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October 2025





Dear Families,

Can you believe we are almost at the end of October? There's definitely a crisp, autumnal feeling in the air! Despite the days marching away from us, we still have lots of fantastic things to come this term including another Open Afternoon (Maths), our first batch of Parents Evenings, our whole school trip to the Kings Pantomime and a lots of festive excitement as wee creep into the month of December.

Thank you to everyone who has ordered their Halloween Disco tickets. We are looking forward to lots of spooky fun at our discos this week—

Wednesday 29th October 2025

4-5pm - P1 and P2

5.15-6.15pm - P3 and P4

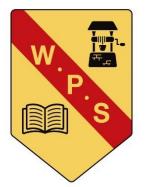
6.30-8.00pm - P5-7

Please note, we cannot admit anyone to the disco who has not pre-booked a ticket. Prebooked tickets generate our fire register which must be created in advance of the discos, for health and safety reasons. Additionally, snacks are being purchased by school staff, based on the number of purchased tickets, in advance of the discos. Last year some families dropped children off at the discos without tickets. This caused upset for the children as there was no snack. It also posed a health and safety concern for school staff as they children were not on a register and we were not made aware of the pickup arrangements.

I hope you find the information contained in this newsletter useful. If you have any concerns or questions, or if there is anything I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours

Miss L. Davidson



Important Dates 2025-26

Attached to this newsletter you will find our annual calendar containing important dates between now and June 2026. We will always try to give families as much notice as possible about school events but would like to make families aware that this is not always possible. Our school diary is changeable based on the needs of our children and the opportunities that we have access to.

Parent Council 2025-26

Every parent/guardian becomes a member of the Parent Forum whenever their child starts school, enabling parents to get involved in school life in whatever way they can. Below you will find details of our 2025-26 Parent Council along with their contact information. We will share Parent Council updates with families through our website.

Chairperson: Vacancy

Vice Chairperson: Caryn Smith

Secretary: Elizabeth Smith

Treasurer: Valentina Vagka

Fundraising Coordinator: Vacancy

Contact Email: wallacewellpsparentcouncil@glow.sch.uk

Our first official Parent Council meeting of the session will take place at Wallacewell Primary on $\underline{\text{Monday the 27th of}}$

October 2025 at 6pm. As always everyone is welcome.

Festive Pantomime

Our first *Panto Pennies* collection will take place on Friday the 31st of October. Pupils are encouraged, where possible, to bring any spare change to school to help start our *Panto Pennies* collection.



Attendance & Engagement

Parent Council

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 our newsletters each month we will share average class attendance information each allow us to work in partnership to improve attendance. We will also send out individual letters to families who fall below certain attendance levels as per Glasgow City Council procedures.



Another small reminder—Our school day starts at 9am and finishes at 3pm. We offer a soft start from 8.45am for all pupils. Due to late coming some pupils are missing between 1 hour and 1 full day of learning each week. It is important that pupils are in the playground for 9am. We appreciate your support regarding this.

Contact Details:

0141 557 5041

Headteacher@wallacewellpri.glasgow.sch.uk

Child Protection Co-ordinator:

Miss Davidson (HT)

Deputy Child Protection Co-ordinators:

Mrs Taylor (DHT) or Miss Kelly (DHT)

Please ask to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team if you have any questions or concerns. Please note we may not always be able to speak to you straight away, particularly if we are teaching, supporting a pupil or in another meeting. As such we recommend that you make an appointment wherever possible.

Labelling Things and Lost Property

As outlined in our previous newsletter, our pupils come to us with a myriad of different talents and abilities. However, one major skill which could be better across the school is... *looking after belongings*. You can help us with this by writing your child's name on *everything*, especially items of clothing. Our Lost & Found cupboards are starting to fill up again, with lots of clothing and other belongings that have no names on. If your child is missing something we would like to encourage families to come into the school, via the main reception, to have a look in our Lost & Found cupboards. Names on belongings is the only way that we, as school staff, can help reunite items to their rightful owners.

Things to bear in mind...

Dogs — Dogs should never be brought into the playground. We have pupils with a fear of dogs, and unfortunately we continue to have issues with fouling. We appreciate your help with this.



The following should not be brought to school—trading cards (such as Football or Pokemon), chewing gum. football colours (any team / club / country), anything containing nuts or fizzy / energy drinks

Overflow Carpark

We continue to face challenges in our overflow carpark. Namely, irresponsible parking and at times, dangerous driving. Another issue that has come to light is the limited flow of traffic within the drop off zone in the mornings. The overflow carpark area is used as a drop off zone in the mornings. We kindly ask that once pupils have been dropped off that all road users move out of the overflow carpark area as swiftly as possible. Whilst we appreciate families may want to talk and catch up, cars not moving promptly causes a backlog of traffic which in turn results in pupils being late for school which has a detrimental impact on learning. We thank you in advance for your support with this.





September 2025



Whole School

Average attendance

94.75% (-0.52% from August 2025)

Lowest stage attendance rates

P4 - 92.52%

P5 - 92.81%

P3 - 94.45%

Attendance = Attainment = Wellbeing