



Bargarran Primary School
Newsletter for Parents and Carers
May/June 2025

Our School Vision

'At Bargarran Primary School we learn and grow together'

Our School Values

- Be happy
- Be honest
- Be kind
- Be respectful
- Be responsible
- Be all you can be!



Welcome to the final newsletter of school session 2024/25.

Class Structure 2025-26

During the final session, many children and I expect parents, will be keen to find out who their child's teacher will be for the next session. At present, I can provide the following update on the number of classes and our staffing for next session.

The number of classes the school is organised into is determined by the local authority and relates to the number of pupils attending the school. Our anticipated school role for session 2025-26 is 227. Next session the school will be structured into nine classes. This is an increase of one class from this session.

The local authority provides a suggested class structure and number of pupils for each class, although the Head Teacher does have the opportunity to implement a different structure. Any revised structure must have the same number of classes determined by the local authority.

Classes also need to be within legal requirements regarding a maximum number of pupils, and one space per stage left vacant for children who may move into the school catchment area. The legal maximum class sizes are: Primary 1 - 25 pupils, Primary 2 and 3 - 30 pupils, Primary 4 to 7 - 33 pupils and composite classes - 25 pupils.

Next session our proposed class structure is: Primary 1, Primary 2/1, Primary 2, Primary 3, Primary 4/3, Primary 5/4, Primary 5, Primary 6 and Primary 7.

The staffing allocation for the school is not normally confirmed by the local authority until closer to the end of June. This means it is not always possible to allocate staff to classes, as changes could be made to our staffing right up until the end of June.

Next session due to an additional class, maternity leaves and staff leaving employment of the authority we currently have a teaching vacancy for 2.5 class teachers. These vacancies are allocated by the local authority and not appointed by the Head Teacher.

When I am in a position to inform you of your child's class allocation and teacher for session 2025-26, I will do so.

I hope the above update is helpful. If parents and carers would like to discuss any of the above information, please contact the school office.

School Football Team

Our school football team participated in the final Active Schools festival of the session on Tuesday 29th April. The team played six matches, winning five and drawing the other match.

Over the three festivals our Primary 7 football squad have been undefeated winning fifteen and drawing two of seventeen matches. Congratulations to all involved on becoming the 'Bargarran Invincibles'.

Primary 1 and 2

During their visit to the school in November 2024 the team of His Majesty's Inspectors of Education identified our play pedagogy in Primary 1 and 2 as highly effective practice to be shared nationally. During June, Mrs Hunter and Mrs Russell will be part of an Education Scotland webinar where they will share their practice with other schools across the country. Our Primary 1 and 2 classroom will also be visited by Education Scotland to take photographs and video images. These will be shared through the Education Scotland web site.

We are very proud that the hard work of our staff and children have been recognised in this way.

Digital School Endorsement Award

We are delighted to share with you that we have been awarded our third Digital Schools Award. We are one of only a few schools to hold all three awards: Digital Schools Accreditation, Digital Wellbeing and Digital Schools Endorsement.

The Endorsement Award is accredited for the long term provision of high quality learning and teaching through digital technology.

Congratulations to Mrs Fulton, Mr Grant and our Technologies Pupil Parliament for leading the work on the award. The interview involved children from Primary 2 to Primary 7 and the assessors were very impressed with the knowledge and experience of the children in using digital technology to support learning. The assessors also commented on how highly articulate the children were. A real credit to Bargarran Primary!

Mobile Phones in School

Children bringing mobile phones to school should turn them off when they enter the school playground in the morning and keep them in their school bag. Phones should remain in the school bag during the school day. Any parent or carer who requires to contact their child during the school day can do so through the school office.

Smart Watches

We would ask that children do not wear watches to school that have a text, phone or listening facility. If smartwatches are worn to school the listening facility should be turned off and text messages or phone calls should not be made to or from the watch. Any parent or carer who requires to contact their child during the school day can do so through the school office.

Children's use of Social Media

Could I please ask that you regularly check your child's use of social media. We have been made aware of occasions where children have not been using social media apps appropriately. This use is taking place outside of school and out with the school day. The minimum age to use What's App, Instagram or Facebook is 13 years of age. We have a section of our school web site providing support with internet safety and cyber resilience. The link is -

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/bargarran/internet-safety-and-cyber-resilience/>

Car Parking

Could parents and carers please be mindful of the following when using the campus car park: the drop off spaces in the campus car park should not be used for parking and the disabled parking spaces should only be used for drivers with a disabled badge. If we could ask parents and carers who park in the streets close to the school to be mindful of leaving local residents access to their property when parking at the start or end of the school day.

