



Dargavel Primary School

Newsletter – 16th January 2026

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2026. Please take a few minutes to read over what is coming up over the next couple of weeks. As always, if you would like to speak to a member of staff, please contact the school office on 0300 300 1481 or email dargavelenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Have a great weekend!

Gerry Carlton

Staffing

Congratulations to Mrs MacDermid (previously Miss Pollock) who got married during the Christmas holidays. Mrs Hood has returned from maternity leave and will be teaching various classes across the school. Mrs Dickson will also be team teaching in P5 this term. She has been covering P5c for Miss McHugh in her absence.

Burns Assembly

The whole school will be celebrating the life of Robert Burns at our Burns Assembly on Friday 23rd January. We will record the class performances, and if permissions allow, these will be posted on Seesaw.



Fruity Friday

The Hearty Life Pupil Committee are passionate about promoting a healthy lifestyle. Their aim is to teach the Dargavel pupils about how to be healthy and to lead change across the school. They are introducing FRUITY FRIDAY from 6th February, where they are encouraging all pupils to bring in a healthy snack for their interval. Although this is encouraged every day, on a Friday, the committee will be going round classes and looking for the healthiest class. House points and other rewards are up for grabs.

Term 3 Clubs – Block 1 (19.01.26 – 09.02.26)

A range of clubs for block 1 (4 weeks) are available to now book. <https://oneren-dargavel.classforkids.io> These clubs are led by Active Schools, school staff and pupils. There will be a second block later in the term should your child be unsuccessful this time around.



Right of the Fortnight

As Friday 16th January is World Religion Day, our first Right of the Fortnight for 2026 is:



Article 30

If you come from a minority group, because of your race, religion or language, you have the right to enjoy your own culture, practise your own religion, and use your own language.

Valentine Discos

These will take place on Thursday 12th February.



P1 – 3: 6.15pm – 7.15pm



P4 – 7: 7.30pm – 8.30pm

£1 entry on the door

All children must be collected by an adult.

PVG

The PVG rules have changed which will have implications for parent volunteers. If you regularly help out by accompanying classes on trips, can you please contact the school office and we will arrange for you to apply for a PVG. All costs will be met by the school.

Growth



January's school value focus is Growth. This will be introduced at Friday's assembly. We will be speaking to children about how change helps us grow. Although change can be scary, it helps us develop skills such as resilience, adaptability, confidence and problem solving. Change helps us learn new things and just a little change, such as a new year's resolution can help us grow.



Please speak to your children about Growth and the importance of change in their everyday lives.

Wellbeing Survey Results – October 2025

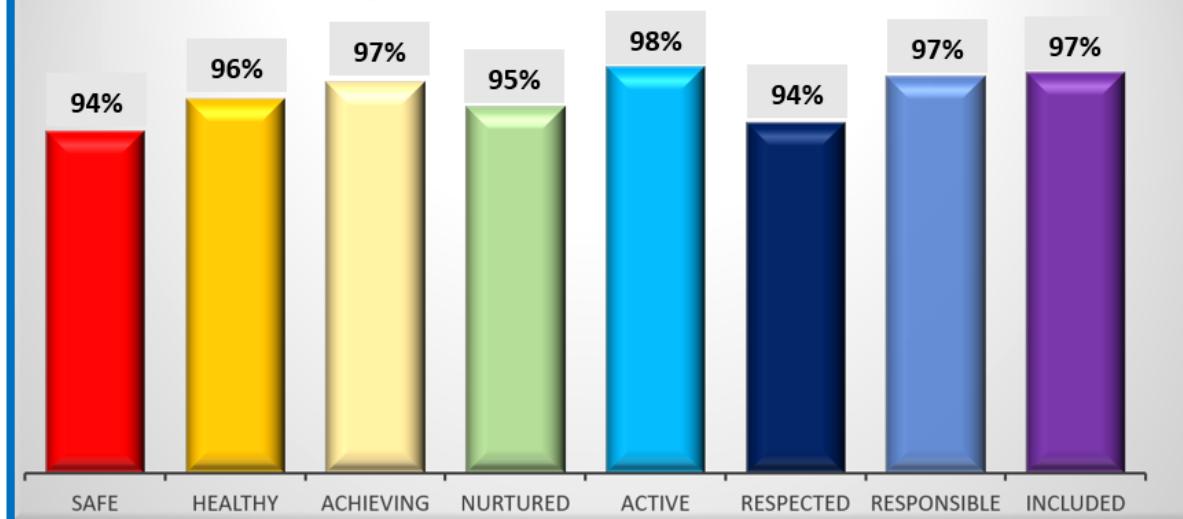
Every pupil completes a wellbeing survey at the beginning and end of each school session. The results from the surveys are analysed and interventions put in place to support individuals, groups of pupils and at times the whole school.

The overall results are displayed in the graph below. The results are very positive, however, we are always striving to improve these scores, ensuring the pupils' wellbeing is the best it can be and that all of the pupils are reaching their full potential.

For Term 3, the whole school focus will be on Safe and Respected.

The surveys will be completed again in May with the results shared with you before the end of term.

Average Performance Scores for All Classes



RNRA Accreditation

We are very pleased to announce that we have recently been awarded Jade level RNRA accreditation. This accreditation recognises and celebrates the progress that Dargavel Primary is making towards becoming a nurturing community where relationships and nurture are at the heart of everything we do.

We are proud to have received this accreditation. Our next steps involve gathering pupil and family focus groups. Together, we will work towards the next level accreditation, which is Ruby.

Here are some positive feedback comments from the Renfrewshire Nurture Steering Group Accreditation Panel:

'it is very evident that Nurturing Approaches are threaded through the policies necessary to help support consistent practice across staff and classrooms which has included the generation of the Relationships Policy.'

'The evidence you have submitted goes far beyond this one principle and it is clear that you are committed to developing clear policies and consistent practice to provide a nurturing inclusive environment.'



IMPORTANT DATES (JANUARY – JUNE 2026)

Below are the dates of holidays and events taking place between January and June. Please note some events such as class assemblies and class trips are not included below. We will give families as much notice as possible for these events.

EVENT	DATE
Valentine Disco	Thursday 12 th February
February Weekend (school closed)	Monday 16 th & Tuesday 17 th February
February Inservice (school closed for pupils)	Wednesday 18 th February
Easter Service (P6 parents invited to attend)	Wednesday 1 st April
Easter Holidays	Friday 3 rd April – Friday 17 th April (school closes at 2.30pm on Thursday 2 nd April and reopens on Monday 20 th April)
May Bank Holiday 1 (school closed)	Monday 4 th May
Parents' Night	Tuesday 5 th May
Inservice Day (school closed for pupils)	Thursday 7 th May
P7 Residential Trip	Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th May
P5 School Show	Wednesday 20 th & Thursday 21 st May
May Bank Holiday 2 (school closed)	Monday 25 th May
Health Week	Monday 1 st – Friday 5 th June
P1-3 Sports Day	Tuesday 9 th June
P4-7 Sports Day	Wednesday 10 th June
P7 Leavers' Assembly and Evening Dance	Wednesday 24 th June
Family Fun Day	Friday 26 th June
Summer Holidays Begin	School closes at 1pm on Tuesday 30 th June and reopens on Tuesday 18 th August.