



# School Newsletter November / December 2024

## Head Teacher Message

It has been a very busy term so far. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at the parent contact appointments with their child/children's class teachers. We hope you are enjoying seeing snapshots of your child's learning through our new app Learning Journals too.

Christmas is now fast approaching and every class are now thinking about and preparing for our Christmas Concert. We hope as many of you as possible can join us! Information about tickets will be issued from the office shortly. We are looking forward to using our new staging which the Parent Council have very kindly funded.



It's that time of year where we need to be aware of the severe weather arrangements for possible school closures. Please see the attached information and keep it to hand.



## Attendance

Perth and Kinross Council have an attendance target of 96% for primary school pupils. We appreciate that winter bugs do take their toll at this time of year but would encourage all pupils attend school to ensure they don't miss out.



## Staffing News



We are very pleased to welcome Ms Angie Watt, ECP to our Nursery. She will replace Mrs Campbell and will begin after the Christmas break.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Paula Gentles. She will be teaching P6/7 on a full-time, permanent basis from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November and replaces Miss Cole. Miss Cole has returned to Crieff Primary School and we wish her all the very best.

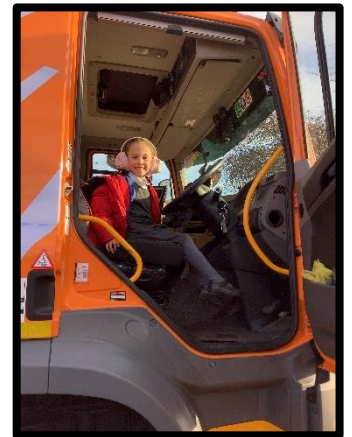
### Name a Gritter Competition

Last year, two of our P1 (now P2) pupils entered a competition to name a gritter. We are very excited to report that not only one – but two – of our pupils won!

Fraser in P2 chose the name Sammy Salt.

Amy in P2 chose the name Olaf Snow Free Roads.

P2/3 were very excited to receive a visit from Sammy Salt last week and the driver, Darak, very kindly allowed everyone to sit in the driver's seat for a photo.



P2/3 have been tracking the gritters on the gritter tracker on the Traffic Scotland website and can see they have been very busy in the recent cold spell.

### Personal Achievement

We are very proud of our P7 pupil Oscar. He recently represented Luncarty Primary School in the Tayside Swimming Championships and achieved First Place in swimming Front Crawl. He has been successful in getting through to the final of the Scottish Schools Swimming Championships which takes place in January 2025, where he will be swimming 50m front crawl.

Oscar has shown great commitment to his training.

He swims for 6 hours every week, even getting up early on a Sunday morning to swim for 2 hours!

Oscar takes inspiration from other swimmers such as Scottish swimmer Duncan Scott and English swimmer Adam Peaty.

We wish Oscar all the very best for the finals in January. Keep up the hard work Oscar!





### Play and Pedals

The Parent Council generously donated a balance bike and helmet to our Nursery which will allow us to implement our Play and Pedals programme.

Huge thanks from all the boys and girls in the Nursery.



### Christmas Dates

We are pleased to confirm the following dates in December for the class Christmas parties as well as dates for our whole school Christmas Concert. More information about tickets for the Concert will be issued shortly.

- Wed 11<sup>th</sup>     Nursery Christmas Party
  
- Frid 13<sup>th</sup>     Christmas Jumper Day  
                   School Christmas Lunch  
                   P4/5 Christmas Party
  
- Mon 16<sup>th</sup>     P1/2/3 Christmas Party
  
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup>     2pm Christmas Concert for parents
  
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup>     2pm Christmas Concert for parents  
                   6.15pm Christmas Concert for parents
  
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>    P5/6 Christmas Party  
                   P6/7 Christmas Movie
  
- Frid 20<sup>th</sup>     11.15am Nursery Show for parents  
                   Term Ends 12 noon



Perth Art Gallery  
Perth & Kinross

## Christmas Time in the South of Perth

Saturday 7 December 2024  
1.30pm to 3.30pm | Free

Join us for a special family event celebrating the Fergus and Meg exhibition at Perth Art Gallery! Enjoy activities and crafts inspired by Fergusson's painting "Christmas in the South of France." This event is generously supported by the JD Fergusson Art Foundation.

Perth Art Gallery  
78 George Street  
Perth PH1 5LB  
Tel: 01738 622488

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### Water Bottles

A little reminder that all pupils should only have water in their water bottles to help keep them hydrated throughout the day. Pupils should not bring juice or flavoured water unless it is to have with their packed lunch.



Thank you for your cooperation!

# SCHOOL DIARY

## SESSION 2024-25

New information will be added in **BOLD** each month.

### NOVEMBER 2024

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Flu Immunisation

### DECEMBER 2024

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Nursery Christmas Party  
Frid 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day  
P4/5 Christmas Party  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup> P1/2/3 Christmas Party  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> **2.00pm Christmas Concert for Parents**  
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Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> P5/6 Christmas Party  
P6/7 Christmas Movie  
Frid 20<sup>th</sup> 11.15am Nursery Show for Parents  
Term ends 12 noon  
  
Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Frid 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Holidays

### JANUARY 2025

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Pupils return to school  
  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Scottish Poetry Competition

### FEBRUARY 2025

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Inservice Day 4  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>/Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Holiday

### MARCH 2025

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> World Book Day  
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Parent Contact 4.00-6.00pm  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Parent Contact 6.00-8.00pm

## APRIL 2025

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> –Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Holidays
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Inservice day 5
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pupils return to school

## MAY 2025

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday
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## JUNE 2025

Tues 3 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> / Frid 6 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Transition Days
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Leavers Service for Parents
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	School finishes 12 noon

Questions or queries? Then please get in touch...

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