

HEAD TEACHER LETTER 4 NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move through November and into December, we would like to share some updates and reminders for December. This is always an exciting time of year, and truly, the best place to be is in school with our children as they enjoy all the experiences and opportunities the season brings. It has been a busy and enjoyable term so far, and we are grateful for the continued support of our families.

🍁 Thank You – Halloween and PC/PTA Pumpkin Patch

A huge thank you to all families for the wonderful effort put into Halloween costumes, pumpkins, and celebrations this year. The children had a fantastic time, and the creativity on display was outstanding.

We would especially like to thank our PTA/PC for organising the Halloween Pumpkin Patch. Their hard work and commitment helped make the event such a success, and we appreciate everything they do to support our school.

🍎 Allergy Awareness

We are an allergy-aware school, and the safety and wellbeing of all children remains a top priority. This means we are mindful of all types of allergies, not just nut allergies, and we have individual care plans in place for children who require them.

North Ayrshire Council Catering continue to be very proactive in managing allergies and ensuring food safety across the school. However, nut allergies remain a particular concern, as unlike most other allergies, nut particles can be airborne, which may trigger a severe reaction even without direct contact.

To help us keep everyone safe, we kindly ask that:

- All snacks and packed lunches are completely nut-free.
- Children do not share food, and that families discuss the importance of this at home.

Your support in maintaining a safe environment for all pupils is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Jumpers – Wear Them Any Day

As we move towards the festive season, children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers on any day throughout December if they would like to. This helps everyone feel comfortable and included, as it will not be obvious who has chosen to wear one or not wear one, on a particular day.

As the date for our Christmas lunch has now moved to **11 December**, children are also invited to wear their Christmas jumper specifically for the lunch if they wish.

To support sustainability and reduce waste, we would also like to:

- Collect any outgrown or unwanted Christmas jumpers at the school office.
- Offer a selection of pre-loved jumpers for families who may want one, available at reception.

This is a great way to reuse, recycle, and support one another during the festive season.

Upcoming School Fayre – Friday 5 December

We are pleased to share that our School Fayre will take place on Friday 5 December, immediately after school. This event is organised and run by our Parent Council/PTA, and we are extremely grateful for their time, energy, and commitment.

A warm thank you to everyone who has already donated items for the fayre, including bottles for the bottle stall and other contributions. Your generosity helps make this a fantastic event for the whole school community.

A gentle reminder that:

- All children must be accompanied by an adult at the fayre
- The event will begin straight after school
- Funds raised will go directly back into supporting our pupils and school activities

We hope to see many of you there for an afternoon of festive fun.

Community of Kindness

We are pleased to continue our Community of Kindness initiative. As part of this, we collect pre-loved and new toys, books, games, and other items that can help support families during the festive season. These donations allow us to invite our school community in to choose items that may help enhance their Christmas experience.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated so far. Your generosity is already making a meaningful difference, and we are truly grateful for your kindness and support.

If you have items you would still like to contribute, they can be handed in at the school office. Every donation, big or small, helps.

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MI Pupil Survey Results

Families will find the results of the pupil survey, completed in October, attached to this newsletter. The outcomes are very positive and reflect the hard work of our pupils and staff. We have also identified clear next steps to help us continue improving and ensuring the best possible experiences for all children.

Diary Dates

Please see the attached document for our December dates, please note the change of date for the Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day. We will continue to keep families updated as any additional events are confirmed.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Together, we are helping every child to learn, grow, and thrive.

Yours sincerely,

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