow the council and school procedures for managing attendance to support our families to ensure children attend school, on time, each day. This month we will be starting to issue families with letters, as per the council policy, if pupils attendance is becoming a cause for concern.

October 2023



Whole School

Average attendance

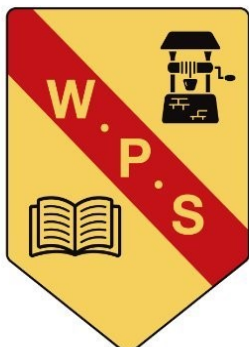
93.77% (+1.4% from August)

Lowest class
attendance rates

P5 – 92.44%

P6 – 96.48%

P2 – 92.90%



Physical Education Reminder

As per Glasgow City Council policy, no jewellery is allowed to be worn during PE lessons, such as gym sessions, dance workshops and swimming lessons. This includes, but is not limited to:

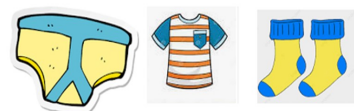
- bracelets
- necklaces
- earrings
- nose-piercings

All jewellery needs to be removed before taking part in taught physical activities. This rule applies to boys and girls. We recommend that families take children to get ears etc pierced during the Summer break to allow ample healing time, 6 weeks, so that earrings can then be removed for PE. Glasgow's full Health and Safety document for physical activity can be viewed by scanning the QR code.

Consultation With Families

Thank you to all families who attended our Primary 1 Playing with Sounds sessions last term. Parents/carers were offered an opportunity to attend the 6 workshops explaining each game in turn and playing it with their child in school. An average of 52% of the P.1 cohort attended regularly over the 6 weeks. As you know we want to work collaboratively with families to improve our school and get it right for all of our young people. We asked for feedback from our Playing with Sounds sessions and are delighted to share this feedback with you below.

- the sessions allowed for parental engagement
- I got to see various useful techniques to support learning
- sessions helped with my child's sounds development
- I noticed my child's ability got consistently better each week
- I was happy with the challenges the games present
- My family benefitted from Playing With Sounds
- We really enjoyed the games
- I noticed by child picked up syllables really quickly
- I noticed by child could easily identify the words by sounding/blending each letter



We are delighted that families who attended benefited from these sessions. We will look forward to hosting more family learning events across the school as the year progresses.

Extra Curricular Activities

You asked and we have delivered - more extra curricular activities at Wallacewell!

We are delighted to share this term's morning and after school clubs. Last term we targeted upper school, this term we have introduced clubs for our middle school and, next term, we will target our lower school pupils. For those pupils in the dance club, the City of Dance Heats will take place on 28th November at St Roch's Secondary, 3.30 – 5pm. As always, if you have a PVG Certificate and would like to support the school by leading any extra curricular activities, please get in touch.

Wallacewell's Morning & Afterschool Clubs				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Club Multi-Sports P5a 30 th Oct – 13 th Dec (7 weeks)	Morning Club Multi-Sports P5b 31 st Oct – 12 th Dec (7 weeks)	Morning Club Multi-Sports P6a 1 st Nov – 13 th Dec (7 weeks)	Morning Club Multi-Sports P6b 2 nd Nov – 14 th Dec (7 weeks)	Morning Club Multi-Sports P7a & P7b 3 rd Nov – 15 th Dec (7 weeks)
After School Gymnastics P3 30 th Oct – 27 th Nov (5 weeks)	After School Football P3 31 st Oct - 28 th Nov (5 weeks)	After School basketball P5 1 st Nov – 29 th Nov (5 Weeks)	After School Dance P5-7 26 th Oct – 9 th Nov (Final 3 weeks)	



Wallacewell Primary Countdown to Christmas 2023



Friday 10th November

- Christmas Fair **tombola** donations to school office e.g. unwanted gifts.
- Parent Council Fundraiser – ‘Chuck It in A Bucket.’ Pupils can dress as they please and are encouraged to bring a donation to school.
- Parent Council Santa Letter Information to families – Please check schoolbags today for more info.

