



DALRY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome to a New School Year!

A very warm welcome back to all our children, families and staff as we begin another exciting school year at Dalry Primary School. It has been wonderful to see our children returning to school, reconnecting with friends and settling into their new classes with such enthusiasm.

We are looking forward to a positive and successful year ahead, with lots of opportunities for our children to learn, grow, achieve and enjoy being part of our school community.

Working in partnership with our parents and carers continues to be incredibly important to us. We know that children achieve their best when school and home work together, with open communication, shared expectations and a common focus on supporting every child to thrive. Throughout the year, we hope to create lots of opportunities for you to be involved in school life, celebrate your child's learning and achievements, and share your views with us.

Our school values of **Ambition, Kindness, Resilience and Respect** will continue to be at the heart of everything we do, helping our children to become confident, successful and caring members of our community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are really looking forward to working alongside you and making this a fantastic year for all of our children.

Louise Syme

Head Teacher



August 2026



DALRY FLOWER SHOW SATURDAY 29th AUGUST

We had a fabulous demonstration of the amazing creativity from our talented pupils!

We were delighted with our placings and loved the community spirit!



We have had the most amazing learning experiences with our Growing Together, Cooking Together Project with Dumfries House.

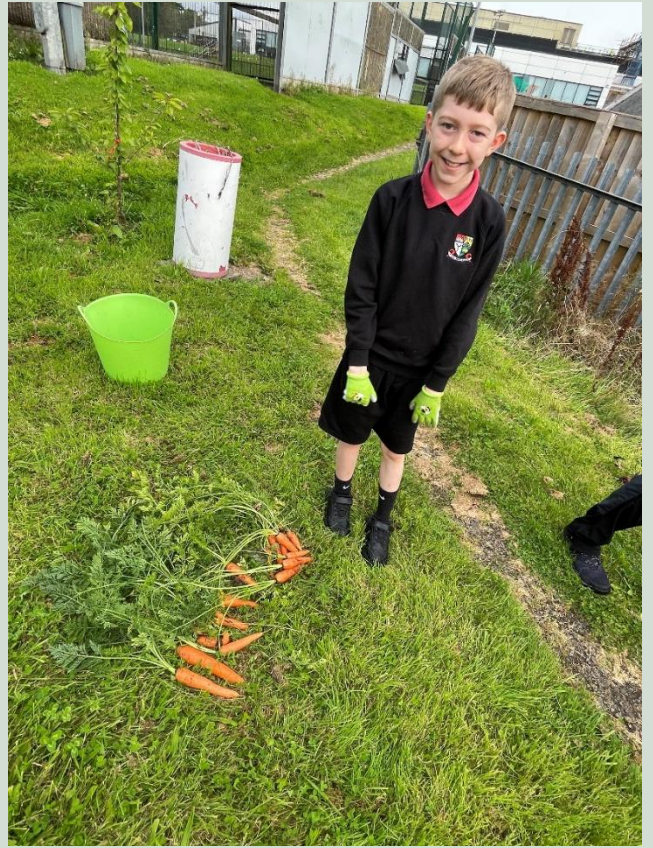
The children gained many new skills in Growing, Planting & Cooking.

Louis from The King's Foundation visited the school for our Harvest. It was amazing and we loved our carrots, beetroot and potatoes.

The vegetables were on display at the Dalry Horticultural Show.

Well done everyone.







Alison in the Kitchen was delighted with the carrots that we used for our salad bar and the soup.

Please come along if you can, we would love to see you and answer any questions you might have about this.

You're invited to our 

BPR DROP-IN

Information Coffee Afternoon



An informal session for parents and carers to find out more about our BPR group. Come along for a cuppa, a chat and information.



BPR – Building on Positive Relationships

An approach adapted from the principles of NVR



RESIST

We stay calm and don't give in to arguments.



PERSIST

We keep going and don't give up on our hopes.



UNITE

We stand together and show we are on the same side.



REPAIR

We believe in making things right and moving forward together.



DATE:

Wednesday 3rd September



TIME:

1.40pm – 3.00pm



Everyone welcome – we look forward to seeing you there!

Coffee,
Tea and a
friendly
chat!



Stronger relationships. Brighter futures.





SHANARRI Showcase

SHANARRI is a simple way used in Scottish schools and nurseries to think about a child's wellbeing. It helps staff, parents and carers consider what a child needs to be happy, healthy, safe and able to do their best.

The letters stand for:

- S – Safe:** The child feels protected from harm and knows there are adults who will help them.
- H – Healthy:** The child is supported to be physically and emotionally healthy.
- A – Achieving:** The child is learning, developing new skills and getting support when they need it.
- N – Nurtured:** The child feels cared for, loved, listened to and supported.
- A – Active:** The child has opportunities to play, move around and be physically active.
- R – Respected:** The child's views and feelings are listened to and taken seriously.
- R – Responsible:** The child is encouraged to make choices, take responsibility and become more independent as they grow.
- I – Included:** The child feels that they belong and can join in with their family, nursery/school and community.

SHANARRI helps us ask, *“Is this child safe, healthy, learning, cared for, active, listened to, developing independence and included?”*

It is a framework that helps everyone working with a child identify their strengths and any areas where they might need a little extra support.







SCHOOL UNIFORM REQUESTS

We have a wide range of clothing available free of charge. All items are new. Simply request items as follows:

Scan the QR code below or follow the link to request items.
Items will be bagged in school.

A member of staff will let you know when your items can be collected.
If you prefer, you can phone or pop in to school to request items.

