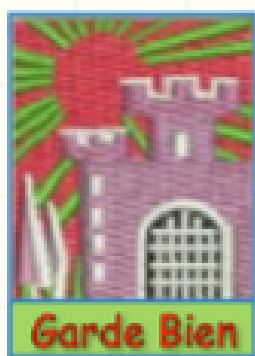




Blacklands Newsletter September 2026



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Respect

Kindness

Knowledge

Fun

WELCOME

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to our new look newsletter. At the end of last session we asked you for feedback, you asked to know more about the school and our improvement plan, hopefully this allows us the chance to share more with you.

Lynne Gibson, Head Teacher

What have we been doing?

P1/2: Have had a great first couple of weeks back at school. They are enjoying reading the new phonics books and creating their new Disney Class Charter!

P2/3: Have been working on their descriptive writing since we came back to school. They also enjoyed creating some crazy hair pictures too.

P3/4: Had a lovely day at the Viking Village in Largs. They enjoyed learning about Viking dress, weaponry, life and the Battle of Largs.

P5/6: Are enjoying their new class and topic about Climate Change. Mr Graham came in to teach them about wind turbines and they are looking forward to their upcoming trip.

P7/6: Have been writing speeches for our House elections, learning about World War 2 and are getting ready for their Inverclyde residential trip, in between literacy and numeracy!



Recent Changes

In order to support our children as best we can we have created a sensory room at the back of the school, with our library moving to the middle of the school.

We hope that a sensory room will support our neurodiverse children to self regulate and provide them with additional strategies to support them in school.



LUNCH TIME

Nut Free School

We kindly ask all parents/carers not to send any nuts or products with nuts to school as we have children who have nut allergies. We appreciate your support in helping to keep our young people safe.



North Ayrshire Primary School 2026 to 2027

Lunch Menu

All meals are served with a selection of fresh vegetables/salad, fruit and milk or water.

Week One	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Soup	Lentil Soup	Vegetable Soup	Lentil Soup	Potato and Leek Soup	Lentil Soup
Main One	Pork Sausages & Mashed Potatoes	Tomato Pasta with Crusty Bread	Mince & Mashed Potatoes	Chicken Curry & Rice	Fish & Chips
Main Two	Sweet Chili Chicken Noodles	Quorn Dipper Wrap & Potato Wedges	Chicken Goujons, Dip & Potato Wedges	Beefburger Roll & Potato Wedges	BBQ Chicken Pizza
Main Three	Baked Potato & Tuna Mayonnaise	Beans on Toast	Tuna Pasta	Cajun Pasta with Crusty Bread	Baked Potato & Baked Beans
Sandwiches	Roll & Chicken Tuna Mayonnaise Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich	Turkey Sandwich Tuna Mayonnaise Roll	Cheese Sandwich Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich	Chicken Sandwich Cheese Sandwich
Pudding	Fruit Platter, Yogurt	Fruit Platter, Apple Crumble & Custard, Yogurt	Fruit Platter, Yogurt	Fruit Platter, Cookie, Yogurt	Fruit Platter, Yogurt
Week Two	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Soup	Lentil Soup	Tomato Soup	Lentil Soup	Vegetable Soup	Lentil Soup
Main One	Meatballs in Fresh Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti	Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding & Mashed Potato	BBQ Chicken Burger with Potato Wedges	Fish & Chips
Main Two	Chicken Fajitas with Herb Potatoes	Vegetable Curry & Rice	Pork Sausages & Mashed Potatoes	Pasta Bolognaise with Crusty Bread	Cheese Pizza
Main Three	Fish Finger Bun	Baked Potato & Baked Beans	Tuna Pasta	Baked Potato & Cheese	Beans on Toast
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Pudding	Fruit Platter, Yogurt	Fruit Platter, Chocolate & Banana Sponge & Custard, Yogurt	Fruit Platter, Yogurt	Fruit Platter, Fruit Jelly, Yogurt	Fruit Platter, Yogurt
Week Three	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Soup	Lentil Soup	Vegetable Soup	Lentil Soup	Vegetable Soup	Lentil Soup
Main One	Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread	Pizza & Potato Wedges	Steak Pie & Roast Potatoes	Chicken Curry and Roasted Rice	Fish & Chips
Main Two	Sausage Casserole & Mashed Potato	Quorn Dippers & Dip, Potato Wedges	Meatless Meatballs Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti	Beef Chili Nachos	Salmon Goujons & Chips
Main Three	Baked Potato & Tuna Mayonnaise	Beans on Toast	Baked Potato & Cheese	Tuna Pasta	Quorn Hot Dog
Sandwiches	Roll & Chicken Tuna Mayonnaise Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich	Tuna Mayonnaise Wrap Turkey Sandwich	Cheese Roll Tuna Mayonnaise Sandwich	Chicken Sandwich Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich
Pudding	Fruit Platter, Rice Pudding & Berries, Yogurt	Fruit Platter, Yogurt	Fruit Platter, Yogurt	Fruit Platter, Vanilla & Pear Sponge & Custard, Yogurt	Fruit Platter, Yogurt

