



Heriot News ↴

20 August 2026



Welcome back to a new session at Heriot Primary. We look forward to working with you in the year ahead. A special welcome to all the new children in Primary 1 and other classes.

School Phone Number

Please remember that the school phone number is 0300 300 0158. Please save this number to your phone so that you recognise the number if we are trying to reach you.

Staffing

A very warm welcome to our two new members of teaching staff. Cara Millen will work with both P.1 classes (alternative Wednesdays) and P.2 on a Thursday afternoon and all-day Friday. Holly McCulloch will teach P.2 Monday to Wednesday and Thursday morning. We are delighted to have them join our team.

PE timetable

Your child will have two P.E sessions each week along with additional physical activities. Please see below for when your child will have P.E -

- Monday - P.4/5, P.3/4, P.3 and P.7
- Tuesday - ELCC, P.2, P.5 and P.6
- Wednesday - P.3, P.1a, P.1b, ELCC and P.4/5
- Thursday - ELCC, P.5, P.7, P.2 and P.3/4
- Friday - P.6, P.1a and P.1b



Water Bottles

Please ensure your child carries their water bottle to school every day so they can drink water at their desk. Children can refill their bottle at school if required.

Medication

Children are required to carry their own inhalers as these cannot be stored at the office. Any other medication should be given at home unless under very exceptional circumstances. Please contact the school if this situation arises and we will do our best to help.

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child's name is on **all** items of clothing and footwear. This will enable us to return any found items to the children. We regularly have unclaimed items including jackets and packed lunch boxes. Unfortunately, we cannot store unclaimed items indefinitely so please ask your child to check this box for missing items before we have to dispose of them. If your child needs any help with this, office staff are happy to help.

Flu Vaccination Consent Forms

These will be coming home in school bags shortly. It is important to return these as soon as possible as we have a very short turn-around time for processing the forms. Please return the form even if you are not consenting, just indicate this on the form. Immunisations are taking place on Wednesday 9 September and the consent forms all need to be collated and checked by the vaccination team in advance.

Free School Meals for P6-P7 children

If you have not already submitted your application for free meals/clothing grant please do so as soon as possible. Even if your child is in P1-P5 you can still apply if you think you are eligible as you may get the clothing grant on its own or both if you qualify. We regret you will have to pay for your child's lunch until the school office has been given authorisation from Renfrewshire Council that your application has been approved.

Nut allergy

Please do not send your child to school with snacks containing nuts as we have a number of children who have a nut allergy. In particular we ask that nut based spreads are not given on sandwiches for packed lunches. We thank you in advance for your support with this.

Parentpay

If you have not already registered for parentpay you should have received a letter about this yesterday. It is important to get registered as the only cash coming in to school will be donations, sponsor money or charity collections.



Our classes this year are:

P1a	Room 1	Mrs Walsh
P1b	Room 2	Mrs Roberts
P2a	Room 3	Miss McCulloch
P3a	Room 6	Miss Lynch
P3b/4a	Room 14	Mrs Harvey
P4b/5a	Room 16	Mrs Milne/Miss Cluness
P5b	Room 9	Mrs McKay
P6a	Room 13	Mrs McFarlane/Mrs Steven
P7a	Room 11	Mrs Kerr

Newsletters

Newsletters are issued regularly, giving news of various events in the life of the school, as well as information for parents about meetings etc. Please try to find a few minutes to read our newsletters and let us know if you wish further information about any of the items. Our newsletters are numbered and are emailed to parents via parentpay.

They will also be published on the school website under the heading 'Heriot Primary Newsletters' found at the right hand side of the homepage. Please take the time to read these newsletters to keep you up to date with what is happening in the school.

Heriot Parent Staff Group

The date of our first meeting is **Tuesday 8 September**. We usually meet on the first Monday of a month, within the school, from 6 - 7pm. We really need, and want, some more parents to join us to support the work of the school. We hope to see you at our first meeting.



School Holidays

A school holiday list is at the bottom of this newsletter and is also available on the school website under the heading 'Events Calendar' at the right hand side of the homepage.

Annual data check and other information

Data forms will no longer be sent home in paper form. Please sign up to parentsportal as soon as possible to update your information. All of the annual forms we ask you to complete will be on parentsportal in the next few days, for you to update. We will send out a text when they are ready. Any problems with this please contact the school office and we will be happy to help. Please remember to update any changes to contact information on parentsportal throughout the session. I am sure you will appreciate that it is imperative that we are able to contact parents if a child becomes unwell and needs to be collected. Thank you for your support with this.

Link for parentsportal app - <https://parentsportal.scot/pportal/>

For a successful link to your child on parentsportal it is essential that the details you input, match the details on our seemis system. Conflicts can arise for simple things like your child has a middle name or capital letters are used in one system but not the other. If you are having difficulty with this please contact school office so we can confirm the details we hold are correct to enable a match to be made.

