

# Noble Primary School

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**Our shared vision: Working together to create a nurturing, inclusive, rights respecting community, where learning is exciting, challenging and relevant.**



## Message from the Head Teacher

August 2026

Dear Parent and Carers,

I am delighted to welcome our children and families back after the summer holidays. It is lovely to see everyone returning to school looking happy, healthy and ready for the new school year. I hope you have enjoyed a restful summer and are looking forward to settling back into a routine.

I look forward to welcoming back many familiar families and getting to know those who are new to our school. Our new P1 children are settling in remarkably well and are already a wonderful addition to our infant department. It is great to see so many cheerful faces each morning!

The children look very smart and ready to learn in their school uniforms. I appreciate the time and effort that goes into preparing children for the new school year, and it certainly does not go unnoticed. Please remember that we have a pre-loved uniform rail at the main entrance, where families are welcome to pick up any items they may still need. This is replenished regularly thanks to the many generous donations we receive from our school community.

We have many exciting events planned for the year ahead and look forward to sharing our annual calendar with you in the coming weeks. To begin the year, we are delighted to invite all families to an Open Afternoon on Thursday 10th September at 1.45pm. This will provide an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and meet their teacher. You are also invited to join your child's class for a Welcome Assembly, to help us celebrate the start of a new school year. Dates and times are below.

The Parent Council will hold their AGM on Monday 7th September at 6pm. This is an opportunity to find out more about the important role of the Parent Council. Also, if you would like to join the Parent Council this year, please contact the school office to express your interest.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I look forward to working together with you to make this a happy, successful and rewarding year for all our children.

Mrs Sarah Gordon  
Head Teacher

# Staffing

We are delighted to welcome our P2/3 teacher, Miss Wilson, to the school this session.

## Teaching Staff:

P1 Mrs Crichton

P2/3 Miss Wilson

P3 Miss Mitchell

P4 Miss Bryce

P5/4 Miss Steele

P6/5 Mr Sharkie

P6/7 Mrs Malcolmson (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Craigan (Thur-Fri)

P7 Mrs Fraser

Mrs Meade - Probationer Mentor and Raising Attainment Lead for Literacy and Numeracy

Mrs Montgomery - NCCT (non-class contact time), Nurture and Support for Learning

Mrs Mitchell - Principal Teacher with pastoral care for P2/3, P3, P6/7 and P7

Mrs Bruce - Principal Teacher with pastoral care for P1, P4, P5/4 and P6/5

## Non-teaching Staff:

Mrs Fraser - Learning Assistant and Breakfast Club Assistant

Mrs Johnston - Learning Assistant and Breakfast Club Assistant

Mrs Downs - Senior Clerical Assistant

Mrs McLaughlin - Clerical Assistant

Mr Johnstone - Janitor

# School Improvement Planning

There are three key priorities in our School Improvement Plan this year. We look forward to working together with our whole school community to make positive progress in each area.

| Improvement Plan Priorities |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 1                           | <b>Raising Attainment in Literacy and Numeracy</b><br>To raise attainment in reading, writing and numeracy through consistently high-quality learning, teaching and assessment, effective use of data, robust targeted interventions and family engagement, supported by the strategic use of a Raising Attainment Teacher to monitor progress and evaluate improvement across the school.           |
| 2                           | <b>Promoting Positive Relationships, Behaviour and Readiness to Learn</b><br>To promote positive relationships, behaviour and readiness to learn through the implementation of NLC's Dysregulated and Distressed Behaviour guidance, alongside the development of a whole-school Readiness to Learn Policy which reflects shared values and agreed approaches within the local and national context. |
| 3                           | <b>Improving Learner Engagement through Enquiry-Based Learning</b><br>To improve learner engagement by developing child-led, enquiry-based and skills-based pedagogy, ensuring that all learners experience active, creative and purposeful learning and can confidently apply their skills through meaningful, context-based learning experiences.                                                  |

# Message from the Parent Council

We are holding the School AGM on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm where we will be sharing the progress made last session and our plans for the year ahead. Thanks to those who have already indicated interest in joining the Parent Council, you can still do this by contacting the school office or emailing [enquiries-at-noble@northlan.org.uk](mailto:enquiries-at-noble@northlan.org.uk).



We will normally meet on the First Monday of the month; dates will be confirmed as soon as possible.

## Allergies



Please check all snack and packed lunch items carefully to ensure they **do not contain nuts**, as we have pupils with allergies within the school. Any items containing nuts will be removed and, where needed, an alternative will be provided. We will also contact families in the event that this happens.

We thank you for your understanding and continued support in helping us keep our children safe from the dangers of allergy.

## Personal Belongings

Please ensure that all personal items are clearly labelled with your child's name. This helps children to identify their own belongings and allows staff to return any lost items to the correct owner.



## Health and Safety: Jewellery, Earrings and False Nails

In line with health and safety guidance, we must ask that children do not come to school with excessive jewellery on or false nails. Earrings should be removed on PE days and studded earrings that cannot be removed should be covered with plasters on PE days.

