



Cleland Primary School

August Newsletter 2026



Upcoming Diary Dates Sept-Dec

Wednesday 2nd Sept – Open Afternoon – 1.30-2.30 – All welcome!

Friday 25th Sept and Monday 28th Sept – September Weekend Holiday

Tuesday 29th Sept – 9th Oct – GIRFMe Review Meetings – Appointments will be sent out to relevant families in due course

Monday Oct 12th - Friday 16th – October Week Holiday

Friday 23rd Oct – P4/5 Class Assembly – 9.30-10.30 – P4/5 families invited

Friday 30th Oct – Halloween Disco (during the school day)

Thursday 5th Nov – School Photographs – No PE that day

Thursday 12th Nov – Parents' Night – Appointments will be sent out nearer the time

Monday 16th Nov – Inservice Day – school closed to pupils

Friday 4th Dec – Annual Christmas Fayre – Time TBC

Thursday 10th Dec – P1 & P2/3 Nativity Morning and Afternoon Performances – Tickets on sale nearer the time

Wednesday 16th Dec P1-3 Christmas Party PM

Thursday 17th Dec P4-7 Christmas Party PM

Friday 18th Dec – School Closes 2.30pm

Tuesday 5th Jan 2027 – School Reopens

[School holidays and term dates | North Lanarkshire Council](#)

Click link to see school all holidays for 2026/7

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Welcome!



It's been so lovely to welcome all the pupils, staff and community back into Cleland Primary School after quite a sunny summer break. The children have settled into their new classes, and everyone is ready to enjoy the new session ahead! I am looking forward to our Open Afternoon, Wed 2nd Sept 1.30-2.30pm, where all families are invited to an informal afternoon to view their child's learning environment, meet the class teacher and leadership staff. 😊 Mrs Karen Murray – Head Teacher



Parent Council AGM – All Welcome

Monday 31st August 3.00-4.00pm



All parents and carers are warmly invited to our Parent Council AGM!

This is a great opportunity to hear more about the work of the Parent Council and to get involved. We're always delighted to welcome new members to help raise funds, support school events and share ideas about how we can continue to improve our school.

If you would like to join but can't attend this meeting, simply email or telephone the school to register your interest. You will be made very welcome!

Breakfast Club and School Lunches

Breakfast club runs every morning from 8.15-8.45am and is free to P1-P5 or those in P6 and 7 who are in receipt of free school meals. See [Breakfast clubs | North Lanarkshire Council](#) for more information.

All P1-P5 pupils are automatically entitled to receive a free school meal. P6 and 7 pupils must pay for their school meal through [Ipayimpact School Meal Payments | North Lanarkshire Council](#) unless registered for a free school meal.

If you would like more information on how to apply for free school meals, please visit [Free School Meals and Clothing Grant Application | North Lanarkshire Council](#)

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance plays an important part in children's learning, friendships and wellbeing. In line with North Lanarkshire Council's *Attendance Matters* approach, our whole-school attendance target for 2026-27 is **94%**.

We understand that children will sometimes be absent through illness or for other unavoidable reasons. **If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please let the school know as soon as possible by telephone or through the school enquiries email address.**

If you have any concerns or circumstances affecting your child's attendance, please contact us. Our aim is always to work supportively with families to help every child attend regularly and make the most of their time at school.

School Improvement Priorities

OUR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES 2026-27

- 1. REFRESHING OUR CURRICULUM**
We will continue to develop a meaningful and engaging curriculum that gives children more opportunities to make choices, explore their interests and take the lead in their learning.
- 2. IMPROVING WRITING**
We aim to improve attainment in writing across all stages by at least 5%. We will focus on high-quality learning and teaching and helpful feedback that supports every child to understand their strengths and next steps.
- 3. DEVELOPING LEARNING AND TEACHING FROM P1-7**
We will continue to develop high-quality play-based learning in P1-2, while supporting teachers in P3-7 to use research-informed approaches that make learning more engaging, responsive and well matched to every child's needs.

AT CLELAND WE SMILE

Staffing Update

At the end of last session, we said goodbye to Mr Stuart, Miss McDonagh and Mrs Nisbet. We thank them for all their hard work and wish them every success for the future. Our current staffing team is:

Head Teacher: Karen Murray

Principal Teacher: Lorna Telfer

Primary 1: Hannah Thomson

Primary 2/3: Lynsey Molloy

Primary 4/5: Lisa Brady

Primary 5/6: Amanda McIntyre

Primary 6/7: Kelly Ann Conway

Learning Support: Claire Curley

Learning Assistant: Isabel Quinn

Senior Clerical Assistant: Angela McGovern

Janitorial/Cleaning: Jackie Carson and Cathy McMahon

Catering Team: Sonia McKenna and Nicola Harrison



Miss Telfer will teach Primary 2/3 every Monday and will provide non-class contact time across all classes throughout the remainder of the week. PE times have been sent out to families.