



# Barassie PS and EYC



**May Family Update**

# Message from Mrs Fleming

Welcome back for the final term of this school session!



For our Primary One children this marks the final term of their first year at Barassie and for our Primary Seven children we are preparing to say farewell as they get ready to move onto Marr College. Many children in our Early Years Centre are also preparing for the next phase of their education as they transition to Primary One. Transition arrangements across all key stages are well underway for August 2025 with further information included to support children and families with this next step.

Class newsletters will be reaching your inboxes soon. I would encourage you to take the time to read these as they offer valuable insight to what your child will be learning throughout the term. Class newsletters also offer information on how you can support your child's learning at home. As always, if you have any questions regarding your child's learning, please speak to their class teacher in the first instance who will be happy to help.

We have many exciting announcements to share with you and hope that you enjoy learning of them via this Family Update.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Fleming*

# School Calendar

Upcoming  
EVENTS



# What's been Happening at Barassie?



Barassie PS @Barassie\_PS · 21 Mar

Thank you to Aurelia and Byron who visited P4/5 yesterday from ABP in Troon to tell them all about their jobs at the port. We even got to go to the port and watch the departure of The Glen Sannox.



Barassie PS

1,683 posts



Barassie EYC @Barassie\_EYC · 26 Mar

Great fun retelling The Very Hungry Caterpillar story with our librarian, Debbie @puffinbooks @readingagency #TheVeryHungryCaterpillar





Barassie PS @Barassie\_PS · 20 Mar

Today was our last after school science club. We made bath bombs.

← Barassie PS ↗ and how sound travels. #Article29

1,683 posts



Barassie PS @Barassie\_PS · 26 Mar

Congratulations to Sam who came first in the solo saxophone section at the Ayrshire Music Festival. A very successful first competition! 🎵⭐️



Barassie PS @Barassie\_PS · 19 Mar

Well done to our talented musicians who performed at the Ayrshire Music Festival this afternoon.



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# Attendance

At Barassie Primary School we place a great deal of importance on good school attendance. Children's attendance is monitored regularly with concerns followed up with families and further supports offered as appropriate.

You might recognise a familiar face in the latest campaign video.

April's Attendance P1-P7  
95%

*This is a 1% improvement  
from last month.*

**In South Ayrshire we  
know that going to  
school is a great way  
to prepare  
children and  
young people  
for the  
future.**



# Parent Council

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

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May** – Term 4 meeting

Time: **2:00pm – 3:00pm**

Venue: Barassie Primary Meeting Room

*Thank you for all of the generous rainbow donations for our Summer Rainbow Hampers!*



# Feel-Good Friday – P1-P7



Our next Feel Good Friday of this school year is on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025.



# Bus Bay

We have had a complaint from the bus company about parents/carers using the bus bay outside the school for dropping off and picking up.

Please refrain from doing so to ensure the children using the bus can do so safely on arrival and at the end of the day.



# BPS Footballers

Well done to our team of footballers who have represented the school 3 times this week. Thank you also to our team of family members who have made it possible by providing transport.



# We are a Gold Reading School!

We are very proud to share that we are now a GOLD accredited Reading School.

We would appreciate your feedback on reading for enjoyment at Barassie.

Scan the QR code or click the image to share your feedback.