Absence information

Parents are asked to inform the school on the first day of absence that their child will not be in school. **Please telephone by 9.30am** so that we can alert staff to a child's non-attendance. It is very important that we know children are safely at home with parents when not in school. If we do not hear from parents by 9.30am we will send a text to the main contact to alert parents. We may follow up our text if we do not hear from you. Sometimes we will ask our Home Link worker to do a home visit if we cannot contact you. If your child continues to be unwell, please keep us informed. Any unexplained absence is coded as unauthorised. Thank you for your help with this.

Passing telephone messages to children during the course of the school day.

Can we ask all parents to be mindful when asking the office staff to pass on messages to their child during the course of the school day. Although we are more than happy to do this if the need arises, we have experienced a rise in requests for non urgent information to be shared. Last session we also experienced a significant increase in calls received right at the end of the day asking for information to be passed to children. This made it very difficult for all messages to be delivered prior to 3pm. It also left the office and phones unmanned at what is a busy time of the day.

Staff Car Park

Please remember that the school car park is for staff use only. For safety reasons children should not be in the car park at any time, even with a parent. Our car park is very small for the number of staff we have therefore we cannot accommodate extra cars even just for drop offs/collections.



Telephone Enquiries

Please don't hesitate to telephone (0300 300 0158) if you have any concerns about the progress or welfare of your child. We will be pleased to arrange for you to speak with a member of staff. The office staff will always do their best to help with telephone enquiries however, as I am sure you will understand, members of the leadership team are not always readily available to take calls. Messages will be passed on and we will respond as soon as we can. The office staff have no

control over the time this may take. Unfortunately, we cannot always get back to you right away which we understand may be frustrating. If you would like to make an appointment to speak with any member of our staff, please ask the office staff and they will arrange this and will call you back as soon as possible.

Seesaw App

This session we will continue to use Seesaw for sharing learning and other information. We need to make a few changes as to how we upload pictures onto the app so please bear with us while we set this up.

Reading Books - Help!

Please can we ask you to check at home for any school reading books that might be lurking in a bedroom or in a drawer somewhere. We desperately need our books back so no questions will be asked if you discover a book sent home a very long time ago. 🤖

Thanks in advance for your help.



Parking

A reminder not to park on the zig zag lines outside the school. This is for the safety of all of our pupils.

P.1 Photographs

The photographer, from the Paisley Daily Express, will be coming to Heriot to take photos of our new P.1 children very soon and we will advise you of the date as soon as we know. Please advise the class teacher if you do not want your child to have their picture taken as we may not have had all consent forms completed on parentsportal by this time.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club runs from 8.30am Monday to Friday. The cost is 50p per day and must be paid through Parent Pay. Children should not enter the school building for breakfast prior to 8.30am as we have no supervision for children available until this time.

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School website - <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/heriot/>



School year

First Term	Return date for Teachers	Friday 14th August 2026 (IS)
	In-service Day	Monday 17th August 2026 (IS)
	Return of Pupils	Tuesday 18th August 2026
	September Weekend	Friday 25th September 2026 and Monday 28th September 2026 (inclusive)
	Schools re-open	Tuesday 29 th September 2026
	Schools closed	Monday 12th October 2026 to Friday 16th October 2026 (inclusive)
	In-service Day	Monday 19th October 2026 (IS)
	Schools re-open	Tuesday 20th October 2026
	St Andrew's Day	Monday 30 th November 2026
	Schools re-open	Tuesday 1st December 2026
	Christmas / New Year	Wednesday 23rd December 2026 to Tuesday 5th January 2027 (inclusive)
	Schools closed	
Second Term	Schools re-open	Wednesday 6th January 2027
	Mid Term break	Monday 15th February 2027 to Tuesday 16th February 2027 (inclusive)
	In-service Day	Wednesday 17th February 2027 (IS)
	Schools re-open	Thursday 18th February 2027
	Easter Holiday Schools closed	Friday 26 th March 2027 to Monday 29th March 2027 (inclusive)
	Schools re-open	Tuesday 30 th March 2027
	Spring Break Schools closed	Monday 5 th April 2027 to Friday 16th April 2027 (inclusive)
Third Term	Schools re-open	Monday 19th April 2027
	Schools closed	Monday 3rd May 2027
	In-service Day	Thursday 6th May 2027
	Local Holiday	Monday 31st May 2027
	Last day of session	Wednesday 30th June 2027

School in-service days

- Friday 14th August 2026
- Monday 17th August 2026
- Monday 19th October 2026
- Wednesday 17th February 2027
- Thursday 6th May 2027