



GLEBE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter



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Dear Parent/ Carer,

As we head through November and into December we have lots of exciting activities planned for our whole school community. It is one of our favourite times of the year! This newsletter will also celebrate the many achievements across the school since the previous newsletter.

Naturally, the weather can be a bit tricky to predict. It can be chilly in the morning with rain and wind popping up throughout the day. To stay warm and dry, we encourage all our pupils to wear layers, including warm jackets, hats, scarves, gloves and waterproof shoes. If children do not have a warm jacket with them, the office will offer one to borrow so that children can play outside comfortably.

HALLOWEEN AT GLEBE

Our children had a wonderful Halloween fun day. It was so exciting seeing them come into school in their amazing and some very original costumes. The events team from Primary 7 had planned a day of spooktacular activities and games which everyone enjoyed. Laughter and children having fun could be heard throughout the school.

A huge thank you to our PTA/ PC for providing the delicious Halloween treats and fantastic raffle prizes! Their generous support helped make our Halloween celebrations even more memorable. We would also like to thank you for supporting the day through helping children dress up and purchasing raffle tickets and therefore raising funds from which the children ultimately benefit.



This year the school received a very generous donation from Poundland, Irvine of large chocolate lollies for every child and also a great amount of Halloween decorations which we used throughout the school. Mrs Dunbar and Miss Gilmour thoroughly enjoyed decorating the school for Halloween and we look forward to see what they have planned for the festive season ahead!

PARENT COUNCIL/ PTA

As a school we continue to be very grateful for our active Parent Council/ PTA as well all the parents behind the scenes who support the school ultimately benefitting all our children.

Our meeting dates for the coming year are below. We always welcome new people and it helps greatly to share the load.

Dates of meetings:

Wednesday 26th November	Thursday 22nd January	Wednesday 4th March
Thursday 14th May	All at Fullarton Connexions 6-7pm	

Thank you for your continued support for the PTA.

WIDER ACHIEVEMENT & PUPIL LEADERSHIP

Digital leaders

Last month, our Digital Leaders, accompanied by Mr Simpson and Mr Wilson visited the Digital Processing Manufacturing Centre (DPMC) in Irvine, delivered in partnership with the Digital Dairy Chain and Strathclyde University. They spent the morning learning about careers in STEM and experiencing robots, 3D printers and games. The children said they had a wonderful time and hopefully we have inspired a few and ignited an interest in STEM subjects.



Two of our Digital Leaders, Naomi and Lexi attended a North Ayrshire Council Digital Leadership training session with other primary schools in Kilwinning. They learned how to use Marty Robots, Spheros and Indie robots. It was a very informative session during which the girls had lots of fun, learned more about coding, interacted with other Primary 7 children and they were able to share what they had experienced with the other digital leaders back at school.

Beat The Street

All your hard work and walking was worth it! Huge congratulations to our whole school community as we were the overall winners of Beat the Street Irvine. The children will be presented with the school prize of £300 of Decathlon vouchers! Absolutely amazing, thank you to all who took part to help the school achieve this award.



Football



On a very wet Wednesday last week Miss Gilmour and Mr Wilson took ten children to The Circuit for a cluster football competition. The team showed good team spirit and some great skill work. The results were a mix of losses and wins but the children had a great time. Mr Elliot and Mr Main run an after school football club each week so it is great for the children to playing experiences together beyond the club.

Congratulations must also go to Luke Nelson, P7 who has been selected for the North Ayrshire Regional Squad. Well done Luke!

Arran

Last week a number of Primary 7 children travelled to Arran for their residential trip with Mrs Singleton, Mrs McGinn, Mr Elliot and Mr Main. It got off to a shaky start with the ferry being cancelled and the group then having to travel from Troon at a later time. Nevertheless, it was all worth it as everyone had a wonderful time. The children were happy in their dorms which they had to keep tidy as they were checked daily. The food was plentiful and delicious. The group enjoyed some great activities in which all children (and staff) successfully





completed. They participated in rock climbing, seal spotting, gorge walking, canoeing, mountain biking, a midnight walk and many games. They created good memories which will last a life time. I'd like to extend my appreciation and gratitude to the staff who kindly gave up time with their own families to give the children this fabulous experience.

Commonwealth Baton



In 2026 the Commonwealth Games return to Glasgow. In celebration of this, all schools will participate in a variety of fun sports experiences across the year. To kick start this exciting event a 'Commonwealth baton' is travelling across North Ayrshire from school to school. The baton is unique. It was designed by two North Ayrshire pupils and was 3D printed. It really is a work of art. We received the baton from Elderbank Primary on Monday and passed it on to Lawthorn Primary on Tuesday. To make it a memorable event Glebe did something extra special. Our two Commonwealth ambassadors, Luke and LJ, who will coordinate Glebe Primary's Commonwealth events, travelled to Lawthorn with Mrs Wood. There they waited for Mr Elliot, Emmerson and Lexi, all experienced runners, who braved the rain to run with the baton in to Lawthorn! Thankfully they didn't run the whole

distance but the experience was another one to remember - go Glebe!