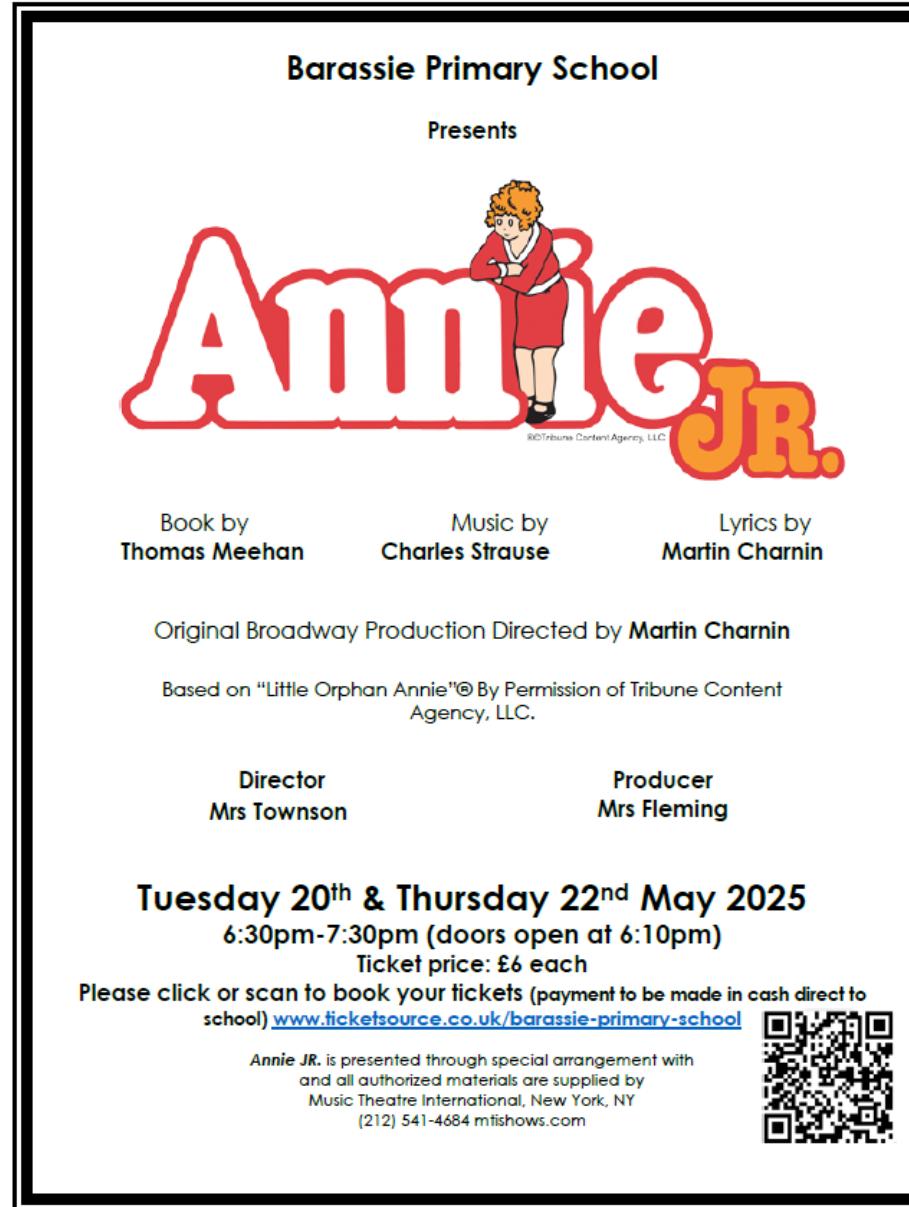
# Annie Jr

Tickets for our production of Annie Jr are now on sale.

Performance dates are:

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 at 6:30pm.**

Please scan or click the poster to reserve your tickets. Seats are limited!



# Screens Awareness Week 2025

We are participating in Screens Awareness Week from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May. All classes from P1-P7 have been learning about the pros and cons of screen time over the course of the past few weeks.

An information session for parents and carers has been arranged in partnership with colleagues from Speech and Language Therapy on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm**. We would encourage you to attend this session to learn more about the impact of screen time on children's development, health and well-being.

## Screens Awareness Be screen smart

Spark a change for children, young people and their families



Screens awareness aims to raise the profile of the impact screen use has on child development, health and well-being.

Excessive screen time:

- can result in less time sleeping, poor sleep quality and excessive daytime sleepiness for children and young people
- can lead to lower levels of fitness and greater risk of unhealthy weight in children aged 0-18 years
- is linked to low mood and low self esteem in children aged 0-18 years
- can impact negatively on social skills and behaviour in children aged 0-7 years
- can impact language development when used during the early stages of a child's life
- is associated with a smaller vocabulary in children aged 2 when parents or carers spend long periods of time watching TV or on other electronic devices

Screen awareness is an Ayrshire wide campaign led by Speech and Language Therapy, NHS Ayrshire & Arran's Public Health team in collaboration with the Health & Social Care Partnership's in East, North and South.