Pupil Awards 1 – Growth Mindset Awards

We regularly celebrate children's work and successes at our weekly assembly. Congratulations to the following children who recently received a Growth Mindset award:

Class	Resilience	Effort	Attitude
Support Staff	Caleb	Bella	Riley
Primary 1	Rosie	Jane	Gregor
Primary 2/1	Abigail	Kallan	Mila
Primary 3/2	Emily	Matthew	Oscar
Primary 3	Bella	Rowan	Jack
Primary 4	Jacob	Barry	Alexander
Primary 5	Ava	Peyton	Cobie
Primary 6	Karla	Jaimie	Aila
Primary 7	The Whole Class	The Whole Class	The Whole Class

Congratulations to all the winners! 👍👍👍

School Uniform

This session we have been grateful of the support of parents and carers in upholding the wearing of school uniform and would like to continue to build on this next session. In preparation for next session we would like to share our school uniform guidance with you:

- Grey blazer and school badge
- Grey or red fleece, with or without badge
- Grey pinafore, grey skirt or grey trousers
- White shirt, blouse or polo shirt
- Grey or red v-necked pullover or red or grey cardigan
- School tie

On outdoor learning days uniform of: red sweatshirt or red hooded top and black tracksuit trousers or black jogging trousers can be worn. If possible, these should not contain an over-sized logo. On outdoor learning days children should also bring a suitable jacket with them. Details of the allocated outdoor days will be provided at the start of next session.

Apart from outdoor learning days, we would ask that children do not wear hooded tops and tracksuit tops to school, including red hooded tops with the school badge. Leavers' hoodies are part of our traditions for Primary 7 pupils in their last term at the school and we would prefer if this was the only time hoodies were worn.

Our school has a uniform bank to provide items of uniform to parents. If you would like to use the uniform bank please contact the school office. All requests will be treated with the strictest confidence.

Summer Weather

We are all hoping for a warm and sunny summer term so as much time as possible can be spent learning outdoors. Could we please ask that children come to school properly prepared with a sun hat and wearing sun cream in suitable weather. We are sorry but staff members will not be able to apply sun cream to children.

P.E Kit

Unfortunately, we have an increasing number of children who come to school without P.E kit or not prepared to take part in P.E.

The positive impact of P.E. on health and wellbeing and mental health is well documented. The Scottish Government has a mandatory allocation of 2 hours per week towards P.E. that all schools must meet.

For these reasons we would like your support with the following to ensure all children are participating in every P.E. session:

- ❖ Children taking part in P.E. wear our school P.E. kit consisting of red or white t-shirt or polo shirt, black or grey shorts or cycle shorts, socks and indoor shoes.
- ❖ Primary 3 to 7 children should have a change of top for P.E.
- ❖ Leggings or tracksuit trousers are not suitable to be worn for indoor P.E.
- ❖ Football tops or tops with over-sized logos are not suitable to be worn for P.E.
- ❖ Children should have a pair of indoor shoes suitable for taking part in P.E. and a bag with their name on it to store the shoes in. The bag and shoes can be kept in school.
- ❖ Shoes worn to school and outdoors while at school should not be worn to P.E.
- ❖ Ear-rings and jewellery should not be worn for P.E.

Primary 1 and 2 children can take part in P.E. with the polo shirt they wear to school and can wear their shorts under their uniform.

Any families who require support to provide the P.E kit requested above should contact the school office. All contact will be treated in the strictest confidence.

There is a P.E. kit available in the school colours available to purchase from Gilmour Sports (<https://schoolwearmadeeasy.com/collections/bargarran-primary>) consisting of a red t-shirt, black shorts and red kit bag. Please be aware there are other uniform providers.

Preparation for School

We request that children bring the following resources with them to school next session: pencils, rulers, sharpener, rubber, a packet of coloured pens and a packet of coloured pencils. The resources can remain in school for your child to use. We will provide labels for children to label the resources they bring to school.

All these resources are provided by the school free of charge, but it would help stretch our budget out further if parents and carers were able to provide them for their child.

Nut Free School

We have a number of children who attend our school who have an allergy to nuts. As a school we operate a nut free policy to ensure the wellbeing of all our pupils. I would ask when sending snacks or packed lunches to school this policy is followed. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Hair

Could we please ask that you check your child/children's hair on a regular basis. If you find any nasty surprises the link below should provide suitable support.

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/skin-hair-and-nails/head-lice-and-nits>

Pupil Equity Fund Consultation

Surveys were recently carried out with parents, carers and children about how to spend the school's Pupil Equity Fund allocation of £31,320 for the financial year from April 2025 to March 2026.

The money is to be spent on interventions to close the poverty related attainment gap and to raise attainment for all children. The wider school community can also benefit from interventions put in place using Pupil Equity Fund allocation.

The responses received were as follows:

Possible Spend	Parents and Carers (24 responses)
ICT Equipment	7
Additional Support Staffing	20
Numeracy Resources	9
Literacy Resources	11
Additional Teaching Staff	16
Resources to Support Attendance and Latecoming	2
Other	0

The responses received will be considered when creating the School Improvement Plan for academic year 2025/26. Details of the School Improvement Plan will be provided early in the new session.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Friday 23rd May 2025	In-Service - School Closed
Monday 26 th May 2025	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Wednesday 28 th May 2025	P.7 - Park Mains Transition - Wellbeing Afternoon
Thursday 5 th June 2025	School Sports Day (p.m.)
Thursday 12 th June 2025	P7 - Park Mains Transition - Day 1
Friday 13 th June 2025	P7 - Park Mains Transition - Day 2
Tuesday 17 th June 2025	P.7 Leavers Dance 7.00 - 9.00 p.m.
Friday 20 th June 2025	P.7 Leavers Service 9.30 a.m.
Friday 27 th June 2025	End of Term - School Closes 1 p.m.

Your sincerely



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Head Teacher