



GLEBE PRIMARY SCHOOL

August 2025

Newsletter



Attendance Matters

Every day in school counts – right from the start!

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?

100%	95%	90%	85%	80%
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Positive attendance... prevents social isolation
Coming to school helps you to grow socially and emotionally. It's a place to make friends, play and work with others, and feel supported. At school, you can join fun activities and feel like you are part of a caring community.

Positive attendance... supports wellbeing
Coming to school helps you feel happy and part of a team. When you're away from your friends for too long, you might start to feel lonely or worried. Being at school helps you feel like you belong.

Positive attendance... supports you to fulfil your potential
Coming to school helps you learn new things and do your best. Missing school too often can make it harder to keep up and reach your goals.

Positive attendance... secures a positive future
Coming to school every day helps you to learn and grow. When you go to school often, it's easier to get a good job when you're older. Learning starts in Early Years and develops you throughout your school years!

When coming to school becomes a challenge?
We want everyone to come to school every day so they can learn and have fun. But we understand that sometimes it's hard. If you're having trouble getting to school, we're here to help. Talk to your teacher or someone at school so we can work it out together. We care about you and want the best for you.



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 1 and the start of the 25/26 school session. Glebe Primary is delighted to welcome back all of our children and we would extend a very warm welcome to our new P1 children and their families as well as a number of other new children who have joined us across the school.

I have recently taken on the role of Head Teacher here at Glebe Primary, as Mrs Sanderson has moved to St Bridget's Primary, Kilbirnie for a period of time. I have had a wonderful first week in the school and have been made to feel very welcome by both pupils and staff. It has been a real pleasure to begin getting to know the children and to see the warm, supportive ethos that exists across the school.

By way of introduction, I have been Head Teacher at Cumbrae Primary for over nine years and have worked within North Ayrshire education for more than thirty years. I bring with me a wide range of experience and a strong commitment to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to learn, grow and succeed. I am very much looking forward to working in partnership with families, staff and the wider community to continue to develop Glebe Primary as a place where children feel valued, challenged and inspired in their learning.

For the foreseeable future, my focus will be on building positive relationships and supporting the school in moving forward following the 25/26 Improvement Plan written by Mrs Sanderson. The whole staff team in Glebe is very dedicated, skilled and committed to providing a strong nurturing primary education for your child. I believe strongly in open communication and would encourage you to get in touch at any time if you have questions, ideas or concerns. My door is always open, and I look forward to meeting and working with you all as we ensure the very best experiences and outcomes for your children.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J McAleese
Head Teacher



VISION, VALUES & AIMS

Glebe Primary School's vision, values and aims were created with pupils, staff, parents and carers. Every year we share our school vision, values and aims with families.

VISION

At **Glebe Primary** we strive for **Excellence and Equity** for all Learners to ensure that every child in our school is enabled to reach his/her full potential. We want our pupils to feel safe, happy and be given every opportunity to develop their individual skills and talents. We want the very best for our pupils, now and in the future.

VALUES

At **Glebe Primary** we strive for **Excellence and Equity** for all Learners through the school values of **Creativity, Kindness, Responsibility and Respect**.

AIMS

At **Glebe Primary** we aim to;

- *Raise standards of attainment and achievement for all by providing a variety of stimulating opportunities and experiences to maximise potential for all pupils.*
- *Maintain the positive ethos within Glebe Primary by providing an inclusive, safe and nurturing learning environment.*
- *Equip children with the skills for life now and in the future.*
- *Promote education as an active partnership within school, with parents/carers and the wider community.*

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

Every year schools across North Ayrshire use information from the previous year to write the school improvement plan to strive towards raising attainment and achievement for all children. This year the school's priorities are

Priority 1 - To raise attainment in literacy and numeracy across all stages by developing learners' strong reading, writing, and communication skills to support their lifelong learning and wellbeing and also to build their confidence and competence in number concepts and problem-solving to ensure they have the essential mathematical skills needed for future success.

Priority 2 - To promote the health and wellbeing of all pupils through a whole-school approach that fosters positive behaviour, equality, racial literacy, and emotional resilience.

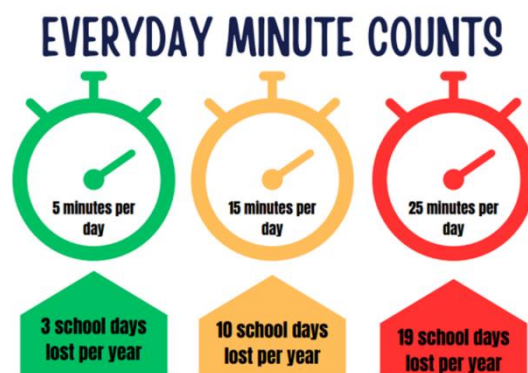
Priority 3 - To deepen learner engagement and raise achievement in digital learning and the expressive arts by expanding high-quality, inclusive opportunities in music, art, and drama. This will foster creativity, confidence, and skill development across all stages.

