

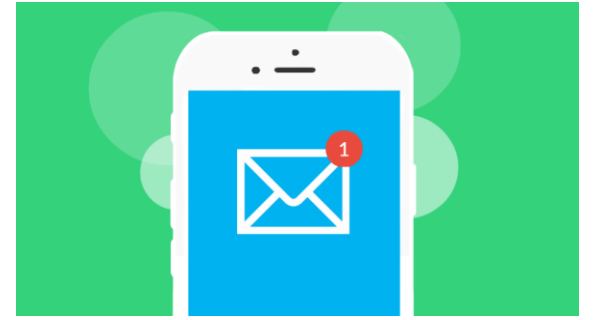


Barassie PS and EYC



August Family Update

Message from Mrs Fleming



Welcome back to a new year at Barassie. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break over the Summer, even though the sun didn't make many appearances.

We have had a busy first few days back with the children and have welcomed many new families to our community.

If you are new to Barassie, we are looking forward to working with you and your family, and if you are returning for another year, we are excited to see what is in store as your child continues to grow, dream and achieve as part of our community.

We have updated our school website to include a school calendar. You will find important dates for the year on this page of our website which can also be accessed [here](#). Please note this will be updated with new dates added as they arise. Many are already there for you to add to your diary.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fleming

Parent Council

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Details of Parent Council meetings for session 2024-2025 are below:

- Wednesday 18th September – AGM
Time: 6:30pm -8:00pm
- Friday 25th October – Term 2 meeting
Time: 2:00pm-3:00pm
- Monday 3rd February – Term 3 meeting
Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm
- Monday 19th May – Term 4 meeting
Time: 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Venue: Barassie Primary Meeting Room



Free School Meal and Clothing Grants

Free School Meal/Clothing Grant applications for 2023/24 are available here - : [Educational grants - South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/educational-grants)

The Scottish Government have committed to providing a free school meal to all P1 to P5 pupils, however we are requesting that parents/carers who meet the eligibility criteria submit an application as this information will be used to pay free school meal payments during school holiday periods.

Please note that Clothing Grant eligibility criteria is now in line with the Criteria for Free School Meals. Information can be found using the link above.

If you need help with your application, you can call 0300 123 0900 to speak to a customer service advisor.

Children in P6 and P7 are charged 35p for milk.

Please note that applications need to be completed each school year and do not automatically continue.

You must apply each year.

Easyfundraising

Our Parent Council are registered for Easyfundraising.



Easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

To sign up and start fundraising for our cause (Barassie Primary Parent Council) click the image above for more information.

Feel-Good Friday – P1-P7



Feel Good Friday dates for this session are:

Friday 27th September

Friday 29th November

Friday 31st January

Friday 28th March

Friday 30th May



Due to incorporating more opportunities into the school week for pupil voice such as committees and masterclasses, Feel Good Friday will take place on the last Friday of every second month as detailed above.

On a Feel-Good Friday classes will have a focus day on aspects of the health and wellbeing curriculum. Children are invited to come to school in comfortable clothing and shoes as they may be exploring the outdoors or be more active on this day.

Learning Journals/Communication



Learning Journals is the platform used at Barassie to share your child's learning at school, for you to share their achievements from home and for families to communicate directly with class teachers/keyworkers.

All new parents and carers to the school and EYC should have received an email from Learning Journals. Please check your junk mail folder if you haven't received it yet.

Please note that we do not have our iPads in the EYC and school just now due to a necessary update being completed centrally. Therefore, we are unable to make posts to children's profiles for the time being.

Messages to report absences or to request meetings should be made by email or by telephone to the school office and not through Learning Journals.

Parents and carers can download the Learning Journals app but class teachers do not have that facility, therefore messages sent may not be received for a few hours. If you need to get a message to your child's teacher or key worker that is time sensitive, please do so via the office.

