



Elderbank Primary, Early Years, Supported Learning and Enhanced Deaf Provision, Newsletter – June 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another busy and successful school year, we have some important updates, exciting events, and farewells to share with you.



Staffing Updates & Farewells

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and best wishes to several valued members of our team who are moving on:

- **Maureen McLarnon**, Pupil Support Assistant who is retiring.
- **Sandra McLarnon**, Pupil Support Assistant, Supported who is retiring.
- **Lynne Murray**, Teacher in Supported Learning who is retiring.
- **Kerri Kirkwood**, Teacher who is moving to a new post at Pennyburn Primary
- **Katy Eldridge**, Teacher in Supported Learning who is finishing her temporary contract
- **Jane Truss** – Leaving to begin her teacher training journey
- **Shanna Henry**, Early Years who is moving to work in South Ayrshire Council.
- **Claire Murphy**, Pupil Support Assistant who is finishing her temporary contract
- **Steven Forrest**, Pupil Support Assistant who is moving to a new post at Stanley Primary School.



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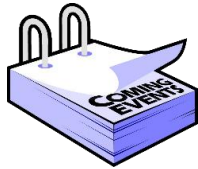
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We are deeply grateful for their dedication to our pupils and wish them every success and happiness in the future.



Upcoming Events

Fun Day – Thursday 20th June

Our annual Fun Day will be held on **Thursday 20th June**, fully funded by the school and a generous donation from the Parent Council.

- Activities include **inflatables**, games, and a visit from an **ice-cream van**
- **Suggested donation: £1**
- **Dress code:** Children can wear casual clothes but **no football colours, no sharp zips, and no jewellery**
- Everyone will be included – more detailed information will follow soon

P7 'Elderfest' – Monday 16th June

Primary 7 pupils will celebrate the end of their time at Elderbank with '**Elderfest**' – a fun, cost-free event planned just for them. Lunch will be provided. As part of our commitment to reducing the cost of the school day, we have never offered a prom style event, as this is something for the children to look forward to as an event at secondary school. This also means that all children can participate in our events.



Important Dates

Bump Up Day – Wednesday 18th June (1:30–2:30 p.m.) Current P1-6 Mainstream and EDP pupils



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All children within the Mainstream and Enhanced Deaf Provision will meet their new teachers and classmates during this transition session.

- P1–P6 parents/carers will receive details about classes and teachers by **Monday 16th June**
- With three staff members on maternity leave next session, we are welcoming new staff to the Elderbank team
- Individual support needs will be addressed with families as appropriate by our Depute Heads
- Classes have been carefully planned using extensive pupil data, and we have accommodated reasonable requests where possible

Class Organisation 2025/26

To better meet pupil needs, class placements have been revised:

- **Ground Floor:** Supported Learning Classes, Enhanced Deaf Provision Base, Rainbow Room, and both P6 classes
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- **First Floor:**
 - Area 1: P1 – P4/3
 - Area 2: P4, P5, P7
- Shared activity space development is underway to reflect the needs of all pupils. This has also included some building alterations and the installation of height appropriate toilet facilities and fobbed access in the new P1 to P4/3 area on the first floor.
- Breaks have been reorganised to allow year groups to socialise together



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No Nuts in School – An Important Reminder

We have staff and pupils with life-threatening **nut allergies**, some of which are airborne.

Please **do not send any products containing nuts** to school. We appreciate your continued vigilance to keep everyone safe.

End of Term Events

- **P7 Leavers' Assembly: Monday 23rd June at 1:30 p.m.** (Max. two guests per pupil. Information has been sent by Mrs. MacFarlane)
 - **Supported Learning Leavers' Assembly: Wednesday 25th June at 1:30 p.m.** (Information has been sent by Mrs. Bain)
 - **Early Years End of Term Celebration: Thursday 26th June at 1:30 p.m.** in the main hall (Max. two guests per child)
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Last Day of Term – Friday 27th June

- School will start at 08:50, the usual time of the informal entry.
- Pupils in P1–P6 will be dismissed at 12:50 p.m.
- P7 pupils will be piped out at 1:00 p.m. – siblings and other classes will have the opportunity to celebrate this special moment as they will leave at 12:50p.m.
- School officially closes for summer at 1:00 p.m.
- Supported learning will finish at 12:30, with taxis and parent pick-ups from 12:15p.m.
- Elderbank closes at 1:00p.m.



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🎄 Christmas Event – Have Your Say!

We've sent out a Microsoft form to gather your preferences for our Christmas celebrations. Please complete it so your views can be considered alongside those of staff and pupils.

📊 Attendance & Timekeeping

Even in the final weeks, attendance and punctuality remain very important. Please continue to support your child in being **on time and in school every day**.

Mini- Bus

Since Elderbank opened it has always been our hope that we could have our own minibus so that our pupils can get out and about. However, this has been a long road and seemed out of our reach. However, I am delighted to share that Children's Aid Scotland have accepted our application and will be financing a new 17 seater mini bus for us, which we hope to receive following the Annual Children's Aid Fundraising and celebration event in November this year. We were delighted to welcome the trustees to Elderbank on the 25th April to review our priorities and our application. As part of the funding we require to contribute £3000 and we are delighted that so many parents and carers have suggested some fundraising. We will be sending more



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information in a separate document (otherwise this newsletter would be far too long).

Fundraising Donations

As indicated at the recent 10th Anniversary Concert, the donations were split between four charities which support our pupils. I can confirm that £100 has been sent to each of the charities.



We have been made aware of a parent posting on social media about the school supporting the Wear Yellow for Cystic Fibrosis. Elderbank is not participating in this as we have already made the donation as detailed above.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this school year. We look forward to ending the term with celebration, reflection, and excitement for what's ahead.

Kind regards,

Miss Robertson



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