

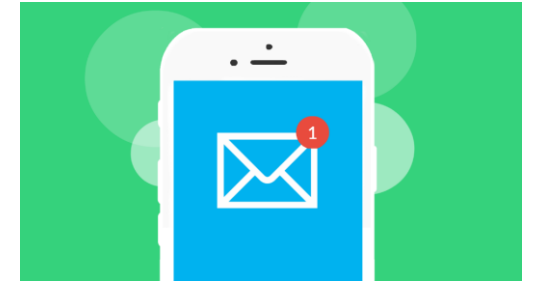


Barassie PS and EYC



August Family Update

Message from Mrs Fleming



Welcome back to a new year at Barassie. I hope everyone enjoyed the break over the Summer and had fun on their first day seeing their friends and school staff again.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome families who are new to our community. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child and supporting them to Grow, Dream and Achieve Together.

This session we welcome Miss Nelson as our Additional Support for Learning Teacher. Miss Nelson will be in school on a Thursday and Friday.

This first Family Update of the session provides helpful reminders and practical information you may find useful to help you become familiar with some of our expected processes and best practices. Please take some time to read through the update. This will remain available on our website should you wish to refer to it at a later date. Family Updates will also be visible on the TV at our main entrance.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fleming

Our Aims



At Barassie we aim to provide high quality experiences which allow children to:

GROW: We nurture all pupils as they progress through their journey at Barassie and beyond.

DREAM: We inspire and celebrate all, despite differences, in our positive and inclusive environment.

ACHIEVE: We support our pupils to be the best that they can be.

TOGETHER: We work collaboratively with children, staff families and our local community.



Vision

At Barassie we:

GROW, DREAM,

ACHIEVE,

TOGETHER



Values

Ambition

Creativity

Honesty

Kindness

Respect

Staffing Overview

Senior Leadership Team	Head Teacher – Mrs Fleming	Clerical Team	Mrs Neil	Catering Team	Elaine (Supervisor)
	Depute Head Teacher – Mrs Mills		Mrs Beaton		Debbie
	Principal Teacher – Mrs Landon		Mrs Lindsay		Catriona
Teachers	P1 – Mrs Tait (Monday-Wednesday) & Mrs Landon (Thursday & Friday)	Early Years Practitioners	Natasha Ellis (Senior EYP)		Belinda
	P2 – Miss Purdie (maternity cover for Mrs Townson)		Daniel Smith		Maureen
	P3 – Mrs Borland		Angela Pawlicka		
	P4 – Miss Blaikie		Jett Paterson-Sloss		
	P5 – Mrs MacLeod		AnneMarie Glasgow		
			Klaudja Minili (EYC School Assistant)		
	P6 – Mrs Risk	School Assistants	Miss Clark		
	P7 – Mrs Landon (Mondays) & Mrs Martin (Tuesday – Friday)		Mrs Lindsay		
	NCCT – Mrs Dodds		Mrs Ross		
	Additional Support for Learning – Miss Nelson		Mrs Baker		
Janitors	Billy and Jamie		Mrs Samson		

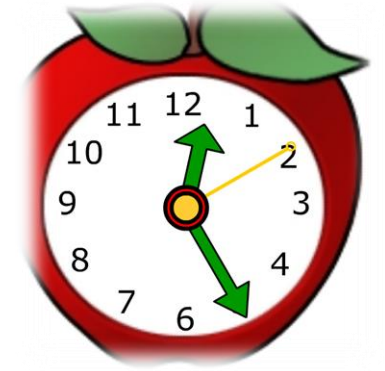


Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Important dates for your diary throughout the year will be shared in newsletters and marked with  to highlight these to you.

You will also find important dates for the whole year on the calendar on our website which can be accessed [here](#). Please note this will be updated with new dates added as they arise and that dates are subject to change. Changes will be communicated at the earliest convenience. Many are already there for you to add to your diary for the year ahead.

Key Timings for EYC and School



Breakfast Club opens: 8:20am (Breakfast Club is for P1-P7 only)



School and EYC Starts: 9:00am



School Playtime: 10:45am – 11:00am



Lunchtime: 11:45am-12:15pm (EYC) 12:30pm – 1:15pm(school)



School and EYC Ends: 3:00pm (Early Years pick up is from 2:45pm – 3pm)

The school gates will not open until 8:45am each morning to ensure that adult supervision is in place. Our EYC doors will open at 9am.

Breakfast Club will be staffed from 8:20am. If you arrive early, please remain with your child to ensure they are not unsupervised.

P7 Residential Information Session for Parents and Carers

Dolphin House staff will be in school working with our P7 class on Thursday 27th August 2026.