Email: barassie.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Telephone: 01292 690072

Lunch menus



You can view South Ayrshire school lunch menus on our website or by following the link below:

[Primary schools menu - South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](https://south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

[Early Years Centres menu - South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](https://south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

SOUTH AYRSHIRE SCHOOL MENU 2024/2025
PRIMARY

Scan here to see the dates for each weekly menu and allergen information

Week 1 Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Starter	Lentil soup ☺	Red pepper & tomato soup ☺	Lentil soup ☺	Chicken & rice soup	Lentil soup ☺
Main courses and veg	Hearty potato power balls with tomato sauce & spaghetti ☺ Golden cheese & tomato pizza v Diced garlic & herb potatoes ☺ Steakton ☺	Flakey plant based sausage roll ☺ Potato wedges Homemade chicken curry & vegetable rice Mixed vegetables ☺ Baked beans ☺	Creamy mac & cheese & garlic bread v Hearty onion and potato Baby carrots & peas ☺	Golden sporn nuggets ☺ Traditional steak pie Mashed potato ☺ Peas ☺	Fish & chips Rustic sausage & garlic bread Peas ☺ Baked beans ☺
Baked potato	Baked beans ☺ Cheese v	Tuna mayo Baked beans ☺ Cheese v	Baked beans ☺ Cheese v	Turkey Baked beans ☺ Cheese v	Baked beans ☺ Cheese v
Sweet	Apple crumble ☺ Custard v Fruit ☺	Yoghurt v Fruit ☺	Raspberry jelly & fruit ☺	Apple & raspberry sponge v Custard v Fruit ☺	Yoghurt v Fruit ☺
Sandwich	Cheese v	Tuna mayo	Cheese v	Turkey	Cheese v
Sundries	Milk v Water ☺	Milk v Water ☺	Milk v Water ☺	Milk v Water ☺	Milk v Water ☺

Salad bar available daily v

P1 Literacy and Numeracy Workshop

We would like to extend an invitation to parents and carers of P1 children to attend a workshop on the approaches used to teach literacy and numeracy in P1.

Date: Tuesday 17th September

Time: 2:00pm-3:00pm



[Click here to let us know if you can make it.](#)



Sharing the Learning P1-P7



Come and join your child in class for a learning together session and see what they have been learning about in class. There will be an opportunity to look at your child's work and to engage in activities together in class.

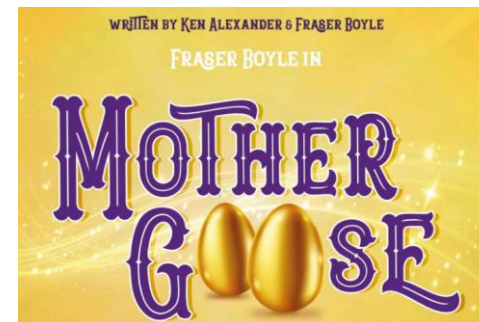
Date: Thursday 10th October

Time: 2:00pm-2:45pm

[Click here to let us know if you can make it.](#)



Pantomime P1-P7



This year P1-P7 are going to see Mother Goose at The Gaiety on **Thursday 5th December.**

The cost of the transport and ticket to families is £6 per child. We would like to extend a huge “thank you” to our Parent Council and to Troon Round Table for their generous contributions towards this experience for the children. Together they have halved the cost to families.

Parent Pay will be set up next week for payment to be made in instalments that suit individual families. We would ask that all payment is received by **Friday 1st November.**



Dressing for the Weather in P1-P7

Please ensure children are appropriately dressed for the weather.

As you know, our weather in Barassie can be unpredictable at times. If you would like to send in some wellies for your child to store in the cloakroom to access when required that is no problem.

**There's no such thing
as bad weather,
only inappropriate
clothing.**



Mobile Phones



As outlined in our school handbook we do not encourage children to bring mobile phones to school.

If your child requires their phone for before and after school, we expect this to stay in their school bag or to be handed into the school office for safe keeping.

Devices brought to school are the child's responsibility.

Any child found using their phone in school will have it placed in the school office and their parent/carer will be contacted to collect it at the end of the school day.

We would appreciate the support of parents/carers with this and would ask that any communication with your child during the school day is done via the office and not via their personal device.

Parents Portal

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We require all parents/carers to sign up to Parents Portal. The annual data check and consents are now completed via this system.

We cannot take children out of the school without their annual consent being completed and would ask that this is completed at your earliest convenience.