For more information visit the SLT page on our website by scanning the QR code



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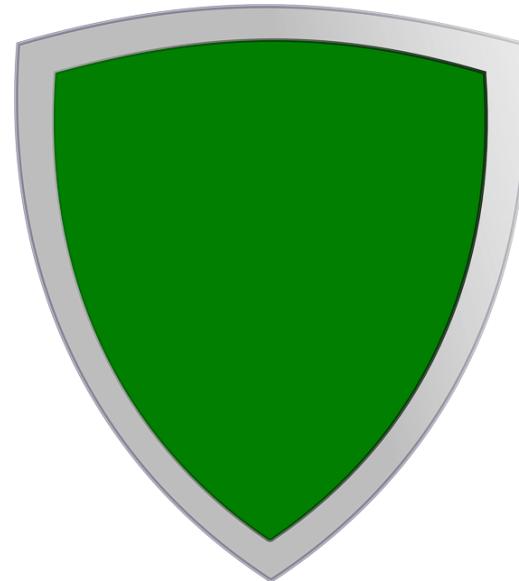
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# Term 3's Winning House

Congratulations to Fleming who are Term 3's winning house.

Orla and Archie organised an outdoor disco for everyone in Fleming to enjoy.



# Attendance at Barassie

We recently communicated information on our new attendance protocol and procedures with families in P1-P7.

We place high importance on school attendance at Barassie and appreciate your support in promoting high standards of attendance across the school.



# Additional Support Needs

Do you live or work in Ayrshire and have concerns about a child's speech, language and/or communication?



For advice and guidance from an experienced Speech and Language Therapist, please call our helplines:

**North Ayrshire** **07833 233 942**

Open every Wednesday between 1-4pm

**South Ayrshire** **07833 095 374**

Open every Tuesday between 2-4pm

**East Ayrshire** **07980 919 654**

Open every Monday between 9.30am - 11.30am & Thursday between 2-4pm

A poster for the ASN Family Support event. It features a blue and white checkered background with various icons: a red heart, three blue water droplets, a yellow gear, and a red circle. The text includes: 'WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY 25 AYR TOWN HALL', 'ASN FAMILY FORUM', 'DOORS OPEN 11.30', '\*\*\* Tanya Tenant \*\*\* Building Emotional Resilience and Anxiety Workshop 12.30 - 1.30 1.30 - 2.00 Questions', 'Market Stalls full of Support 11.30 - 3.00', 'Over 25 Organisations Including: Social Security Scotland Spotty Zebras NEST VASA Aberlour', and 'Offering support, advice and friendship for any parents and carers of young people with Additional Support Needs (ASN) living in South Ayrshire'. The poster also features a photo of a woman and a young girl looking at a laptop, and the ASN Family Support logo.

# Communities Fun Day

Award Winning  
**COMMUNITIES**  
**FUN DAY**  
Saturday 17th May 2025



Making a Difference Every Day

**FREE**  
Parking  
Within the University  
of the West of Scotland  
car parks at University  
Avenue, KA8 0SX.

11am - 4pm, Ayr Academy/Riverside Sports Arena, Ayr

Free Event! Tickets and all activities are free!

## Info Zone

An opportunity to find out information and chat with staff from a range of Council services, service providers, community groups, external agencies, and charities.

## Nerf Battle Arena

Join in the fun in our Nerf Wars Battle Arena!



## Fun Zone

- Funfair Rides
- Canoeing Sessions
- Inflatable Zone
- Climbing Wall
- Bike Track
- Zip Line
- Magic Show
- Mini Train Rides
- Sports Taster Sessions
- Nature & Health Walks
- Plus Much More!



## Vehicle Display Area

Display of modern and vintage vehicles as well as Council vehicles.



## FREE Shuttle Bus

Catch the free shuttle bus from Ayr Bus Station & Burns Statue Square provided by Stagecoach.



## Stage

Live acts throughout the day hosted by DJ Big Wow, Now Ayrshire Radio



Book your tickets now!

