



Bunsgoil Ghàidhlig Ghleann Dail Litir-naidheachd

An Lùnastal 2026

Bho dheasg a' Cheannaird.... From the Head Teacher's desk....

Welcome back everybody! It has been such a wonderful week welcoming all of our pupils back to school. I am jealous of the summer adventures I have been hearing about! The children have been so happy seeing their classmates again and dare I say seeing the staff too.

We wish our Primary 7 class of 2026 all the very best for their first week at their respective High Schools.

A huge welcome to all of our new families joining us. I don't wish to repeat myself from last year's August Newsletter but what a settled start we have had this week. Some tears are always expected at the beginning but I cannot commend every single pupil highly enough for how they have helped create such a welcoming start. I felt last year was a lovely, calm start back but this year has perhaps surpassed that.

Luchd-Obrach na Sgoile

During the Summer we have had some staffing tweaks. Mrs Thomson (support for learning) will not be with us this year.

We welcome Miss Walker (Monday-Tuesday) and Mr McQuillan who will be working with C5/4 and C7 respectively. Miss Walker will be with us for the year and Mr McQuillan is covering Mrs Walker.

Our own Mrs Walker is currently recovering from surgery and we wish her all the very best for her recovery. Mrs Walker is due to return towards the end of August / beginning of September.

Achievements

Please remember as the year goes on to let us know of any out-of-school achievements. We always like to make a fuss and celebrate children's extra-curricular achievements as assemblies and school displays.

End of Day Bus List

Could I request that we start as we mean to go on, and that any changes to the end of day bus lists are communicated to our clerical staff as soon as possible. Our bus lists are distributed to staff around 2.30pm, making last minute alterations a challenge. Similarly, we aim to have our children on the bus to depart close to 3pm (if not before). Therefore, turning up at 3pm and requesting to collect your child with no prior warning is difficult, unfortunately this does occur more regularly than we'd wish. We thank you for your continue cooperation and communication.

Jamie McCusker Acting Head Teacher

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS
EVERY DAY**



School Improvement Priorities 2026-2027

Leasachadh

Our school improvement information will be available on the school website in the coming days.

Our main focuses for this session are:

- Embedding Glasgow City Council's new numeracy frameworks and synthetic phonic approach.
- Increasing children's exposure to sustainability learning opportunities and musical experiences.
- Continue to embed inclusive practices, informed by the Circle Framework, NAIT training and Emotion Works.

A section of every monthly newsletter will be dictated to School Improvement Updates. Further updates are given



Communication



For anyone seeking to get in touch, I am available for any parent/carer wishing to pass on information via the below email address:

headteacher@glendalegaelic-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

You are, of course, welcome to contact us by phone but please bear in mind at certain times the office may not be staffed.

0141 429 3183

Our School Instagram page proved popular last session. Please follow us at @glendalegaelic.

If you send us a follow request you must **email the school** office to let us know that it is you. We have around 20 pending requests but these will not be processed until we have received an email asking to be accepted.

Medical information / Allergies

If, over the summer, there have been any changes to your child's medical and/or allergy information, guidance or medication could you please inform the school ASAP.

We cannot administer medicines without the correct paperwork completed by parents/carers.



Saor-làithean ri thighinn

An t-Sultain

Friday 25th-Monday 28th—Sept weekend

An Dàmhair

Friday 9th—In-service day



Freeflow Entry

You may have noticed the children have not been lining up at the beginning of the day. Towards the end of last year at break and lunch time we trialled a free-flow entry system, which we have now extended to the 9am entry,

It is working incredibly well. When the bell goes the children simply make their own way into the building and respective classes. Staff are positioned at various points on the stairwells and corridors to ensure adequate supervision and safety.

Children are spending less time lining up outside and are being incredibly responsible walking into the building. As a result we are increasing time in the class by almost two hours a week. We will continue to trial this for the remainder of Term 1.

Meet the Teacher

On **Thursday 27th August**, we invite you to come in and meet your child's class teacher. This is an opportunity to see the classroom and ask any general questions. If you wish to ask anything specific to your child's learning please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

It will operate as a drop-in session between **3.30-4.30pm**. This will allow parents with more than one child at the school to pop in an out of the classes. There will be no formal presentations given by staff but there will be examples of resources and staff on hand to discuss the routines of the class.

Keeping Safe at Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghleann Dail

A permanent feature of our monthly newsletters is 'Keeping Safe at Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghleann Dail'. Topics such as Child Protection, Additional Support Needs and Dietary requirements will be discussed.

We want all parents knowing exactly what we do as a school to keep our pupils safe. This information is on our website and will be continually added too.

Polices such as our 'positive relationship' and 'anti-bullying' approach are also available for parents. As always, parents can contact the school at any time to discuss any of our school processes.

Pupil Voice

As a school we are striving to increase meaningful opportunities for pupils to shape the life of the school.

As a direct result of this, I (Mgr McCusker) will be running a book club and Chess club during Wednesday lunch-times. Over the course of the year we will try and give as many children the opportunity to be involved as possible. Those children selected will be sent some information.

Wednesday's can be a busy HT meeting day so I will try my best not to cancel too many of the book / chess clubs!

I will also be organising a running club for our primary 6 and 7 pupils. Miss Lindsay will also be organising a girls football club. We have had some parental offers of football coaches as well. More information will follow soon.

Deise-Sgoile

The children are all looking incredibly smart in their school uniform. This week, we have achieved 100% of our pupils in school uniform. We do not require school logos but school colours are always appreciated.

We also have a PE uniform. It is Glasgow City Council's policy not to allow football strips to be worn in schools. Please avoid sending your child to school in a football strip, this does also include Scotland strips. I would also advise against branded clothing and stick to our school colours. Information on this can be found on our website.

Homework, SeeSaw, Class Newsletters

As the weeks go on all of the information regarding homework, SeeSaw and class newsletters will be given out.

We are hoping to have SeeSaw available for all classes this session to assist our continual improvement sharing information about your child's learning. Class Newsletters will be sent once a term outlining the work planned for that Term. And homework, will once again be an opt in/opt out system.

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Comhairle nam Pàrant

I am incredibly thankful to all of our parents who are active within the Parent Council. You do so much to help and promote our wonderful school.

If any parent would like to join any of the Parent Council meetings or offer any support in Parental Council activities your assistance would be most welcome.

If you wish to join our Parent Council please get in touch via the following email address:

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