If you have a food allergy or intolerance please speak to a member of the catering team before ordering.

Parent Portal



Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to ParentPortal. All of our letters, consent forms and information will be sent out via ParentPortal so please sign up. Please see Kerry if you have any issues.

Improvement Plan

We have begun work on improving reading. All staff attended training on North Ayrshire Reads and lessons have commenced in school. The aim is to improve reading and comprehension throughout the school.

Attendance

This continues to be a huge focus for us at Blacklands, if your child is going to be absent please call or text the school.

Please remember every school day counts and it is important your child attends every day possible.

READY

Respect

SAFE

Expectations

We sent out a copy of our expectations for behaviour at the beginning of the year. We reinforce this with our children weekly.

All children should be

READY (to learn)

RESPECTFUL (of others)

and (feel) **SAFE** in school.

ATTENDANCE

MATTERS



Uniform

Uniform is an important part of school in helping us to create a shared identity that we can all be proud of. We would like to encourage and support all of our children to wear school uniform and to represent our school positively.

If you need any support with uniform, please don't hesitate to contact us and we will do all we can to help.

Please remember no branded wear at school. Please also remember to put names on all items of school clothing as it is so much easier to reunite it with its owner.



St. Winning's Primary
in partnership with
Blacklands Primary

nest
Empowering Aynslie's
Neurodiverse Communities

COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT

Everyone welcome!
Come along with a friend or family member!

Are you a parent or carer of a primary-aged neurodivergent child?

We invite you to join our coffee, cake and chat sessions at St. Winning's Primary School, hosted in partnership with Blacklands Primary School and NEST. We believe in the power of community, connection and conversation.

WE ARE OFFERING 4 INFORMAL SESSIONS ⌚ **ALL SESSIONS START AT 9:15 AM**

DATE	TOPIC	WHAT TO EXPECT
FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER	AUTISM	Refuel Enjoy a cake and coffee and take time for yourself in a relaxed and supportive environment.
FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER	ADHD	Supportive Community Connect with other parents and carers of primary-aged children who may share similar experiences and understand the realities of family life. Please feel free to bring a friend or family member along.
FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER	ANXIETY & EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE	Learn and Share Take part in informal discussions about neurodivergence, gain practical ideas for everyday life, and hear insights from both lived and professional experience, facilitated by NEST Coordinator Allison.
FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER	SLEEP	Signposting and Resources Learn about local services, resources and supports that may benefit your child's strengths, wellbeing and support needs.

Together, we will explore the strengths and experiences of neurodivergent children, alongside any challenges or support needs that families may have.

This is a safe, welcoming and supportive space to share, ask, learn and feel supported.

WHERE?
St. Winning's Primary School
Hosted in partnership with Blacklands Primary School

WHO IS IT FOR?
Parents and carers of primary-aged neurodivergent children

LET'S CONNECT
Building understanding. Sharing experiences. Supporting each other. You are not alone.

Feedback

We are always looking for feedback from our school community in order to help us to improve. Please click below and give us your idea for improvement:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/i5xhdjY29y>

Website

We have updated our website recently please go over and have a look!



