

January Newsletter 2026



Dates for your Diary

20th January @ 10am – Pennyburn PS and EYC receive Commonwealth Baton from St Winning's PS
21st January – passing baton to St. Luke's PS for 10am
23rd January – Burns Celebration Day (your child may wear a 'Touch of Tartan' but this is not required)
29th January - Digital Leader Event 10-12pm
29th January - Netball Tournament @ Kilwinning Academy 3.30-5.30pm
30th January - Commonwealth Champions @ Inverclyde for Conference 10-2.15pm

6th February – Holiday

9th February – Holiday

10th February – In service Day – Children on holiday

18th February - 2.15pm Learning Café
18th February - Champions League Football @KSC 1-2.30pm
19th February - Netball Tournament @ Kilwinning Acad 3.30-5.30pm
26th February - Dance Event @ St Matthews Acad 3-5.45pm
4th March - Champions League Football @KSC 1-2.30pm
5th March – World Book Day – details tbc
5th March - Football Fun Fours @ Quarry Road
17th March - Multisports event @ The Portal
19th March - P4-7 Girl's Football @KSC 1-2.30pm
24th March - Digital Leader Event 10-12pm
26th March – 2.15pm Learning Café
2nd April – Parent Council Easter Egg Hunt
2nd April – 2.30pm finish for Easter Holidays

In the Spring or Summer term all classes will have an outing in the local environment, details to follow.

20th April – Children return to school
22nd April- Champions League Football @KSC 1-2.30pm
27th - 29th April - P7 @ PGL Dalmuir
4th May - Holiday
6th May – Parents Evening
6th May - Champions League Football @KSC 1-2.30pm
20th May - P1-3 Trip to Calderglen
25th May – In service Day – Children on holiday

25th May – Health Week begins
29th May – Sports Day @ KSC – TBC
12th – End of session Garden Parties – Scotland themed to celebrate the first World Cup Game on 14th
12th June – End of year reports out to parents
17th June – 9.30am Prizegiving
19th June – Dress in Blue – No club football clothing or badges
24th June – Dress in Blue – No club football clothing or badges
25th June – am P7 Leavers Assembly
25th June – pm P7 walk to 'Koolers'
Parent Council P7 Leavers Party - TBC
29th June – Whole School Summer Fun Day
30th June – 1pm finish for the Summer Holidays!!

Burns Celebration Day

We will have a Burns Celebration Day on **23rd January**. There is no need to purchase anything Scottish or Tartan, however the children may wear a 'touch of tartan' if they have something already.



To celebrate World Book Day 2025 on 5th March we would like to invite all children and staff to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or wearing their pyjamas for a 'Cosy Read'. A lovely day full of literacy activities will be planned for all.



FANTASTIC NEWS!!!

We continue to make great progress here at Pennyburn Primary School and Early Years and are proud to announce that we have been contacted by HMIE who would like to share the work we are doing more widely across Scotland. Watch this space!!

Celebrating Wider Achievements

We celebrate your child's wider achievements in and out of school at assemblies each week. Please remember to scan the QR code to inform us of any wider achievements outside of school that we would love to celebrate.



Deep Learning

We are working with the other schools across the Kilwinning Cluster to introduce 'Deep Learning' to our pupils. This might involve pupils working on group projects to solve real-life problems, using digital tools to research and present ideas and learning through play, exploration and creativity.

You can support Deep Learning at home by encouraging curiosity, asking open ended questions and modelling lifelong learning by sharing what you are learning too!

New Vision and Aims at Last!!

We have been consulting with staff, children and families from both the school and early years and we can finally reveal (on the next page) the Vision and Aims selected by our community. I am sure you will agree these fit perfectly with what we all strive to achieve here at Pennyburn Primary School and Early Years. Thank you for your input!!

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Vision

'At Pennyburn, we want every child to be kind, show integrity, and be ambitious. We help each other learn new skills for the future and have respect and care for our community. Together, we make sure every child feels happy, confident, and ready to grow.'

Values



Aims

"To create a caring and supportive environment where every child feels valued and motivated to make progress in their learning, while showing kindness, integrity, and ambition in all they do."

"To provide high-quality education that helps children develop the skills and knowledge they need for future success, while fostering a love for learning and a sense of responsibility for their community."

"To work closely with families and the local community to ensure every child achieves their best, while growing into confident, caring individuals who contribute positively to the world around them."

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Headlice

We have been made aware of a few cases of headlice within the school. Unfortunately this is a common issue in schools. Please ensure you check your child's hair regularly and treat your child's hair until they are clear of headlice.

Remember headlice can survive on clothing, towels, bed sheets etc. and all of those items should be washed thoroughly to avoid unwelcome visitors returning! If your child has headlice please alert the school office who will ask for parents in that class to check their child's hair.



Learning Café

Our learning cafés continue to be a big hit with the children and their grown-ups. We thank you for your continued support and engagement in your children's learning as this is crucial to their progress and success in school. **Please remember if you are unable to make it on any of the dates that any adult involved in your child's life is welcome to attend as long as the slip has been returned to school stating this.**

Trips

Staff are deciding on trips for the remainder of the session. Information regarding trips will come out to you from the school office. We try to make all trips either free or as little cost to you as we can.



It is important for your children to be in school and we would urge you to have your child in each day. Late comings also have a significant impact on your child's day and the progress they make. We are in the process of monitoring attendance for the second time this session. We will be making contact shortly with those families whose child's attendance is under 90%. Those who have attendance below this for the first time will receive an alert letter and those who have had attendance below this for the second time will be invited to meet with Mrs Heron and Lisa to discuss supports. We will work together to support your children into school each day, please let us know if you require any supports with this.

Communication

We pride ourselves in having extremely positive relationships with our learners; parents and carers and the extended Pennyburn community. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the leadership team if you have any questions or concerns and we will do our best to resolve the situation as quickly as possible. We may not always be able to take your call straight away but will always get back to you.



Uniform

We would like to see all children wearing uniform to school. If you are having difficulty providing uniform for your child please contact Lisa (Home Inclusion Worker) through the school office who will be happy to support with this.



Parent Council

We really need more members to support the fundraising work the Parent Council do for the school. If you are interested in supporting the work of the school and early years, in particular fundraising events, please look out for the date of our next meeting coming soon. We would be delighted to welcome you.



myHappymind is an award winning, NHS backed whole school and nursery curriculum. It teaches children preventative habits that support positive mental health, resilience, confidence and self-esteem.

The best part is that the programme not only supports school staff, but parents and children too.

This session we have all completed Meet Your Brain and Celebrate modules. We know what the different parts of our brains do and have been learning about our character strengths. From Jan - June, we will be learning about the importance of showing gratitude in the Appreciate module, the importance of listening to others in the Relate module and setting goals for ourselves in the Engage module.

We would love you to download the free parent app to allow you to see what your children are learning and activities you can do together at home. There are also some amazing resources for parents and a Kids Zone featuring games and much more!



Our unique school code is 8212929