We will provide regular updates on our progress, learning and teaching throughout the year and will continue to seek parent and pupil views throughout the session.

ATTENDANCE

North Ayrshire Council continues to focus on improving attendance and late coming across all schools. Every school day counts and we want to work with families who experience barriers to attending school.

We also ask for your support to get children to school on time as children who are regularly late can miss vital chunks of learning. We appreciate the many families who are very supportive of the school's work in these areas. Please get in touch if you would like advice or support with your child's attendance.



If your child is going to be absent or late into school please phone the school office as soon as possible. If we do not hear from you by 9.30am we will begin to phone your emergency contact numbers. If your child has been sick please note that your child should not attend school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.

PARENT COUNCIL/ PTA

Glebe Primary is very fortunate to have an extremely supportive parent/ carer community and an active Parent Council/ Parent Teacher Association who support the school and raise funds which directly benefit our children. All parent/ carers are welcome to join and you do not have to attend every meeting. If you would like more information you could post or send a private message on the parent Facebook page, or email the school and we will pass this on to Nicola McClory, the chairperson.

Details of this year's AGM will follow shortly.

WIDER ACHIEVEMENT & PUPIL LEADERSHIP

Our Primary 7 children are busy preparing speeches to be the House Captain or Vice-Captain of their house. At Glebe we have four houses - Fenwick, Lugton, Annick and Garnock. Every child in Glebe is allocated a house team. Children earn points for their house for progress, effort and demonstrating our school values. We will let you know next week of the successful candidates. As well as captains

there are many other leadership opportunities across the school such as Wellbeing Warriors, Astro Ambassadors and Rainy Day Monitors.

Our P7 Captains also help lead the school assemblies. Children have assemblies on a Monday and a Friday. We celebrate wider achievements at our assemblies – Monday for P1/2/3 and Friday for P4/5/6/7. Children who have earned certificates, badges, medals or awards out of school are welcome to bring them in and share this news on a Friday. The captains will ensure their photos are recorded in our 'Awesome Achievements' book, and points are awarded to their house!

P7 ARRAN NOVEMBER 2025



Primary 7 children will be attending Arran residential the week beginning Monday 3rd November for 3 nights. The full amount of £197 is due by Thursday 4th September. Payments are made through your child's ipayimpact account and you can check your balance there. Please phone the school office if you are needing to discuss payment. More information regarding the trip will follow shortly.

MOBILE PHONES

Thank you to all parents/ carers and children who are supporting the current school mobile phone guidance of handing phones in to the school office before the start of the school day. This is going very well and ensures all phones are safe during the course of the day. North Ayrshire Council is currently reviewing the guidance surrounding mobile phones and digital devices in schools across the authority.

A number of children, particularly in the upper stages, have Smart Watches. Many of these watches have very different features with recording, messaging and internet access facilities. As no authority guidance has come out to schools from North Ayrshire yet regarding these devices, we as a school have agreed that children can wear these watches in class. However, if they become a distraction to learning or are being used inappropriately during the school day we will ask that the watch is taken to the school office for safe keeping and collected at the end of the school day. Parents will be informed if this happens as our main aim is to help safeguard children and focus on their learning. Your support is much appreciated.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Label please

Please ensure that all items of your child's uniform are clearly labelled before they come to school. With over 250 children attending, it's inevitable that some items will be misplaced during the year. Clearly labelled belongings greatly help us to return lost items to their rightful owners quickly and efficiently.

Water Bottles

Children should bring a labelled water bottle to school every day. They will be regularly reminded to drink throughout the day to stay hydrated. Water bottles can be refilled as needed during school hours. Please ensure water bottles are used only for water, as juice or other drinks can cause sticky spills. Additionally, Childsmile advises that drinks other than water should be consumed quickly rather than sipped over long periods in class. They recommend saving sweet drinks like juice for mealtimes to promote better dental health.

Medication

If your child requires medication to be administered during the school day please contact the school office for a medical form as we cannot administer any medicine/ pain killers without this.

Nuts

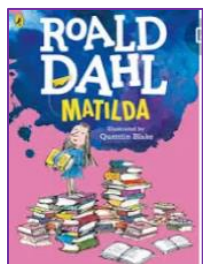
All schools in North Ayrshire are nut free. Please ensure your child's snacks/ lunches do not contain nuts in any form. We currently have several school children with nut allergies.