False nails are not permitted in school at any time as they pose a health and safety risk both in practical lessons and in the playground. Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings for children. I would appreciate your co-operation with this. Thank you

# School Meals

Our 2026-2027 School Meal Menu can be found at the following link to help you prepare your child for choosing their preferred options: [Primary School Menu 26 - 27 \[240.46 KB\]](#)

All P1-P5 pupils in Scotland are entitled to a free school breakfast and lunch.

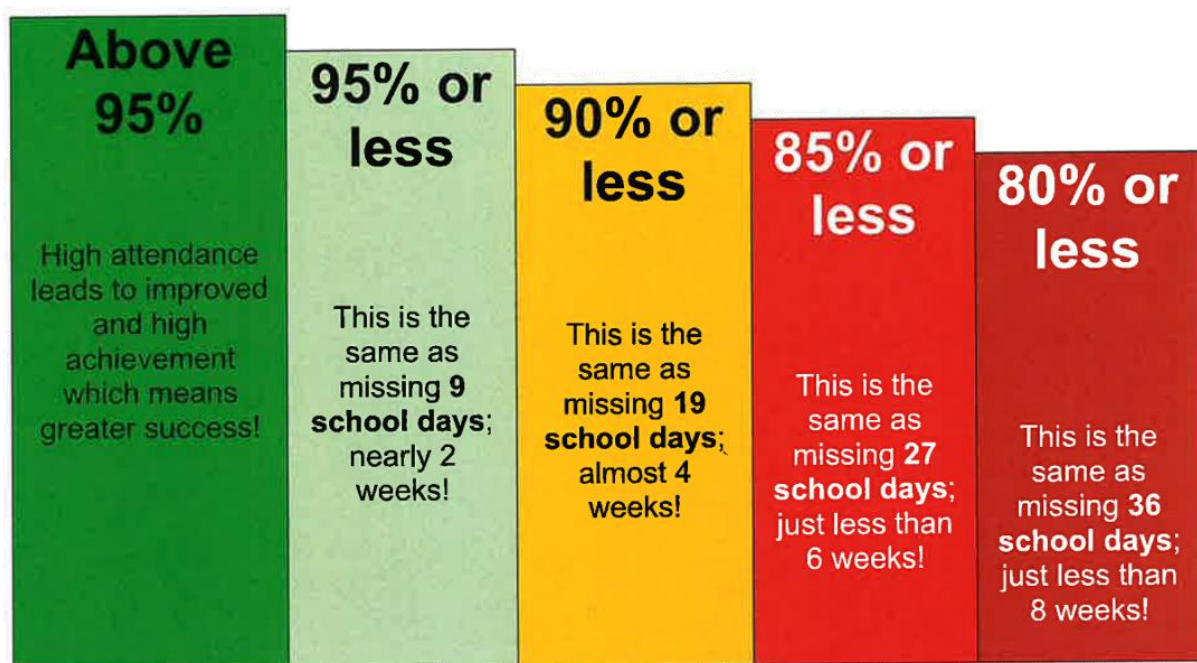
For children in P6 and P7, we kindly ask families to ensure there are sufficient funds available on their iPay account to avoid accrual of debt, unless they are entitled to free school meals.

More information on how to apply for free school meals and clothing grants can be found at - [Free School Meals and Clothing Grant Application | North Lanarkshire Council](#)

## Improving Attendance

Please ensure you contact the school by 8.55am on the first day of your child's absence explaining the reason and the expected duration. You can either email the school at [enquiries-at-noble@northlan.org.uk](mailto:enquiries-at-noble@northlan.org.uk) or phone 01698 274907 to inform us of the absence.

If your child's absence does fall below 90%, we will contact you to identify ways we can support you to improve this. I understand that there can be various reasons for absences, and these can be individual to families. However, we want to work together to ensure all our children are supported to achieve his or her potential.





# Financial Support

There are a range of financial supports available for families on the North Lanarkshire Council website. Click below to access information:

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/benefits-and-money/debt-advice>

Tackling Poverty Team

01698332551

[TPTeam@northlan.gov.uk](mailto:TPTeam@northlan.gov.uk)



## School Calendar

Please note, dates and times are subject to change.

| Upcoming Events September / October 2026   |                                                                          |                                    |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Event                                      | Date(s)                                                                  | Time                               |
| Welcome Assembly 1<br>All P6 and P7 pupils | Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September                                         | 9.15am                             |
| Parent Council AGM                         | Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September                                         | 6pm                                |
| Open Afternoon -<br>'Welcome to our Class' | Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September                                      | 1.45pm                             |
| Welcome Assembly 2<br>All P4 and P5 pupils | Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September                                        | 9.15am                             |
| Welcome Assembly 3<br>P1, P2/3 and P3      | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September                                        | 9.15am                             |
| Fundraising Event                          | Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September                                      | Details TBC                        |
| Holiday Weekend                            | Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September -<br>Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September | School closed                      |
| Macmillan Coffee Afternoon                 | Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October                                           | 1.45pm                             |
| Parents' Evening                           | Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October                                        | Times TBC                          |
| October Week Holiday                       | Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October -<br>Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October     | Return on Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct |

# Contacting the school

The first point of contact for any enquiries is through the school office, details below -



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We do our very best to respond to enquiries as quickly as possible. However, at particularly busy times, it may occasionally be the following day before a member of the team is able to respond.

We appreciate your patience and understanding.