Book your free tickets now to avoid disappointment  
**BOOK NOW** by visiting [CFD2025.eventbrite.co.uk](https://CFD2025.eventbrite.co.uk)  
or by calling our team on 01292 612968

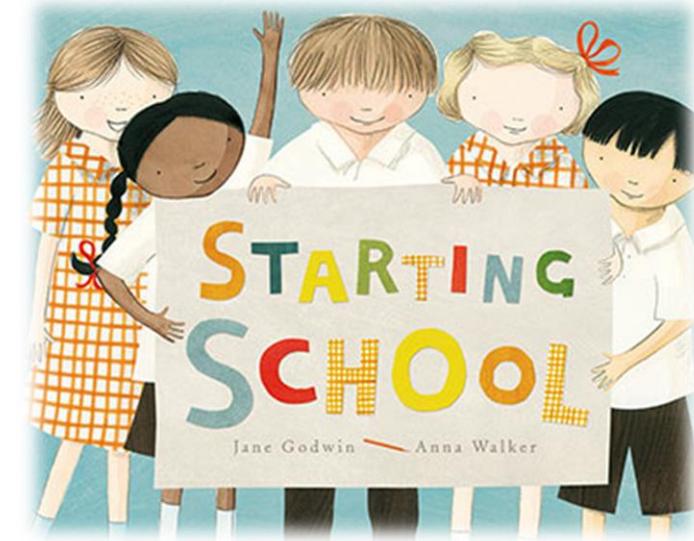
Keep up to date on fun day developments by following us on Facebook at [SAC Housing Services](#)  
**THIS EVENT IS ONLY FOR THOSE LIVING OR WORKING WITHIN SOUTH AYRSHIRE.**

\*Phone lines open during office hours.



# Primary One Welcome and Information Evening

We would like to welcome all parents and carers of children starting P1 in August 2025 to an information evening.



Date: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Time: 6pm-7pm

Further information of our transition programme has been emailed to all families of enrolled P1s for August 2025.

We look forward to welcoming you to Barassie!



# P7 Information Evening at Marr College



**Marr College**

Community|Ambition|Respect|Equality

A warm welcome is extended to all P7 families to visit Marr College on Tuesday **13<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm** for a P7 Information Evening (with 'market stalls' sharing information available to browse from 5.30pm).

The evening will be a valuable opportunity to meet with Marr College staff and to find out more about the year ahead. We would encourage all families to go along to this and meet with staff who will be key to supporting your child's learning



# Pupil Equity Fund

We would appreciate if you could spare a few minutes to share your views on how we use our Pupil Equity Funding.

Scan the QR code or click the image to share your views.

Pupil Equity Fund Evaluation May  
2025



# MARR CLUSTER PRIMARY SCHOOLS

REPORTING ON PUPIL PROGRESS AND  
ATTAINMENT 2024-25

.....  
GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



## Reporting in P1-P7

Children will bring their report from their teacher home on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

In preparation for reports being distributed please take some time to read the ['Marr Cluster Primary Schools Reporting on Pupil Progress and Attainment Guidance for Parents and Carers'](#).



# Free School Meals



From 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025, the Scottish Government has added an additional qualifying criteria for access to free school meals. The change introduced is that families with pupils in P6 or P7 who are in receipt of the Scottish Child Payment can now apply.

**If you have already been awarded free school meals on another qualifying benefit, there is no need to reapply. You can access further information and online application here - [Free school meals and clothing grant - South Ayrshire Council](#)**

**Should you require any assistance please don't hesitate to contact us.**

# Community Hub

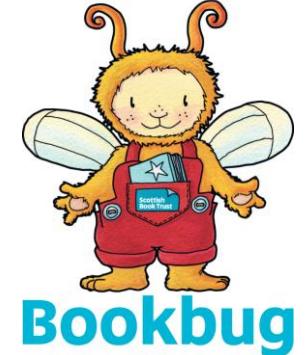
As you are aware, we have our Community and Family Hub in our Lifelong Learning Suite at the main entrance to the school. In here you will find our New to You uniform rails, community freezer and pantry.

This is accessible to all families with no appointment necessary. Simply pop in and use as required.

Thank you for all donations made to our pantry!



# Bookbug



Bookbug is in the Lifelong Learning Suite on Fridays from 2pm – 2:30pm for parent/carers to attend with children aged 0-3.

Debbie would love to see you there.



# Free School Meal and Clothing Grants

Free School Meal/Clothing Grant applications for 2024/25 are available here - : [Educational grants - South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/Educational%20grants%20-%20South%20Ayrshire%20Council)

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.**

# 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**

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# 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, Mrs Landon and Mrs Fleming should go through the school office as they do not monitor messages on Learning Journals.

# Contact Us

[School Website](#)



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