Monday 13th November

- Book Week Scotland (13.11 - 17.11.23 See attached flyer)

Tuesday 14th November

Parents Evening (3-15-6.15pm)

Friday 17th November

- Christmas Fair **chocolate** donations to school office.
- Family Blether Café (9.15-10.30am – Further info to follow).

Monday 20th November

- P.1 Book Bag gifting (2.30pm)

Tuesday 21st November

- EAL Parents Day (Parents have been allocated appointment times).

Wednesday 22nd November

- EAL Parents Day (Parents have been allocated appointment times).

Thursday 23rd November

- Parents Evening (6-9pm).

Friday 24th November

- Christmas Fair **bottle (non-alcoholic)** donations to school office.
- Parent Council Santa Letters Requests to be returned.



Monday 27th November

- Scots Language Week (27.11.23 to 1.12.23).

Thursday 30th November

- School Christmas Dinner orders due to school office.

Friday 1st December

- Last day for Class Hamper Donations. Please hand in to school office.
- Christmas Fair donations for the **children's stall** to school office e.g. pre-loved toys, games and books.
- STEM Open Afternoon for Families (2-2.45Ppm)

Tuesday 5th December

- Primary 1-Primary 3/2 Pantomime Trip (AM – Cinderella at the Platform Theatre)

Wednesday 6th December

- Family Bingo Night (6-7.30pm – Info to follow)

Thursday 7th December

- Primary 3-5 Pantomime Trip (AM- Scrooge at the Tron Theatre)
- Home baking donations for Christmas Fair to be handed into school office

Friday 8th December

- Christmas Fair (3.30pm-5.30pm)

Monday 11th December

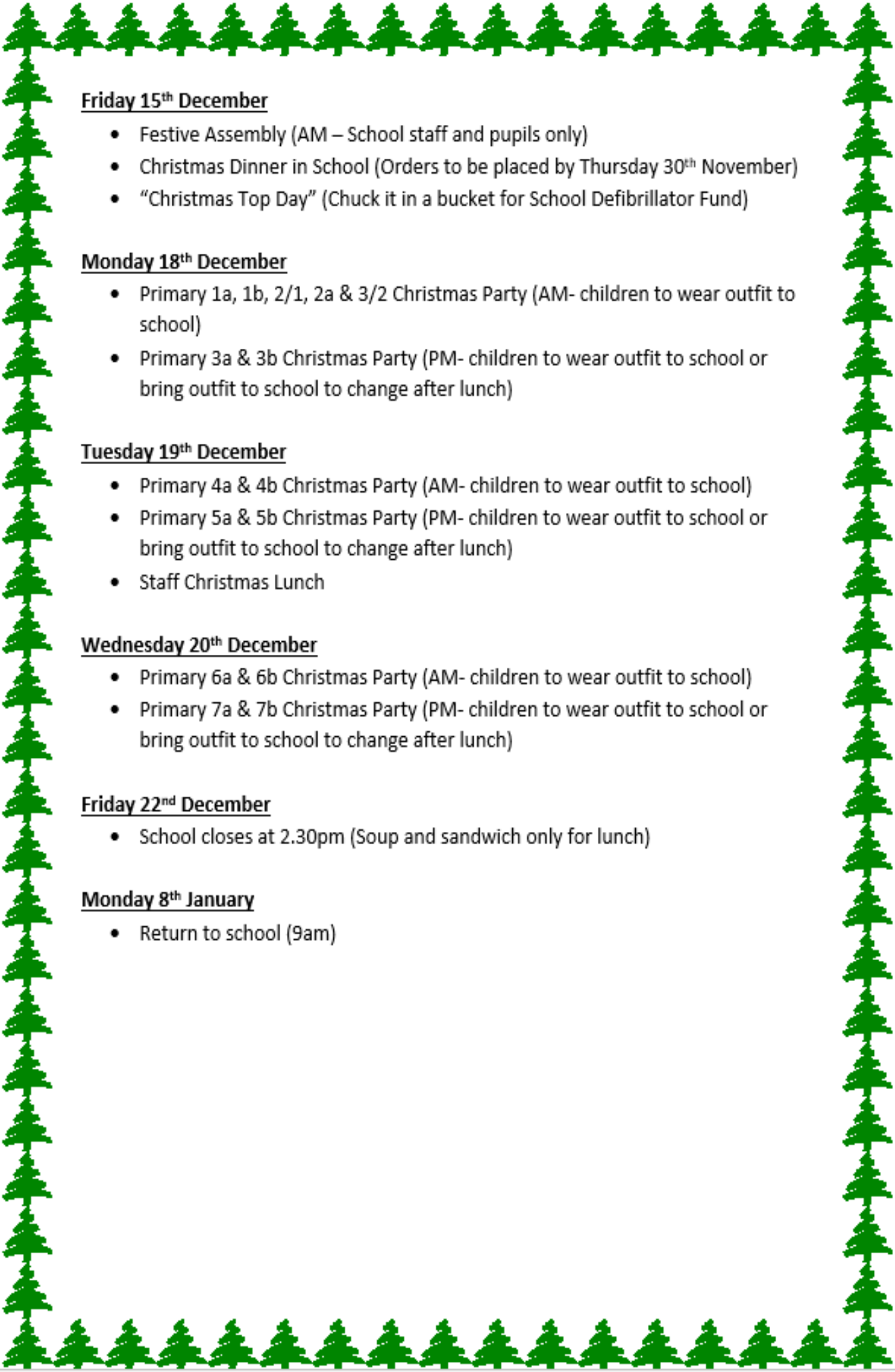
- P1-2 Nativity Dress Rehearsal (AM- For pupils & staff only)