<https://forms.office.com/e/6LGrhBJjIT>



House Keeping!

As your child settles into the new school year, we would appreciate your support with the following:

Morning snack: Please pack no more than two snacks for your child to enjoy during the morning break.

Labelling belongings: Please ensure that all clothing and belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name. With lots of similar jumpers, jackets, water bottles and other items in school, things can occasionally get mixed up or misplaced!

P.E. Days: P.E. days will be communicated by individual class teachers. On these days, children should still wear their school T-shirt but may come to school wearing joggers, leggings or other suitable sports bottoms and trainers.

School Meals / iPayimpact: You will be able to order school meals online using iPayimpact: <https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk/IPI/Account/LogOn>

Outdoor Learning: Updates will be provided on Seesaw for specific dates.

Seesaw

We will continue to use Seesaw as a learning journal for your child, which will enable you to see what they are doing during the school day. Can I ask that you please do not contact the class teacher via Seesaw, all communication must go via the school office in the first instance. This will ensure that the message gets to the class teacher. You can however make comments on your child's work or videos that are uploaded.

If you have any difficulty in accessing Seesaw then please let us know as soon as possible so that we can assist you with any difficulties.



School Grounds

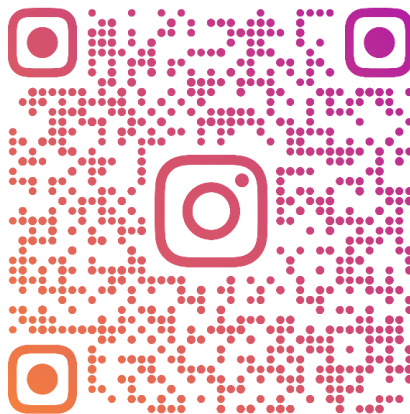
It was incredibly sad to see evidence of vandalism and destruction in our school grounds over the summer holidays. Miss Sim and P7 were very much saddened that their planters of potatoes had been completely emptied and the potatoes taken. A section of our astroturf had also been set on fire and damaged.



School Grounds Work

You may have noticed scaffolding in our playground since returning from the summer holidays. Work has begun on our roof decking area. This is going to be taken apart and replaced. This will hopefully put a stop to some of the leaks that we have had over the past few years. Time scale for these works is not known yet. All health and safety precautions have been taken into account, and the workmen will not be in the playground when the children are out. This is the first phase of the planned works within the school. I will keep you updated as they progress.

We are now on Instagram! Follow us for regular updates about what is happening in our school.



DALRYPS

Diary Dates 2026/27

Term 1

Thursday 3 rd September 2026	Parent Council Meeting, 6pm
Thursday 17 th September 2026	Parent/Carer workshop – Numeracy approaches, 1:30-3:00pm
Monday 21 st September 2026	Staff only in-service
Friday 9 th October 2026	Schools close for October break, 3:00pm

Term 2

Monday 19 th October 2026	Schools open
Thursday 22 nd October 2026	Learning Conversations, 3:30-5:30pm
Thursday 29 th October 2026	Learning Conversations, 3:30-5:30pm
Thursday 5 th November 2026	Parent/Carer workshop – Supporting neurodiverse pupils
Thursday 19 th November 2026	Parent/Carer Meta Skills Showcase, 1:30-3:00pm
Friday 20 th November 2026	Schools closed
Monday 23 rd November 2026	Schools closed
Tuesday 24 th November 2026	Staff only in-service
Wednesday 25 th November 2026	Schools open
Friday 4 th December 2026	Christmas Fayre, 3.15-5:00pm
w/c Monday 7 th December 2026	Christmas Party week
Wednesday 9 th December 2026	Panto at Beacon Arts Centre
Thursday 10 th December 2026	Panto at Beacon Arts Centre
w/c Monday 14 th December 2026	Christmas Party week
Wednesday 16 th December 2026	Infant Nativity 1:30pm
Thursday 17 th December 2026	Infant Nativity 1:30pm
Friday 18 th December 2026	Schools close for Christmas holiday, 2:30pm

Diary Dates 2026/27

Term 3

Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Schools open
Thursday 28 th January 2027	Parent/Carer workshop – Literacy, 1:30-3:00pm
w/c Monday 8 th February 2027	Developing the Young Workforce Week
Monday 15 th February 2027	Schools closed
Tuesday 16 th February 2027	Staff only in-service
Wednesday 17 th February 2027	Schools open
Thursday 11 th March 2027	Learning Conversations, 3:30-5:30pm
Thursday 18 th March 2027	Learning Conversations, 3:30-5:30pm
Tuesday 23 rd March 2027	P4-7 Pantomime, 1:00pm
Wednesday 24 th March 2027	P4-7 Pantomime, 1:00pm
Thursday 25 th March 2027	Schools close, 2:30pm

Term 4

Monday 12 th April 2027	Schools open
w/c Monday 19 th April 2027	P7 Arran Residential
w/c Monday 26 th April 2027	STEAM Week
Monday 3 rd May 2027	Schools closed
Tuesday 4 th May 2027	Schools open
Friday 14 th May 2027	Parent/Carer Diversity Showcase, 1:30-3:00pm
Monday 31 st May 2027	Staff only in-service
Tuesday 1 st June 2027	Schools open
Thursday 17 th June 2027	Sports Day, 1:15pm
Friday 18 th June 2027	P7 Prize giving ceremony, 1:30pm
w/c Monday 21 st June 2027	School trips
Wednesday 30 th June 2027	Schools close for Summer, 1:00pm