PE Uniform

Please remember that we now have a standard PE uniform which can be worn to school, on the PE days below. PE uniform must be in school colours consisting of the following; dark/plain leggings, shorts or jogging bottoms, with a school t-shirt or polo shirt and school jumper/cardigan/hoodie. We encourage wearing non-branded sportswear as our preferred choice.

If you have difficulty providing PE uniform please contact the office.

CLASSES	PE GYM HALL (INSIDE)	PE ASTRO (OUTSIDE)	CLASSES	PE GYM HALL (INSIDE)	PE ASTRO (OUTSIDE)
P1M	Monday	Thursday	P4M	Wednesday	Friday
P2/1M	Friday	Thursday	P5/4GR	Monday	Thursday
P2L	Tuesday	Friday	P5E	Thursday	Tuesday
P3B	Friday	Monday	P6C	Tuesday	Friday
			P6/7M	Thursday	Monday
			P7S	Thursday	Friday



Roald Dahl Day At Glebe we like to celebrate one of our favourite author's birthday and on Friday 12th September we will be sharing the stories of Roald Dahl and doing a variety of literacy activities related to his books. Staff and children, if they wish, can wear something yellow as this was his favourite colour. Please do not buy anything special for this day, a yellow badge, ribbon or even socks will suffice. The focus is on the books not what we wear!

School Photographs

Tempest photographer will come into school on Thursday 11th September for individual and family photographs.

Please ensure your child comes to school in school uniform even if this is a PE day. Full uniform should be worn for photographs.

Learning Cafes

All parents are invited to our first Learning Café or 'Meet the New Teacher' on Thursday 4th September. As it is a very busy afternoon, times have been allocated as follows

2.00-2.30pm Surnames starting with M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

2.30-3.00pm Surnames starting with A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L

We respectfully ask that if you are visiting during the 2.00pm - 2.30pm slot that you refrain from taking your child from school until the normal time of 3.00pm. This allows parents of the later session to see the class as it would be on a normal working afternoon.

Learning Journals - Friday 5@5

Friday 5th September will see the launch of our Friday 5@5. See what your child has been learning at Glebe. Our new Learning Journals app gives you instant access to photos, videos, and updates about your child's learning journey - right from the classroom! The school has moved to Learning Journals and to share the learning experiences of our children, classes will be sending five photographs at 5pm on a Friday as a summary of this week's learning. If you have still to register, please follow the instructions through the link below. Click the link to register with the app. You'll then receive a joining email asap.

<https://forms.office.com/e/1WqSvKvRAT>

You can also download the Learning Journals Parentzone app from the App Store or Google Play. Please ensure you have completed and returned the photographic permission forms issued at the start of term for your child to be included in photographs.

KEY UPDATES ON SCOTTISH EDUCATION REFORM

You may be aware Scotland's education system is being reformed, this includes the creation of a new qualifications body, Qualifications Scotland, and a new education inspectorate, with further changes to national education public bodies occurring throughout the upcoming school year. Improvements to the curriculum and approach to qualifications, and assessment are also planned in the coming years. This work will enhance outcomes for children and young people educated in Scotland with the aim of ensuring excellence and equity by raising standards and giving every child and young person the same opportunity to succeed. Further information can be found on the [Scottish Government's website](#).

I very much look forward to working with you all during the coming session.

Kind regards

Mrs J McAleese

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SESSION 2025-2026

AUGUST 2025	
Tuesday 19 th August	In-service Day for Staff
Tuesday 19 th August	Badge It! Parents and carers are welcome to bring uniforms into the school, where Micah will proudly stamp the school badge on them
Wednesday 20 th August	Pupil Return: P2-P7 9am-3pm P1 9.30am-2.30pm
Thursday 28 th August	P6 Junior Road Safety Elections
Friday 29 th August	P7 House Elections
SEPTEMBER 2025	
Monday 1 st September	Term 1 Class Newsletter and Homework Links
Thursday 4 th September	Learning Café - Play themed. Meet the new Teacher! 2.00-2.30pm Surnames starting with M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z 2.30-3.00pm Surnames starting with A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L
Thursday 11 th September	Tempest School Photos (Individual and siblings)
Friday 12 th September	Roald Dahl Day
Thursday 18 th September	PC/PTA AGM - includes electing committee members Fullarton Connexions (Time TBC however 6pm is most likely)
Monday 22 nd September	In-service Day for Staff
Friday 26 th September	Donate Halloween Costumes for October Swap Shop
OCTOBER 2025	
Friday 10 th October	Learning Café - Topic themed 2.00-2.30pm Surnames starting with M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z 2.30-3.00pm Surnames starting with A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L
Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th October	School October Holiday Week
Thursday 23 rd October	Flu Immunisation (letters will be issued from Health in advance)

