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Newsletter

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a lovely festive season and enjoyed the break. The weather has certainly been appropriately wintry, but despite the wind, rain, frost and the dash of snow, the days will shortly be getting longer and brighter.

Last term was really busy, but also hugely successful, with lots of great things going on! Our Christmas Fair was a huge success raising just over £2000 for school funds. There was a terrific buzz around the school, reflecting yet again the support and vibrancy of our community. Primary 1 shone brightly as the stars of our Nativity. The weeks of rehearsals, learning scripts, songs and choreography really paid off! Thank you again to all of the staff involved. Our whole school trip to the panto at The Kings was an absolute triumph. It couldn't have gone more smoothly, and everyone who attended had a ball! Oh yes they did! It was a fabulous show, and we are so happy we organised this educational experience for our young people. Our school pitch has now had its 'rejuvenation' and will be opening back up soon. And everyone enjoyed their festive ice cream treat at the end of term. Who knew Santa had contacts in the ice cream business!

As we move into the new term, classes who have not yet invited their families into the school will be working towards their Class Showcases, an opportunity for parents/carers to engage in the life of the school and find out more about what children have been learning about. Look out for invites coming your way soon. We also have a variety of other educational experiences planned including Zoolab for our Primary 1-3's, Science Centre visits for our Primary 5's, M& M Productions Workshop & Theatre Experience for our Primary 4's, Pinkston Basin for our Primary 6's and the much anticipated Primary 7 Residential Experience. So much to look forward to! Keep an eye on our class blogs for weekly updates on learning across the school.

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

Yours

Miss L Davidson

Head Teacher



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: wallacewellparentcouncil@glow.sch.uk

Our first official Parent Council meeting of the session will take place at Wallacewell Primary on **Monday the 26th of January 2026 at 6pm**. As always everyone is welcome.



Overflow Carpark

We continue to face challenges in our overflow carpark. Namely, irresponsible parking and at times, dangerous driving. We kindly request that parents/carers park safely away from the school and avoid using the limited space in the overflow carpark where and when possible.

Another issue that, despite raising it last term, has continued to be a problem on returning after Christmas, 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 that families may wish to chat and catch up, leaving cars abandoned on the road within the carpark is neither considerate, sensible or safe. We thank you in advance for your support with this.

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 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@wallacewell-pri.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 previous newsletters, 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 school grounds***. We have had one or two parents/carers question this rule. Whilst we appreciate it is not always a convenient rule, we have pupils at Wallacewell who have a fear of dogs and dogs being brought into school grounds can pose a significant danger. We also, unfortunately, continue to have issues with fouling. We appreciate your help with this.

Our pitch will be reopening soon and we would like to leave it open at evenings and weekends for children and families to use. Additionally dogs should never be brought onto the pitch. If community members continue to bring dogs onto the pitch out with school hours, some of whom allow dogs to foul without picking it up, we will have no choice but to close the pitch off for public use. Whilst this will be disappointing for many, the health and safety of the children at Wallacewell Primary must be prioritised. It is not the job of school staff to pick up dog mess prior to the start of the school day. We will continue to monitor this once the pitch reopens.



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.

Requests for Assistance/ Supporting Evidence

We would like to remind families that if you require supporting evidence from the school for any referrals or applications (for example, applications for Child Disability Benefits), you must contact the school first to discuss this.

In addition, families should speak to the Head Teacher before listing any member of staff as a referee for passport applications. For GDPR reasons, the school can only support passport applications that are made through the official HMRC online application system. We cannot provide referee details for paper applications.

Open Afternoon Invite



Attendance = Attainment = Wellbeing

December 2026

Whole School

Average attendance

89.89%

Lowest stage
attendance rates

P6 – 86.29%

P5 – 88.01%

P3 – 89.15%



EVERY DAY



COUNTS