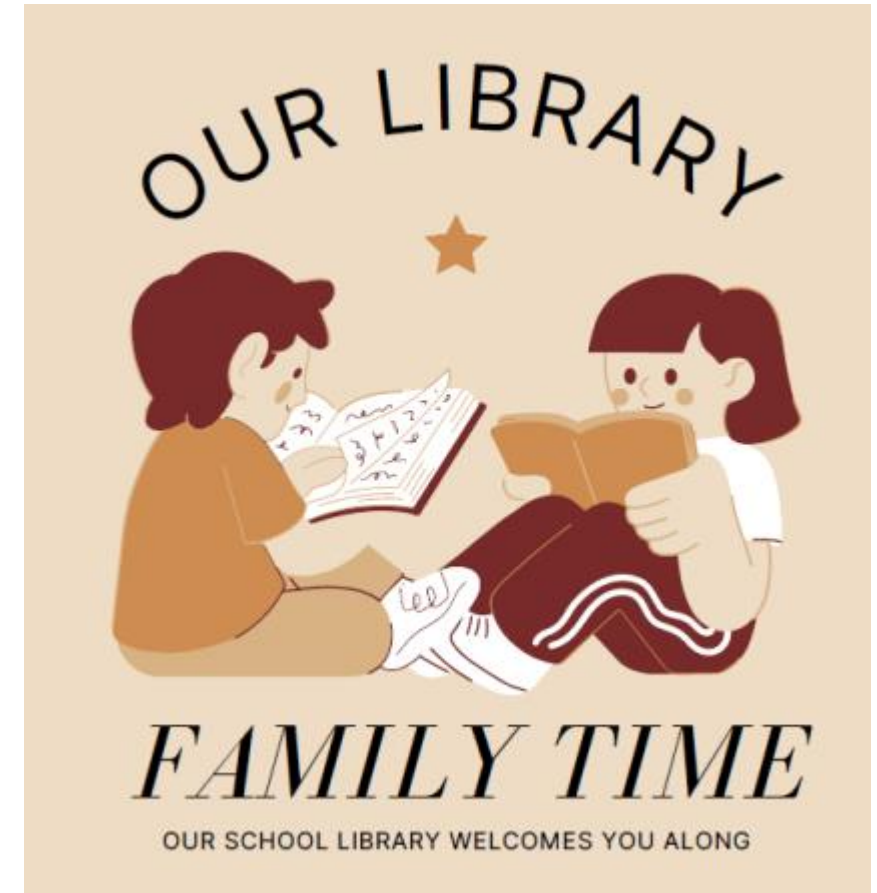
Bookbug and Family Library

Our school library will be open to families every Thursday between **3pm and 3:30pm from Thursday 12th September.**

Debbie is looking forward to recommending some fantastic books for you to enjoy with your child at home.

Please enter through the main entrance once teachers have dismissed their classes.

We will also be offering Bookbug for parent/carers to attend with children aged 0-3 on a Friday afternoon from 2pm – 2:30pm. Bookbug will start on **Friday 13th September.**



Can you Share your Skills with us?

We are keen to develop our community involvement to support and enhance children's learning across the curriculum.

If you have skills you would be willing to share with us and are keen to be involved in the life of the school, please let us know through completion of a short survey by [clicking here](#).



School Car Park

Please refrain from using the school and EYC car parks for dropping off and collecting children at the start and end of the school day.

School and EYC car parks are strictly for staff, blue badge holders and visitors.

Thank you for helping keep all children safe on their way to and from school.



**NO
VEHICLE
ENTRY**

Communication



Please inform the office of any changes to telephone numbers, home addresses or email addresses to ensure you can be contacted and to receive regular communication from us.

Day to day communication with class teachers will take place through Learning Journals. Teachers will respond at appropriate times to messages but please be aware these are not monitored out with working hours and be mindful that teachers are most likely teaching the class for large parts of the school day.

Information about absences or appointments should continue to be reported to the school office.

Meeting requests with Mrs Mills and Mrs Fleming should go through the school office as they do not monitor messages on Learning Journals.

Contact Us

[School Website](#)

X @Barassie_PS
@Barassie_EYC



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