

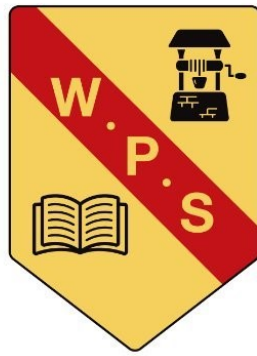
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# Newsletter

# Merry Christmas

Dear Families,

We have almost made it to the Festive Break. The children and staff at Wallacewell Primary have been working very hard and I am extremely proud of their achievements to date.

As we approach the end of 2024 it is a good time to reflect on all that we have achieved this year so far. As you know our missions for this session are to improve Numeracy, Literacy, approaches to Health & Wellbeing and to work in partnership with all stakeholders across our leaning community. Despite the significant challenges posed by the recent budget cuts, including the negative impact on staffing levels, our Challenge Leaders of Learning have been working hard with targeted intervention groups who are making very good progress in both literacy and numeracy. Our Nurture trained staff continue to provide targeted nurture support for pupils who require it. We continue to work in partnership with agencies such as With Kids (Play Therapy) and Be-In-Unity to ensure we are getting it right for the young people we serve. We now utilise emotional check ins in all classes and use the Circles Participation Framework to ensure our classrooms are inclusive for all. We led and engaged in a very successful learning community inclusion event for in October that has developed our Support for Learning Workers knowledge and practice to support inclusion across all stages. We welcomed Donald from Wildside Nature again this session. The children enjoyed their Halloween themed outdoor learning sessions. Our P1's did a *FANTASTIC* job in their Nativity—*Lights, Camel, Action!* We also all enjoyed our trip the Kings Theatre for the Pantomime and were delighted to welcome back the Rookie Rockstars for their Christmas Reunion Tour.

We have managed have achieved so much this session already and are looking forward to what lies ahead in 2025!

As always, thank you for your continued support. If there is anything we can help with, please get in touch. The Staff Team at Wallacewell would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2025! We look forward to welcoming our children back to school on Monday the 6th of January 2025.

Yours

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## Parent Council 2024-25

We would like to thank our Parent Council for their hard work and support during our first two terms of the session. They have organised some very successful fundraising events so far including—'Disco Tuck Shop' and 'Letters from Santa.' These events raise money that will be used to benefit the children of Wallacewell Primary. Our Parent Council have also joined financial forces with the school this year to buy every child a festive treat, which was distributed today.

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

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



## 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.

## 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. In January 2025 we will be starting to issue families with letters, as per the council policy, if pupils attendance has become a cause for concern. In March 2025 we will review attendance again and will send out further correspondence where attendance continues to be a concern.

Further information on current attendance levels and how to report absence has been attached to this newsletter. We would like to encourage all families to report absence using the pupil absence line—0141 287 0039.



## Reporting Absence

### How to report your child absent from school:

You should call the Pupil Absence Reporting (PAR) Team on: 0141 287 0039 to report your child absent from school. You can call the line every school day from 8:00am. You should call the absence reporting line before 9.30am on the first day of your child's absence.

**Please do not use Groupcall to report your child's absence as this may not be seen by school staff and is not GCC protocol for reporting absence.**

### The Pupil Absence Reporting (PAR) team:

The Pupil Absence Reporting (PAR) service is provided by a dedicated team of experienced Education support staff. The information you provide to the team is updated in the school's system when you call, so the school is immediately aware of all absence information.

The Pupil Absence Reporting (PAR) service has been created to provide an efficient flexible way for parents/carers to report absence. We recognise that in some circumstances, for example, to report or discuss a sensitive issue, you may still require to speak directly with the school. The following guidance should be applied:

### Please phone the PAR team 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 team 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.

### Please phone the school directly to report the following absences:

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:

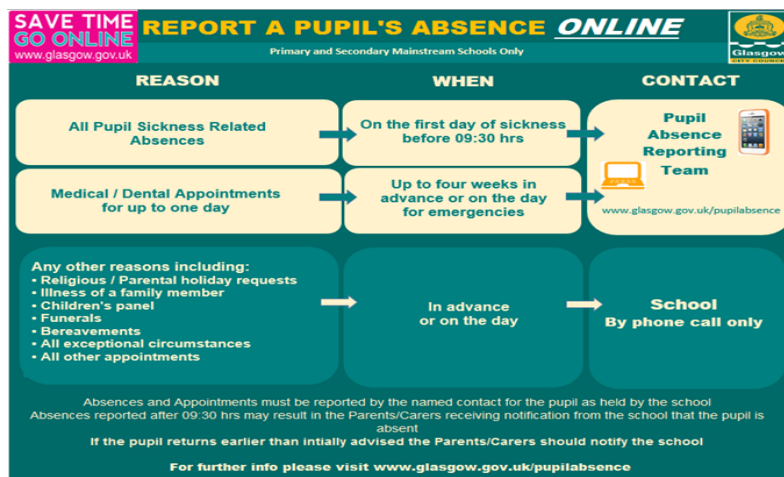
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Serious illness, for example, an absence which is going to last more than one week

Injury, for example, broken limb

Contagious diseases or illness

You can also report your child's absence by using an online form, though you need to register with myaccount to do so. More information can be found here: <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence>



## **Dates for the Diary (2024-25)**

### **January 2025**

- Pupils return to school on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.
- Primary 5 'Mock Court' experience begins. Details to follow.
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - Parent Council Meeting (6pm). All parents/carers welcome.
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Primary 7 Residential.
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 – Primary 5 Science Centre Trip.
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Primary 7 Burns Supper. Details to follow.

### **February 2025**

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – Primary 1-3 Zoolab Experience
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - Parent Council Meeting (6pm). All parents/carers welcome.
- Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> of February to Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – February mid term break
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – In Service Day for staff. School closed to pupils. Pupils return to school on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025.
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025 (2pm) – Primary 5 World Religion Showcase. Details to follow.

### **March 2025**

- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 - Parent Council Meeting (6pm). All parents/carers welcome.
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025 – Primary 3 Easter Showcase (2pm). Details to follow.

### **April 2025**

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2025 – School closes at 2.30pm for Spring Holiday
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025 – Spring Break
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 – Pupils return to school.
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of April - Parent Council Meeting (6pm). All parents/carers welcome.

### **May 2025**

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 – May Day Holiday. School closed.
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Pupils and staff return to school.
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Primary 6 Children's Rights Showcase (2pm). Details to follow.
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Primary 7 Induction Day 1 at Smithycroft Secondary. Details to follow.
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – New Primary 1 Induction Afternoon (PM). Details to follow.
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 – Primary 7 Induction Day 2 at Smithycroft Secondary. Details to follow.
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 – In Service Day for staff. School closed to pupils.
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – May Weekend. School closed.
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Pupils and staff return to school.

### **June 2025**

- Primary 6 'Urban Adventure' experience begins this month. Details to follow.
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 - Parent Council Meeting (6pm). All parents/carers welcome.
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 - Smithycroft Sports Day for Primary 7. Details to follow.
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025– Sports Day (AM). Details to follow.
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025 - New Primary 1 Induction Morning (AM). Details to follow.
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Primary 7 Leavers Assembly (AM). Details to follow.
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Primary 7 Leavers Dance (Evening). Details to follow.
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – School closes for the Summer break at 1pm.

### **For Your Information**

- Primary 4 Science Centre Visit dates to be confirmed.