



Dargavel Primary School



Newsletter – 24th October 2025

Hi everyone,

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful October holiday. Term 2 is shaping up to be a busy and exciting time, full of fantastic upcoming events. Be sure to read the rest of the newsletter thoroughly to stay completely up-to-date!

Many thanks,

Gerry Carlton

Halloween Disco – Thursday 30th October

The Parent Council will be hosting the Halloween Discos on Thursday 30th October. P1-3, 6.15pm – 7.15pm and P4-7, 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Entry is £1 per child. All children must be dropped off and collected by an adult.



Starting School!

Primary 1 Enrolment – August 2026

P1 Registration is live from 3rd – 7th November.

Children who reach 5 years of age between 1 March 2026 and 28 February 2027 inclusive should be registered for education in their catchment school.

<https://www1.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/11957/Apply-for-a-place-at-school#primary1>

Pantomime Trip – The Pavilion, Glasgow

We will be taking the whole school to the Jock and the Beanstalk Pantomime at the Pavilion Theatre on Friday 5th December. The Parent Council and school are subsidising the majority of the trip, however, we will be asking for £10 per child to help towards the overall cost. This will go live on Parent Pay from today.

If your child will not be in school on 5th December, please let the school office know as soon as possible. Tickets are expensive so we don't want to be paying for empty seats.



Pupil Progress Meetings (Parents' Night) – Thursday 13th November

The meetings take place on Thursday 13th November. Session 1: 3.15pm – 5.25pm and Session 2: 6.05pm – 8.30pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss your child's academic progress, their wellbeing and other factors such as attitude, motivation and friendship.

You can now book your appointment on the Parents Portal. If you have still to sign up for Parents Portal, please do so as soon as possible. For help signing up, click on the following link or contact the school office on 0300 300 1481.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/dargavelprimaryschool/parents-portal/>



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Christmas Fair – Saturday 6th December

Thank you very much for the donations of bottles. We are always so overwhelmed by the generosity of the Dargavel families. The bottles will be used for the bottle tombola at the Fair. Future dates for donations are Friday 7th November for bottles and Friday 21st November for chocolates.

The Christmas Fair takes place on Saturday 6th December, 10am – 12.30pm. It is a highlight of the school year so please put the date in your diary and come along if you can.

Fundraising – Thank You!

Thank you! Because of your incredible support through our various fundraisers, and in partnership with the **Parent Council**, we are thrilled to announce how the money will be spent for our pupils:

Your donations are funding three key projects:

1. **More Books!** We'll be expanding the resources in the **Accelerated Reading** and **class libraries**.
2. **More Tech!** We are purchasing additional **Chromebooks** and **iPads** to boost digital learning.
3. **Outdoor Learning!** We will create a second designated **outdoor learning area** in the playground for all classes.

We are so grateful to the Parent Council and all our supportive families. Your generosity is directly funding resources that will benefit every child at Dargavel!



RIGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

Article 28

'I have the right to an education'.

THE UNITED NATIONS
CONVENTION
ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

This was launched at last Friday's assembly and has been discussed in class in relation to our school value 'Growth'.



Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual observance dedicated to celebrating the history, culture, and achievements of people of African descent.

At Dargavel, all classes have been participating in various experiences to celebrate this. Yesterday, Chief Chebe provided African Drumming sessions for our P3 pupils. They absolutely loved the experience. We also have a dedicated Black History Month lending library which your children can make use of.



Children in Need



Primary 3a and 3b are organising their learning showcase with a Children in Need focus. P3a and P3b families are invited into the school on Friday 14th November at 9.30am to join in the fun.

The rest of the school can wear PJs on Friday 14th in exchange for a £1 donation. All proceeds will go towards Children in Need. Pudsey will also be making his annual visit to Dargavel on this day.



Consents



We are still waiting on a lot of media consents and local area consents to be completed. Without these, teachers are unable to post images on Seesaw or take the children to the local park. It's very important that these are completed as a matter of urgency. Thank you.



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Dates for the Diary

Halloween Disco – Thursday 30 th October
Parents' Night – Thursday 13 th November (3.15pm – 8.30pm)
Children in Need Pyjama Day (£1 donation) - Friday 14 th November
Dress Down Day in exchange for bottles - Friday 7 th November
Dress Down Day in exchange for chocolates – Friday 21 st November
St Andrew's Day Holiday – Monday 1 st December (school closed)
Whole School Pantomime Trip to The Pavilion – Friday 5 th December
Christmas Fair – Saturday 6 th December, 10am – 12.30pm
Christmas Show:
Thursday 11 th December, 9.30am: P1a Nativity and all other classes performing
Thursday 11 th December, 1.15pm: P1b Nativity and all other classes performing
Friday 12 th December, 9.30am: P1c Nativity and all other classes performing.
Christmas Holidays – School closes at 2.30pm on Friday 19 th December and reopens on Tuesday 6 th January 2026.