Mr Elliot is an avid runner and in April he will be running the London marathon to raise awareness and funds for a charity very close to his heart – Smile Train UK. Here is a link if you would like to find out more.

[Mr Elliott Smile Train UK](#)



LEARNING AND TEACHING

Learning Conversations

We are looking forward to welcoming parents to our learning conversations on either Thursday 13th November or Wednesday 19th November. All parents have been offered an appointment. If you have not yet managed to make one then please call the office and we will try to assist. During the evening your child's teacher will discuss your child's progress and you will have an opportunity to look through their jotters. The book fayre will be in the library and you are welcome to purchase books (cash only). The Primary 7 helpers will be around to assist you and direct you to classes. They will also have QR codes to link to a survey which we would be very grateful for you to complete. If they miss you then don't worry as there will be posters with QR codes around the school.

The World of Work

Over the next few weeks all children will be learning about the world of work and metaskills development. You will have received a letter inviting you to talk about your job role, if you wish. We aim to expose our children to the many vast opportunities available to them when they leave school and you are never too young to be inspired or spark a dream.

Each class will also be involved in an Enterprise project, making items to sell at our Christmas Fayre. This is one highlight of the children's year. They enjoy being creative and any profit they make from their wares, they will be able to spend on lovely treats and resources for their own classroom.

Digital Safety

Managing the safety of our children in the fast paced and everchanging digital world is very difficult for parents. The NSPCC have produced a number of guides for parents which are very helpful and supportive. I hope you find them useful. Topics include cyberbullying, online games, social media, risks of grooming, chat apps. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

NSPCC

Keeping children safe online

From understanding apps to setting parental controls, we've got information and resources to help you understand online safety and talk about it with children and young people.

Attendance and Late Comings

The Scottish Government is currently running a campaign raising awareness of the impact of poor attendance in Scottish schools. The campaign recognises that many families face complex challenges, from mental health and social pressures. Parents told the government they often feel blamed or isolated; this campaign focuses on understanding, support, and practical help. School absenteeism remains a significant challenge across schools and it impacts a child's wellbeing, learning and attainment. If you are struggling with this or lateness please contact the school to discuss and find out how we can help. Lateness has a huge impact too with many children missing important parts of lessons or feeling embarrassed walking into a class late. [You can watch the school attendance video here](#)

- A child with 95% attendance across a whole school year (August to June) will have missed around 60 lessons.
- A child with 85% attendance will have missed around 250 lessons.
- A Child with an average of 80% attendance over five school years will actually have missed a whole year of school.

You will have received your child's current attendance/ late comings with your child's report. North Ayrshire Council requires schools to make contact with families whose attendance is low. Please understand that if I phone it is not judgemental but to understand and be supportive to encourage your child to attend school.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas Fayre Our Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 12th December. Please join us and have a fun afternoon – the home baking stall, face painting, tombola, games, bottle stall and raffle. Every penny raised will directly benefit your children, supporting activities and special treats. Remember it is dress down day on Thursday 20th November and bring a bottle/ chocolates. If you can lend a hand or contribute to the event with donations or raffle prizes please contact the Parent Council/ PTA. Look forward to seeing you all there!

Christmas Jumpers

At Glebe, it is a festive tradition to embrace the holiday spirit throughout December by wearing Christmas themed clothing or accessories! Whether it is a jumper, dress, top or even fun accessories like boppers, we encourage pupils to get into a festive mood. To help keep things affordable, we want to make sure no one feels the need to buy a



jumper they'll only wear once. Instead, we are inviting donations of old Christmas jumpers that can be recycled and passed on to others. These gently used jumpers can be dropped off at the school office. Participation is completely optional, and children are welcome to wear their regular school uniform if they prefer.

Christmas Pantomime

M & M Productions will perform Beauty and the Beast to the whole school on Wednesday 17th December. The cost of the performance is approximately £1,800. We are asking parents and carers to contribute £3 per pupil. However, if any families are facing financial difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact the school, and we will do our best to assist.

A separate Beauty and the Beat account will appear on your child's iPayimpact account – please ensure you make payment there and not in the school lunch section. We look forward to a magical afternoon for all our pupils and a wonderful festive season.

Kind regards

Mrs J McAleese

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SESSION 2025-2026

NOVEMBER 2025	
Thursday 13 th November	Learning Conversation Option 1 (Parents' Evening) 3.15-5.30pm
Monday 17 th November	Primary 1 Visit to Irvine Library.
Tuesday 18 th November	Primary 7 Athletics Heat at the Portal, Irvine.
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 Primary2-3 Cinema Trip, Harbour Arts, Irvine.
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!
Tuesday 2 nd December	P5/4G and P5E Bucket Drum Performance, Glebe Primary. Parents invited.
Monday 8 th Dec	P4 – 7 Christmas Concert 1.45pm
Tuesday 9 th Dec	P4 – 7 Christmas Concert 9.30am & 1.45pm
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 £3 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!!!	