

Minutes of Meeting 19th January 2026

Minutes of Riverbank Primary and Nursery Class (PNC) Parent Council meeting held on Monday 19th January at 1815 in Riverbank Community Hub.

1. Attendees

Billy Barclay (Chair), Diane Davidson (Treasurer), Nicola Nisbet (Vice Chairperson/Communication Officer), Alison Cowan, Rebecca Robson, Stacey Kelly, Antony Hynes, Shobha Chacko, Shabana Akhtar, Nicola Clements, Sam Middleton and Leeann McIlwraith.

Helen Paterson (Head Teacher) Roberta McAvoy (DHT) and Karen Johnston (PT).

Apologies were received Julie Bradley (Secretary)

2. Minutes from 3rd November

Agreed by all.

3. Christmas Fayre debrief

Felt that although the event went well, DD stated there are schools in the area making 3 or 4 times the profit and taking different approaches. Discussions around how we do that with both facilities and personnel, agreed to be discussed fuller at a later meeting when we should begin to plan for next year.

4. PC Storage facilities

Mrs Paterson indicated they have identified a cupboard adjacent to P4/P5 classes that will cater for the PC.

5. Treasurers Report

Current balance £4348.78. Christmas fayre brought in £1330.50 and a £100 donation from Mint Pharmacy.

6. Fundraising Review

Wide and varied ideas were discussed but nothing really agreed upon, the suggestion of a 'Del Boy Stand' that happens within other Coatbridge schools was looked at and further research and discussion will take place.

7. Head Teachers Report

Staffing

We will be welcoming back Mrs Craney for KIT days this term.

Student staff- Ms Wilson in P5SH and student undertaking Learning Assistant course in Primary1, Miss Lesson for this term. P6C are anticipated to host a student this term.

Job advertisement currently for a temporary Learning Assistant post in the school

Primary 1 Enrolment:

Currently have 51 children anticipated to start but this is expected to change with placing requests. Our transition programme will begin in February.

Whole School Events:

Monday 12th January to Friday 16th January -Primary 1 Enrolment Week

Monday 12th January to Friday 16th January - P6 Outdoor Week to Palace Rigg Park

Monday 19th January - Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 28th January - Friday 30th January- P7 Residential to Lockerbie Manor

Monday 2nd February to Friday 6th February – Pre Loved Book Sale

Friday 6th February - P7S and P7O BURNS CELEBRATION 9.30pm- Parents and Carers invited-
INFORMATION TO BE ISSUED

Wednesday 11th February - Glee Club Competition

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th February - School Holiday- School Closed

Wednesday 18th February- In-service Day- School and Nursery Closed to Children

Friday 20th February - P6N Learning Showcase Assembly- 2.00pm start

Monday 23rd February- Parent Council Meeting

Friday 27th February - P2/1 Learning Showcase Assembly- 2.00pm start

Monday 2nd March - Snapshot Jotters Sent Home

Friday 6th March- P4H Assembly- 9.30am start

Thursday 12th March- Progress Conversation Evening- Parent's Night

Friday 13th March- P1H Learning Showcase Assembly- 2.00pm start

Friday 20th March - P3/2 Learning Showcase Assembly- 2.00pm start

Friday 27th March- P2M Learning Showcase Assembly- 2.00pm start

Tuesday 31st March 2025- Easter Spring Service- 9.30am P4 and P5 children will perform

Thursday 2nd April- School Closes at 2.30pm for Spring Break

Monday 20th April- School Reopens

Primary 6 had a successful visit to Palacerigg Park as part of their Outdoor Learning last week.

Primary 7 residential visit to Lockerbie next week- 28th January to 30th January 2026

Primary 6 and Primary 7 transition events to Coatbridge High School in February-

P6 Public Speaking Competition- 11th Feb

P7 Scottish Event 26th Feb

P7 PE Sports Leaders event and ICT transition- 12th Feb

Reading Committee update- Mrs McAvoy

VSE Inspection Visit feedback

Nursery Admissions update

Weekly What's on to improve communication and weekly updates

Successful nursery and P1-3 football coaching sessions organised by Billy Barclay.

8. Sports Day

An email from a parent had been received asking why the school sports day wasn't a bigger and more inclusive thing, could we give parents the opportunity to view their kids on the pitches and everyone getting same access and opportunities, some classes missed out on certain events due to timings.

HP advised the staff are looking at this matter and along with NLS Active Sports instructors they hope to make this year's a better event and indeed spectacle.

8. Any other Business

School trips and outings are being organised, some will take place pre-Easter and others after to coincide with the topic the classes have and what events they can attend.

No other business declared.

Next meeting Monday 23rd February 2026 at 1815