



Inchinnan Primary School

Small school.... big aspirations

August 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents and families



Welcome to the first newsletter of Session 2025-26. I hope you all had a lovely summer; albeit a distant memory for many of us now.

A special welcome to all our new Primary 1 pupils and families. The children have all settled and learning is well underway. Everyone at Inchinnan Primary is very excited about the year ahead and looking forward to offering a wide variety of learning opportunities to the whole learning community.

Uniform -

Children are looking very smart, many thanks for your support with full school uniform. We will be continuing to promote learning and being outdoors as much as possible, and as we are all too aware, Scottish weather can be very unpredictable, please ensure your child has suitable outdoor clothing to accommodate changing weather conditions.

If for any reason you are experiencing any difficulty funding school uniforms, including PE kits, please speak to us, as all schools have access to funding to assist families with this. All enquires will be treated discreetly and in the strictest confidence.

Communication

At Inchinnan Primary, we endeavour to have an open and strong partnership with parents, based on the core school values especially mutual trust and respect. We continue to do all we can, to keep you informed and respond to enquiries as soon as possible.

As you will already be aware the Local Authority/Scottish Government has introduced a number of systems (ParentPay, Parentportal) to support accurate record keeping and in line with their green print strategy. As with last session, information coming from the school will be shared through the 'Group Call' email system. This system will send an email to the first contact the school records hold. ***We ask that parents continue to direct administration information, including notes of appointments, holidays, drop off and pick up arrangements directly through the office (phone or school email) to ensure information is seen and actioned asap.***

We thank the Parent Council for helping fund the continued use of the 'Seesaw' app to share children's work, however with increasing financial constraints for us all the school will again review the viability of funding this for the new session. Our website is regularly updated, so, please check to quickly confirm dates of main events, staff work patterns and gym days and especially our weekly additions of pupil awards.

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We look forward to welcoming all our parents/families to the 'Meet the Teacher' event, planned for Wednesday 3rd September 2025, 3pm - p2/1 & p3, 3.30pm - p4 & p5 and 4pm for p6 & p7. If you are unable to attend, then class teachers will post presentations onto Seesaw as soon as possible for your information. If you have any questions, you would like the teacher to answer, please contact the school office on 0300 300 0161 or email inchinnanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Keeping Families Informed: Key Updates on Scottish Education Reform

You may be aware Scotland's education system is being reformed, this includes the creation of a new qualifications body, Qualifications Scotland, and a new education inspectorate, with further changes to national education public bodies occurring throughout the upcoming school year. Improvements to the curriculum and approach to qualifications, and assessment are also planned in the coming years. This work will enhance outcomes for children and young people educated in Scotland with the aim of ensuring excellence and equity by raising standards and giving every child and young person the same opportunity to succeed. Further information can be found on the [Scottish Government's website](#).

School Improvement Plan

The school improvement plan continues to develop many aspects started in the last years plan e.g. Especially around our excellent cluster work, developing meta-cognition skills. Although our attainment has remained consistently high for several years, we continue to look at ways to improve learning and teaching. This year we will focus particularly on reading, especially comprehension skills in literacy, linking in with PMHS for the upper stages.

The full Improvement Plan for session 2025-26 and the Standard and Quality Report for last session will be published on the school website by late September - October.

Policy - Mobile Devices

Following updated guidance from the Local Authority the Park Mains Cluster Primary School have worked together and produced a clear and consistent Policy on the use of Personal Mobile Devices across the cluster. The purpose of the policy is to provide advice that encourages safe and responsible use of personal mobile technology in school, and beyond, whilst adopting a robust but measured response to their inappropriate use. This will include restrictions and limitations on the use of mobile phones in schools. This policy has been designed to protect children and staff from harassment and abuse which can arise from the misuse of such technology. They include the promotion of positive relationships and behaviour in a digital context and the important role of educators in preparing children to become "digital citizens". A full copy of this policy is available on the school website.

Staffing -

I am delighted to say that following recent interview Mrs Emma Hutchison has been appointed as the Acting Principal Teacher while Mrs Ross is on secondment. We hope to welcome Mrs Hutchison to Inchinnan Primary very soon.

Celebrating Success and Experiences outwith school - Please let us know of any awards / achievements / interesting experiences or opportunities that have been undertaken outside school, sending them to the school office or adding them to Seesaw, allowing us to celebrate and share them with peers

Harper Muir -P5 took part in Charity Event for Cancer Research "Pretty Muddy" awarded medal
Sarah Jeffrey – P2 achieved Level 1 Award at gymnastics and completed assault course in 57.05 secs
Ellie Robertson -P3 achieved 3 medals at recent gymnastics competition
Sarah Jeffrey -P2 awarded trophy for hip hop dancing
Owen Shaw – P7 graduated from Cubs to Scouts
Mallie Bowes – P4 achieved all parts of Summer Reading Challenge – Story Garden
Brodie Dick – P4 moved up class in Starlight Acting Class
Megan McGarvey – P5 moved up swimming group and took part in gymnastics show

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PARENT COUNCIL

The next scheduled **Parent Council Meeting** is the **AGM on Monday 8th September 2025**, in person at the school – 6pm start. If you would like to contact the Parent Council please email:

inchinnan@renfrewshire.npfs.org.uk

Diary Dates –

Session 2025-26 – Term 1&2 – dates and gym days are also available on the school website.

- 1st September – New group of Young Leaders of Learning training**
- 3rd September- 'Meet the Teacher' – 3pm – p2/1 & p3, 3.30pm – p4 & p5, 4pm for p6 & p7.**
- 4th September – NYCOS 8 week block for P2/1 & P3 commences**
- 8th September – Parent Council – AGM in school – all welcome**
- 10th September – Citizenship Committees for all pupils commences (2 weekly)**
- 22nd September – Scottish Maths Week commences**
- 25th September – 1st Pupil Progress reports home**

26th and 29th September – School closed/holiday

13th- 17th- School closed – October week

20th October- Inservice – staff only attend

- 22nd October- Pupils return to school**
- 27th October – 9.30am P7 Class Assembly**
- 28th October- P5-7 Visible Fiction workshops**
- 31st October – Pupil Progress reports home**
- 3rd November – P1 Registration opens – Session 2026-27**
- 13th November – P7 & P6 STEM event**
- 17th November – 9.30pm – P6 class assembly**
- 19th November – Parents Evening**
- 26th November – Scottish Afternoon at Inchinnan Parish Church (more info to follow)**
- 18th December- Nativity at Inchinnan Parish Church (tbc)**

22nd December- 5th Jan. 2026 – School closed for Christmas break.

6th Jan- Staff & Pupils return to school.



We really do value your thoughts, opinions, and welcome comments you may have regarding any issues or concerns, no matter how small. Please feel free to email the school inchinnanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk or, for a longer discussion, make an appointment through the school office on 0300 300 0161.

Kind regards

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