

Dykesmains Primary School Termly Newsletter

October 2026



Welcome

Thank you to all who attended our end of term service. It was a celebration of learning across a very successful term and our speakers and performers were excellent, ending the term on such a high note. Our website is now updated with the 2026-2027 School Improvement Plan. You can visit this link to view School Improvement Plan | Dykesmains Primary School.
Term 2 is always a busy time of year as we prepare for the festivities that are quickly approaching. Please find below important information and dates for your diary.

Fancy dress disco

We would like to thank our Parent Council who have kindly organised fancy-dress discos for next week. These events would not be possible without the support of parents and carers and we thank those who have signed up to support. Please note the date change to **Tuesday 27th October**.

Parents' evening

We are looking forward to meeting with our parents/carers at our learning conversations on Thursday 29th October and Tuesday 3rd November. The book fayre will be in the gym hall and in the wellbeing room there is a uniform swap shop where we invite you in to browse the selection of pre-loved uniform.

End of day procedures

Primary 4 -7 are welcome to walk home without adult collection. We ask parents to remind the children that they are given the responsibility to leave the school sensibly and follow your instructions for getting home safely.
Primary 1-3 children are collected by a known adult at the door. If you are running late, please call the office to advise or please notify of any other adult collecting your child on your behalf. If the teacher has not been notified of any change to the known adult collecting, our procedure is to take the child to the office. They are unable to pass over to any friend unless permission has been given in advance. Our priority is to ensure the safety of your child. We appreciate your support with the procedures we have in place.

Parent helpers

We continue to seek parent helpers to support numerous events across the year. Thank you to those who have completed the paperwork to be accepted onto the PVG scheme. We would be grateful to anyone who would be keen to support events, as little or as often as they can, to join this scheme. Please see PVG application paperwork included on EduSpot. Paper copies are available at the office. Should you need assistance with this please contact the school office. Any parent who does not hold a PVG certificate for Dykesmains Primary will not be able to support any school events.

Breakfast Club

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Fox and Ms Millar have secured new posts and will no longer be supporting our breakfast club. We thank them for the great job they have done supporting our children. New Healthy Start Worker posts are being advertised, and these may suit parents/carers within our community. We will send out the link to apply for these posts for anyone interested when they are posted.

Please be reminded that children should not be dropped off before 8am as there is no supervision. There are parents leaving the car park before 8am and we cannot commit to supervision before 8am. Pupils should be brought in to Breakfast Club by a parent or carer to ensure they are safe in school before you leave.

Class termly newsletters

Class termly newsletters are available on the school website, this will provide you with information on what your child will be learning this term. Latest News | Dykesmains Primary School

Dates for your diary

We endeavour to ensure these dates remain the same, however there are times outwith our control where we may need to amend or cancel events. We will communicate this at our earliest opportunity.

	TERM 2	
Monday 19 October	School re-opens at 9 am	
Tuesday 27 October	P1 Fancy Dress Party in school 1.30 – 3.00 pm Parent Council Fancy Dress Disco P2-7 after school	Gym Hall Gym Hall
Thursday 29 October or Tuesday 3 November	Parent Appointments: time slot allocated between **3.15-5.15pm**	Pupil class bay Information to follow
Friday 6 November	Parent Council Crazy Hair Day	
Monday 2 – 11 November	Poppies on sale in school	In classes- 20p donation
Monday 9- 19 November	Pudsey raffle tickets on sale in school	In classes- £1 per strip
Thursday 12 November	Flu vaccination	Gym hall
Friday 13 November	Children in Need	Information to follow
Friday 20 November & Monday 23 November	Holiday	
Tuesday 24 November	In Service Day – pupils not in school	
Wednesday 25 November	Parent Council Christmas Fayre- 3.15pm – 4.45pm	
Friday 4 December	Start of Christmas Jumper Friday	Optional
Monday 7 December	Nativity Rehearsal Performance 9.30am – Early Years Centres and local care homes invited alongside P4-7	Gym Hall
Tuesday 8 December	Nativity Performance P1–3 2pm	Gym Hall – Parents/Carers
Wednesday 9 December	Nativity Performance P1-3 9.20am	Gym Hall - Parents/Carers
Thursday 10 December	Christmas Lunch – Dinner Hall	
Friday 11 December	Panto Trip- Dick Whittington	Gaiety Theatre Ayr
Monday 14 December	Primary 6 & 7 Christmas Party	Gym Hall
Tuesday 15 December	Primary 4 & 5 Christmas Party	Gym Hall
Wednesday 16 December	Christmas Assembly 9.15-10am	Gym hall - Parents/Carers
Friday 18 December	Primary 1-3 Christmas Party	Gym Hall
Friday 18 December	**School Closes 2.30 pm** for Christmas Break	

TERM 3		
Tuesday 5 January	School opens 9 am	
Thursday 28 January	P7 Burns Supper 1.45-2.45pm	Gym Hall – P7 Parents/Carers
Wednesday 10 February	Whole school open afternoon 2.00-2.45pm – Focus on showcasing our school improvement priorities.	In classes/school areas- Parents/Carers invited
Thursday 11 February	Parent Council Valentine Disco (after school)	Gym Hall
Monday 15 February	Holiday	
Tuesday 16 February	In Service Day – Pupils not in school	
Thursday 4 March	World Book Day	Information will follow
Thursday 18 March or Tuesday 23 March	Parent Appointments: time slot allocated between **3.15-5.15pm**	Pupil class bay
Wednesday 24 March	Spring Assembly 9.15-10am	Gym Hall – Parents/Carers
Thursday 24 March	**School Closes 2.30pm** for Easter Break	

TERM 4		
Monday 12 April	School Opens 9 am	
Monday 3 May	Holiday – school closed	
Monday 10 May	P4-7 Show dress rehearsal for partners and P1-3	Gym hall
Tuesday 11 May	P4-7 Show P4-7 Parent performance 1.45pm	Gym hall
Wednesday 12 May	P4-7 Show P4-7 Parent performance 9.30am	Gym hall
Monday 31 May	INSET- pupils not in school	School closed
Thursday 10 June	Meet the Teacher- Pupils in new classes 11-12pm	Bump up to new classes
Friday 11 June	P1 Celebration – 9.15am P7 Fleck Celebration – 1.45pm	Gym Hall – P1 Parents/Carers Gym Hall – P7 Parents/Carers
Monday 14 June – Thursday 17 June	Primary 7 Arran residential	Arran – Information will follow to P7 parents/carers
Tuesday 22 June	Sports Day- whole school	Playing field at the back
Tuesday 2 June	Dykesmains Got Talent Competition	Gym Hall
Friday 25 June	Summer Assembly 9.15- 10am	Gym hall Parents/Carers
Friday 25 June	Primary 7 Leavers Event (Parent Council)	
Tuesday 29 June Wednesday 30 June	Dykesmains Got Talent Final Dykesmains Got Talent winners announced	Gym hall
Wednesday 30 June	**School Closes at 1 pm** for Summer Break	