Tuesday 12th December

- P1-2 Nativity Dress 9.30am – 'It's A Baby'

Wednesday 13th December

- P6-7 Pantomime Trip (AM – Scrooge at the Tron Theatre)
- P1-2 Nativity Dress 1.30pm– 'It's A Baby'



Friday 15th December

- Festive Assembly (AM – School staff and pupils only)
- Christmas Dinner in School (Orders to be placed by Thursday 30th November)
- “Christmas Top Day” (Chuck it in a bucket for School Defibrillator Fund)

Monday 18th December

- Primary 1a, 1b, 2/1, 2a & 3/2 Christmas Party (AM- children to wear outfit to school)
- Primary 3a & 3b Christmas Party (PM- children to wear outfit to school or bring outfit to school to change after lunch)

Tuesday 19th December

- Primary 4a & 4b Christmas Party (AM- children to wear outfit to school)
- Primary 5a & 5b Christmas Party (PM- children to wear outfit to school or bring outfit to school to change after lunch)
- Staff Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 20th December

- Primary 6a & 6b Christmas Party (AM- children to wear outfit to school)
- Primary 7a & 7b Christmas Party (PM- children to wear outfit to school or bring outfit to school to change after lunch)

Friday 22nd December

- School closes at 2.30pm (Soup and sandwich only for lunch)

Monday 8th January

- Return to school (9am)



Book Week Scotland

We are delighted to share that we will be celebrating Book week Scotland this year between Monday 13th of November and Friday 17th November 2023.

LIBRARY VISITS

All classes will be walking to the library.

Mon 13th P.4b

Tues 14th P.1b, P.6a, P.6b

Wed 15th P.4a

Thurs 16th P.3/2, P.3a

Fri 17th P.1a, P.7b, P.7a Mon 20th P.5b

Tues 21st P.2/1, P.5a, P.2a Wed 22nd P.3b



FREE BOOK SWAP

Bring your good quality, pre-loved books into school and swap them for a new book.



BOOK SWAP on THURS 16th NOV

**HELPERS NEEDED TO WALK TO THE LIBRARY
PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP**

READ, WRITE, COUNT BOOK BAG GIFTING

Parents and carers are invited into the school dining hall at 2.30pm for a cup of tea and a look at the resources in The Scottish Book Trust's gift bag!

P.2 - Monday 13th November

P.3 - Tuesday 14th November

FIRST MINISTER'S READING CHALLENGE

The children will be given their own Reading Passport to record how many books they have read.