BLACKLANDS

Early Years Class

OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER

Session 2026/27 • First Term



A very warm welcome back to all our returning children and families,
and a special welcome to all our new families!

We are so excited to begin another year of learning, playing, exploring
and making memories together. ❤️



Jewellery & Health and Safety

For health and safety reasons,
please do not send children to EYC
wearing hoop earrings, necklaces
or other jewellery that could
present a risk during play.

**Thank you for helping us
to keep everyone safe.**



Toys From Home

We know that children sometimes
like to bring a favourite toy from
home, but toys can sometimes
cause upset or disagreements
between children. We also have
very limited storage space within
our EYC.

Where possible, please keep toys
at home. If your child does bring
something with them, it will need
to be kept safely inside their bag
during the session.



Fundraising Ideas

We would love to find ways to raise
some additional funds throughout
the year so that we can provide
exciting experiences and purchase
additional resources for our children.

**If you have any fundraising ideas
or suggestions, please let a member
of the EYC team know. We'd love
to hear your ideas!** 😊



Learning Journals

All returning children will have their
Learning Journals logins active.
Once again this year, this will be
where you can find your child's
learning and development documented.

❤️ We also love seeing what you have
been doing together at home, so
please continue to share your child's
experiences, achievements and
special moments with us.

**For our new families, you should have received
a link to your child's account using the email
address you provided at enrolment.**

**If you haven't received this email, please
speak to one of the EYC team.**



Not sure how to use Learning Journals?

Don't worry! We have attached a handy
guide to help you get started. 😊



HOME LEARNING TIP READY, STEADY, OUTDOOR!

Being independent is an important part of learning in Early Years.
Why not practise getting ready for outdoor play at home?



SHOES – Encourage your child to put
their own shoes on and take them off.



COAT – Encourage your child to put
their own coat on.



BELONGINGS – Encourage your child
to get their belongings ready.



HAVE A GO – Encourage your child to
have a go before asking for help.



DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE ZIP!

Getting their coat on independently is the important
part – we can help with the fiddly zip.



TRY SAYING: "Have a go yourself first –
I'll help if you need me."

❤️ Every little bit of independence builds confidence! 😊



Donations

As we are a very small Early Years Class,
our budget is already quite tight.
To help us provide enriching play
experiences for our children every day,
we would be extremely grateful if anyone
who is in a position to do so could donate
any of the following:

- ❤️ Box of tissues
- ❤️ Sensitive baby wipes
- ❤️ Nappy sacks
- ❤️ Sensitive shaving foam
- ❤️ Bubble bath
- ❤️ Cornflour

These are all items we use regularly for
children's care and learning experiences.

**Your donations help us to use our available
budget towards larger learning resources,
exciting experiences and opportunities
for our children.**

**Thank you so much for your kindness and
continued support. It really does make a difference!** ❤️



RHYME OF THE MONTH

Humpty Dumpty



Humpty Dumpty
sat on a wall.



sat



Humpty Dumpty
had a great fall.



fall



All the king's horses
and all the king's men



king

men



Couldn't put Humpty
together again.



together



Humpty Dumpty
sat on a wall.
(Repeat)



sat



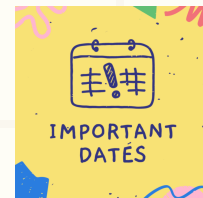
Can you practise the rhyme and signs together at home?

It's a great way to build communication,
listening and memory skills!





DATES



Date	Information
Thursday 3rd September	P3/4 to visit the Viking Village at the Viking festival in Largs
Wednesday 9th- Friday 11th September	P7 to Inverclyde in Largs. P7 residential trip in Inverclyde sports centre
Thursday 17th September	JRSO Training Junior Road Safety Officers to training to support road safety in school
Friday 18th September	9.15am, Autism Workshop Please come along and join us for coffee, cake and a chat and learn about autism from NEST. The workshop will be held in St Winnings Primary School, across the park.
Monday 21st September	Inservice Day- school closed to pupils
Friday 25th September	9.15am, ADHD Workshop Please come along and join us for coffee, cake and a chat and learn about ADHD from NEST. The workshop will be held in St Winnings Primary School, across the park. 2.00pm Share the Learning Come along and find out what your child has been learning about in the first few weeks back at school. Please remember to enter the school via the main office or via the Early Years Class main door.
Wednesday 30th September	North Ayrshire Reads Parent Session – Join us for a parent information session about North Ayrshire Reads, come along and find out what your child is doing in class and how we can support them to do the best that they can.



