



Shawhead Primary School & Nursery Class

End of Year Improvement Update 2025–26

Welcome

Shawhead Primary and Nursery Class is a welcoming, nurturing, and inclusive community where every child is supported to succeed. We believe that with the right encouragement and opportunities, 'Successful Pupils Shine' - in learning, in life, and as part of our family.

We are proud of the progress made this year. Through our vision, values and aims, we want every child to feel safe, valued, included and supported to achieve their best in learning and in life. Throughout the year, staff, pupils, parents and partners have worked together to improve experiences and outcomes for all children.

What Are We Proud Of?

A Positive and Inclusive School Community

This year we have continued to strengthen our nurturing and inclusive environment.

Some key achievements include:

- Embedding our new school vision, values and aims.
- Developing positive relationship approaches across the school.
- Launching a new Anti-Bullying Policy.
- Introducing Emotion Works to help children understand and talk about their feelings.
- Providing staff training to better support children with additional support needs.
- Developing more predictable and supportive classroom environments for all learners.

Supporting Children's Wellbeing

Children's wellbeing remains at the heart of everything we do.

Highlights include:

- No exclusions throughout the school year.
- Strong relationships between staff, pupils and families.
- Wellbeing surveys helping staff identify and support children's needs.
- Additional supports such as Drawing and Talking and targeted wellbeing interventions.

- Increased opportunities for outdoor learning and nurturing approaches.

Improvements in Literacy

Raising attainment in literacy has been a major focus.

This year we have:

- Provided targeted literacy support for children who needed extra help.
- Increased moderation and collaboration between staff to improve teaching and assessment.
- Moderation activities between staff linked to high quality writing experiences.
- Introduced approaches to help pupils understand their learning goals and next steps.

As a result:

- All targeted learners made progress through literacy interventions at their working level.
- Children receiving additional literacy support showed accelerated progress.

Our Nursery Successes

Our nursery team has worked hard to strengthen children's communication, language and wellbeing.

Achievements include:

- Developing high-quality adult-child interactions.
- Increasing the use of visual supports and communication-friendly environments.
- Creating a calm, nurturing and predictable learning environment.
- Delivering family learning sessions and literacy workshops.
- Supporting children with language and communication needs through targeted interventions and specialist training.

Parent feedback continues to show that children feel safe, happy and well supported in our nursery.

Supporting Equity and Reducing Barriers

We continue to use Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) to support children who may face barriers to learning.

Funding has helped us to:

- Provide additional staffing.
- Deliver targeted literacy and numeracy interventions.
- Support children's wellbeing.
- Track progress carefully to ensure support is making a positive difference.

Attendance

Attendance remains an important focus.

This year's attendance rate was: **91.4%**

Staff continue to work closely with families to support attendance and ensure children attend school regularly, helping them make the best possible progress.

What Are Our Priorities for 2026–27?

Next session we will focus on three key areas:

1. Raising Literacy Achievement

We will continue to improve writing, reading and communication skills, particularly across Primary 3 to Primary 5.

2. High-Quality Play and Enquiry-Based Learning

We will further develop learning through play and enquiry to increase engagement, creativity and challenge for all learners.

3. Developing Communication and Language Skills

We will create even richer language environments across both the school and nursery, helping all children develop strong communication skills and providing targeted support where needed.

Thank you to all our families, staff, pupils and partners for your continued support. By working together, we continue to ensure that Shawhead Primary School and Nursery Class is a place where every child is welcomed, supported and encouraged to shine.