Friday 24 th October	Interim Reports to Families
Friday 31 st October	Halloween Dress Up and Activities Treats provided by PTA/PC
NOVEMBER 2025	
Monday 3 rd November	Term 2 Class Newsletter and Homework Links
Mond 3 rd - Thurs 6 th Nov	P7s at Arran Outdoor Residential Centre
Monday 10 th November	P7s at Greenwood Academy School Show Dress Rehearsal (Time TBC however 6pm is most likely)
Tuesday 11 th November	11am 1 minute silence (Remembrance)
Thursday 13 th November	Learning Conversation Option 1 (Parents' Evening) 3.15-5.30pm
Wednesday 19 th Nov	Learning Conversation Option 2 (Parents' Evening) 3.15-5.30pm
Thursday 20 th November	PTA/PC Dress Down Day Bring a Bottle and or Chocolate as a donation for the Christmas Fayre
Friday 21 st November	School Holiday
Monday 24 th November	School Holiday
Tuesday 25 th November	In-service Day for Staff
Wednesday 26 th November	Start of Class Enterprise Topic (3 week project finishing with the school fayre) Parents/Carers invited in to talk about the World of Work
DECEMBER 2025	
Mon 1 st - Fri 19 th December	Pupils can wear Christmas Clothing e.g. jumpers/dresses/tops/boppers etc. throughout the month of December (optional) *Recycle Christmas Jumpers in November - hand in to the office and we'll pass to families - thanks!
Wednesday 10 th Dec	Pupil Christmas Lunch
Thursday 11 th December	Glebe Choir at Rivergate for Hansel
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Fayre 1.30pm
Monday 15 th December	P1s, P2s, P3s Christmas Activities and Party Day Santa visit with gift Children come dressed with party outfit/non-uniform. (This is optional)
Tuesday 16 th December	P4s and P5s Christmas Activities and Party Day Children come dressed with party outfit/non-uniform. (This is optional)

Wednesday 17 th December	Whole School Pantomime Beauty and the Beast by M&M Productions 1.30pm in the hall treats provided by PTA/PC.
Thursday 18 th December	P6s and P7s Christmas Activities and Party Day Children come dressed with party outfit/non-uniform. (This is optional)
Friday 19 th December	Church Service 10am Infant Nativity & Glebe Choir
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Karaoke 2.30pm Finish for Christmas Holidays
Monday 22 nd - Friday 2 nd January	School Christmas Holiday Fortnight
JANUARY 2026	
Monday 5 th January	Pupils and Staff return
Monday 19 th January	Term 3 Class Newsletter and Homework Links
Thursday 22 nd January	Scots/Burns Celebration - Irvine old Parish Church Parents/Carers welcome
FEBRUARY 2026	
Friday 6 th February	School Holiday
Monday 9 th February	School Holiday
Tuesday 10 th February	In-service Day for Staff
MARCH 2026	
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 5 th March	Learning Café - World Book Day themed 2.00-2.30pm Surnames starting with M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z 2.30-3.00pm Surnames starting with A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L
APRIL 2026	
Thursday 2 nd April	Church Service 9.30am P5 Easter Sketch & Glebe Choir
Friday 3 rd - Friday 17 th April	School Easter Holiday Fortnight
Monday 20 th April	Pupils and Staff return
MAY 2026	

Monday 4 th May	School Holiday
Thursday 7 th May	Learning Conversation Option 1 (Parents' Evening) 3.15-5.30pm
Thursday 14 th May	Learning Conversation Option 2 (Parents' Evening) 3.15-5.30pm
Monday 25 th May	In-service Day for Staff
JUNE 2026	
Wednesday 3 rd June	Greenwood Transition Day 1
Thursday 4 th June	Greenwood Transition Day 2
Tuesday 9 th June	Potted Sports/Sports Day P1-3 AM P4-7 PM Parents/Carers welcome
Wednesday 17 th June	P1 Transition 1.30-2.30pm Whole School Bump Up afternoon
Friday 19 th June	Summer Soaking - Glebe's Annual Water Fight. (PM) Library for children not participating
Monday 22 nd June	P7 End of an Era Colour Splash Day (At Glebe)
Tuesday 23 rd June	Glebe's Got Talent (PM)
Wednesday 24 th June	P7 Leavers' Memories Assembly and Certificate Presentation - Families welcome 2-3pm followed by refreshments
Monday 29 th June	PTA/PC P7 Leavers' Disco 6.30-8.30pm Venue TBC
Tuesday 30 th June	Summer Service and P7 Leavers' Celebration at Irvine Old Parish Church. 9.30am Parents/Carers welcome.
Tuesday 30 th June	P1-P6 1pm Finish P7s leave via the front office at 1.05pm
Happy Holidays!!!	