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Wednesday 7th October	P5/6 Trip P5/6 will enjoy a trip to the Maritime Museum in Irvine to investigate Climate Change and Sustainability. Look out for letters on ParentPortal.
Thursday 8th October	Flu Vaccinations for children in P1-7 Primary 1 Workshop - Parents/carers are invited in to join their children and teachers for a Family Learning session where you will have the chance to see some active numeracy and in action! We look forward to seeing you. Please come to the main entrance where you will be taken to the hall.
Friday 9th October	9.15am, Sleep Workshop Please come along and join us for coffee, cake and a chat and learn about sleep from NEST. The workshop will be held in St Winnings Primary School, across the park.
Monday 12th- Friday 16th October	School Holidays
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Thursday 22nd October	2.00-3.00pm Primary 1 Workshop- Parents/carers are invited in to join their children and teachers for a Family Learning session where you will have the chance to see some active numeracy in action! We look forward to seeing you. Please come to the main entrance where you will be taken to the hall.
	3.10-5.10pm Learning Conversations 1- We look forward to welcoming all our parents/carers to our first Learning Conversation. You will have a chance to meet with your child's teacher to talk about your child's learning and progress. More information will be issued nearer the time
Tuesday 27th October	3.10-5.10pm Learning Conversations 2- We look forward to welcoming all our parents/carers to our first Learning Conversation. You will have a chance to meet with your child's teacher to talk about your child's learning and progress. More information will be issued nearer the time
Friday 30th October	Parent Council Hallowe'en Disco Children can dress up in Halloween costume today. We will be organising a Halloween Disco for all children in the afternoon, supported by our Parent Council.
Monday 16th – Friday 20th November	Anti-bullying Week Children across the school will be taking part in different activities with a focus on emotional, social and mental wellbeing. Our House Captains will be organising the event which takes part during Anti-bullying Week. This year's theme is BREAK THE SILENCE. 17th November – ODD SOCKS DAY
Friday 26th November	2.00pm Share the Learning Come along and find out what your child has been learning about in numeracy and maths. Please remember to enter the school via the main office or via the Early Years Class main door.



Date	Information
Friday 4th December	Whole School Pantomime We are heading to the Theatre for a fun-filled Christmas treat! Oh no we won't!
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Lunch School lunch with an extra special Christmas twist. We will take orders in advance, to be prepared on the day!
Friday 11th December	2.00pm Share the Learning Come along and join your child for some Christmas fun. Please remember to enter the school via the main office or via the Early Years Class main door.
Monday 14th December	AM and PM Christmas Concert and Nativity- Come along and enjoy our performance and get yourself in the Christmas spirit!
	3.00-4.00pm- School Christmas Fayre- Come along to our Christmas Fayre where there will be lots of stalls and goodies on offer! Proceeds from the Fayre will go towards Parent Council and School Funds, both of which are used throughout the year to enhance the experiences for all children. Your support will be greatly appreciated as always! Parents/carers to enter hall via main office where entry tickets will be on sale (included in entry is cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit!). Under 5s are free!
Tuesday 15th December	P1 + 2 Christmas Party Children in P1 & 2 can wear party clothes today for their Christmas Party!
Wednesday 16th December	P3 + 4 Christmas Party Children in P3 & 4 can wear party clothes today for their Christmas Party!
Thursday 17th December	P6 + 7 Christmas Party Children in P6 & 7 can wear party clothes today for their Christmas Party!
Friday 18th December	School will close today at 2.30pm. Schools re-open on Monday 4th January.

