

HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

Week Beginning 31st August 2026

Elderbank Primary • Early Years • Supported Learning • Enhanced Deaf Provision



It has been another busy week at Elderbank! We are delighted to share key updates and reminders for the week ahead.

Supported Learning Update

Staff have been working collegiately to continually improve our target setting within Supported Learning. To ensure targets reflect pupils' needs when they return after the summer holiday, targets will no longer be set in May to run until September. They will now be organised as follows:

Term 1: September to December

Term 2: January to March

Term 3: April to June

Class teachers are busy preparing an update on the targets set in May for returning pupils, as well as a settling-in update for all our wonderful new pupils. We can't wait to show you the fantastic progress your child has made!

Early Years Update

Every parent and carer has been invited to a Coffee and Care Plan meeting. This allows staff to gather and update key information about your child so that we can meet everyone's needs. Thank you to everyone for engaging with this important process.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 31st August — Primary 7G Residential Visit

Primary 7G are embarking on their residential visit to Arran. All children must be at Ardrossan Ferry Terminal for 9.15 a.m.

Allergy reminder: No food should be taken by any pupil, as we have children and staff with significant food allergies.

Pupils will be able to purchase a snack from the tuck shop at the centre using the £5 pocket money they are permitted to take. All updates will be shared on the school website.

Wednesday 2nd September — Primary 3 RSNO Performance

We are delighted that Primary 3 pupils have been invited to attend the RSNO performance at Montgomery Park Primary School. Please ensure that all EV5 forms for Primary 3 are completed online through the Parents Portal.

Staffing Update

We are delighted that all our new staff have now taken up their posts this week. We wish Miss Hennessy, our Pupil Support Assistant, well as she embarks on a career break on Wednesday 2nd September. We look forward to welcoming her back following the Easter break in April 2027.

Car Park

Thank you to everyone who is following the car park guidelines. This helps to ensure the safety of everyone.

Allergy Aware School

Elderbank is an allergy-aware establishment. It is important that parents and carers tell us if their child has an allergy so that we can follow the appropriate care plan.

No nut products should be brought to Elderbank by any pupil or member of staff. We have pupils and staff with severe, life-threatening nut allergies.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

The Importance of Arriving at School on Time

As shared last week, all children need to be in school for 9.00 a.m. The limited number of available staff means that children must be in class and ready to learn at 9.00 a.m.

If your child is unable to attend school or Early Years, please telephone the office no later than 9.15 a.m. on 01294 218632.

Snack for Mainstream Pupils

Every pupil has a morning break. Please provide your child with a healthy snack. The catering team do not have a supply of snacks for pupils; this service was withdrawn by Facilities Management in April 2025.

Snack for Supported Learning Pupils

Every pupil has a morning and afternoon break. Please provide your child with a snack for both breaks.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on every item of clothing. This is the only way we can attempt to reunite children with lost items.

Thank you for your continued support of our Elderbank community. A full newsletter for September will be issued on 1st September 2026