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Newsletter

Dear Families,

As we approach the final weeks of the school year, it is a good time to reflect on some of our schools amazing achievements over the last academic session. These have included—

- *achieving our Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award*
- *our community work being recognised by the Glasgow Trades House*
- *the installation of our school community defibrillator*
- *the creation of our Bothy*
- *the successful implementation of our Wellbeing Room (The Well) that supports 55 children each week to meet their health & wellbeing needs*
- *improved whole school attendance, in comparison to last session (2023-24)*

A full overview our successes and next steps will be published in our annual *Standards and Quality Report (SQR)* in September 2025.

As you will know, we were impacted negatively by the budgets cuts made to education services in Glasgow this year. These cuts have had serious implications for schools across the city, but some specific consequences for Wallacewell Primary this year included—

- a reduction in literacy and numeracy support including Dyslexia identification
- limited after-school clubs
- fewer opportunities for showcase learning, family learning and engagement with parents

Despite the challenges, we have remained committed to providing the best possible service to support us to meet the needs of the young people we serve. Our promise to our families is and always will be, that we will carry on working hard and doing our best to provide quality learning experiences, in a welcoming environment, to get it right for our young people. Your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate new and unprecedented challenges is very much appreciated.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our parent volunteers from this session who have supported us with a variety of activities including school trips and paired reading. The support of our families is very much valued and appreciated.

All that is left for me to do is wish you all a restful and relaxing summer break. I will look forward to seeing everyone back to school in August. Teachers will return on Tuesday the 12th of August 2025. Pupils will return on **Thursday the 14th of August 2025.**

Yours

Miss L Davidson (Head Teacher)

Teaching Staff—Session 2025/26

We would like to thank all of our families for their patience whilst we waited for *Glasgow City Council's HR* department to allocate our staffing for next session. We understand this may have been worrying for parents/carers, but would like to take this opportunity to remind families, that whilst this may be frustrating and or worrying for some, it is a process that has been completely out with the hands and control of the school. We have been very keen to find out who our new staff are and as such we have been in regular, at times daily, communication with *GCC's Education HR Team*.

We are delighted to now be in a position to share our staffing for next session. Please note, this is subject to change. For example, we cannot predict staff absence and if a staff member is absent from work we will work with *GCC'S HR Department* to source an alternative teacher wherever possible.

Primary 1a	Mrs Gillian Scott
Primary 1b	Mr Conor McCusker
Primary 2/1	Miss Alisha McGuigan (<i>Soon to be Mrs Brown</i>)
Primary 2a	Mr Shaun Collins
Primary 2b	Ms Chelsea MacKay
Primary 3/2	Mr James McColl/ Miss Laura Jardine
Primary 3a	Mrs Lesley Potter
Primary 3b	Mrs Catherine McCafferty
Primary 4a	Miss Skye Love/ Miss Nicola Kelly
Primary 4b	Mrs Paula Wightman/ Miss Kirsty MacKenzie
Primary 5a	Mrs Laura Mair
Primary 5b	Miss Geordan Hamilton
Primary 6a	Mr Stephen Tracy
Primary 6b	Ms Chelsea Gray
Primary 7a	Mr Sam McKay
Primary 7b	Ms Rachel Wylie
NCCT Teachers	Mrs Louise Johnston
	Mrs Deborah McDonald/ Mrs Hannah Dedecker
Challenge Leaders of Learning	Miss Emma Wilson (Literacy)
	Mrs Nicole Cattley (Maths/Numeracy)
EAL Teacher	Mrs Karen Nicol





We are delighted to say that our Home Learning Website for families is now live. You can access via the main school website or by scanning the QR code. This site is a work in progress and we will continue to add to the resources on the site over the next session. If there is anything specific you would like us to add, please let us know.

Lost Property

All lost property will be placed outside of the school from next week until the end of term. If items are not collected by the end of term they will be disposed of or donated to charity. Sadly, we do not have the facilities to store the large amounts of lost property that we currently have in the school going forward into the new session.

For next session, please ensure that all items of clothing and personal belongings are clearly labelled with pupils full names to assist us in reuniting lost property with the owners. Please also remind children to look after their property by ensuring they place belongings on their allocated pegs, whilst remembering to collect anything taken off or left in the playground.



Fond Farewells

At the end of June we will be saying goodbye to a number of staff. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to each and every one of them who have worked tirelessly to support our young people. They have been a pleasure to work with and we wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.

We would also like to give a special *Au revoir* to Mrs Jodah and Mrs Stewart who are retiring at the end of this session. They have worked with us and in education for decades, dedicating their professional lives to getting it right for young people. Wishing you all the very best ladies. Enjoy your retirements!



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Deputy Child Protection Co-ordinators:

Mrs Taylor (DHT) or Miss Kelly (DHT)

Parent Council 2025-26

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

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



Meetings for next session will be agreed at the beginning of next term. Details to follow.

As always, everyone is welcome.

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 and nose-piercings

All jewellery **must** 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 below.

In order to help keep our school clean and safe for all, children must bring a change of shoes (indoor shoes) to school. As a result of the unpredictable Scottish weather our playground and the surrounding streets/pavements are often dirty or muddy. Children are trailing this dirt into the school and onto carpets /flooring which is unsightly, dirty and unsafe.

For next session please ensure you child has a change of shoes (indoor shoes) for school that will be kept in the school building. Thank you in advance.



School Uniform—Reminders for Next Session

We are very proud of our school uniform at Wallacewell Primary School. School uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging within the school community. We encourage all of our pupils to adhere to our dress code.

Unacceptable Dress – There are forms of dress that are unacceptable in school, such as items of clothing which:

- Potentially encourage factions (such as football colours/kits)
- Could cause offence (such as anti-religious symbolism or political slogans)
- Could cause health and safety difficulties (such as loose fitting clothing, jewellery)
- Could cause damage to flooring
- Carry advertising particularly for alcohol or tobacco
- Could be used to inflict damage on other pupils

Please note acrylic nails should not be worn to school as they present a health and safety risk in PE. Children with acrylic nails will be unable to participate in PE as per Glasgow City Council procedures.

SCHOOL TERM DATES SESSION 2025-26

August

- Tuesday, 12 August 2025 (In-Service Day—Staff Only)
- Wednesday, 13 August 2025 (In-Service Day—Staff Only)
- 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—Staff Only)
- Monday, 13 to Friday, 17 October 2025 (October Week)

December

- 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 mid term break—Monday, 16 February 2026 & Tuesday, 17 February 2026
- Wednesday, 18 February 2026 (In-Service Day—Staff Only)

April

- 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—Staff Only. Date 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