There will be a session for families at 3pm – 4pm on this date. Please come along to find out more about the facilities on site and the activities your child will be taking part in on their residential experience.



Attendance

At Barassie we place importance on excellent school attendance.

If your child's attendance falls below a certain level, we will contact you as outlined to highlight this and to offer support.

Did you know that if your child consistently has 90% attendance by S3 they will have missed a whole year of their education.

We are unable to authorise parental holidays and these will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

AT BARASSIE WE STRIVE FOR ABOVE 95%!

Attendance at school is above 95%

Attendance drops below 95% - an email will be sent to alert parents/carers.

Attendance continues to decline and does not improve - a text message will be sent to alert parents and carers.

A third letter will be issued to parent/carer when:

- 1) No response to phone call.
- 2) Attendance continues to show no or little sign of improvement.

Attendance shows no or little sign of improvement - a second letter will be sent and a phone call will be made from SLT to parents/carers to discuss.

Attendance falls below 90% - a letter will be sent to parents/carers.

Attendance continues to show no or little sign of improvement following meeting or failure to attend meeting - a fourth letter will be issued with a second meeting date to discuss the necessary next steps.



Promoting Positive Behaviour



Our approach to responding to inappropriate behaviours is as follows:

Reminder

The child will be given a reminder that they are not following our school rules (Ready, Respectful and Safe) or displaying our school values of Ambition, Creativity, Honesty, Kindness and Respect.

Yellow Warning

Given if behaviour continues after a reminder.

If a child receives three yellow warnings in one week, you will be notified on Seesaw by the class teacher. We would appreciate if you could discuss this at home with your child.

Three yellows in a week will result in 10 minutes reflection time during playtime or lunchtime.

Orange Warning

Given if behaviour continues after a yellow warning.

You will be notified via Seesaw by the Class Teacher when a child receives an orange warning with a short explanation of the inappropriate behaviour. We would appreciate if you could discuss this at home with your child.

Orange warning will result in 10 minutes reflection time during playtime or lunchtime.

Purple Warning

Given for persistent inappropriate behaviour or a one-off serious incident.

A photo of the purple slip will be sent to you on Seesaw by the Senior Leadership Team (SLT), explaining what happened and what consequence has been put in place.

Purple warning will result in 10

Promoting Positive Behaviour



At Barassie we believe that it is also important to recognise positive behaviours. Further details on how we do this can be found in the policy itself which can be accessed on our website. In addition to this, children who have not received a warning in a school week will receive a golden house token in recognition of their consistency in following our school rules and displaying our values.

We ask that children do not bring trading cards or toys from home (unless requested for a special event). This includes fidget toys. These can cause distraction to teaching and learning rather than having the intended impact. We have a variety of fidget toys in school for children to access when required to meet their sensory needs.

Thank you for your support.

Parents Portal

parentsportal.scot

We require all parents/carers to sign up to Parents Portal. The annual data check and consents are 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 as a matter of urgency.

Emails have been sent today to families who are not already on the system. Please check your inbox and junk folder.

If you have problems accessing the system please contact the school office.

Allergy Aware School and EYC

We are an allergy aware school and EYC.

If your child brings a snack or lunch containing nuts it will be removed from them by a member of school staff and an alternative will be offered.

We appreciate your cooperation with this as it helps us to keep all children safe at school and EYC.

If your child requires a medical diet or a specific diet plan in place please go to [Specific diets and allergens information - South Ayrshire Council](#).



School Allergy Awareness

We are Allergy Aware

Food allergies are real and can be FATAL!

Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that comes on quickly and has the potential to become life threatening.

Avoiding Allergens is a MUST!

Never assume something is safe-ALWAYS read ALL labels for their ingredient and manufacturing information.

Allergies to Food are NOT a joke!

NO child should ever be bullied, teased, or excluded, especially due to their food allergy.

Cross-Contact CAN happen!

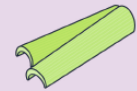
Proper cleaning of hands, cookware, utensils, and also surfaces is vital for preventing exposure to allergens.

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SCAN ME



The 14 Food Allergens



Celery



Crustaceans



Eggs



Fish



Gluten



Lupin flour



Milk



Molluscs



Mustard



Nuts



Peanuts



Sesame



Soya



Sulphur dioxide and sulphites



The 14 Food Allergens by High Speed Training

www.highspeedtraining.co.uk

Lunches



For children in P1-P7 we encourage you to pre-order your child's lunch with them online prior to coming to school. Lunches can be ordered up to 3 weeks in advance and done at a time that is convenient for you and your family. Orders from home must be placed by 8:30am for that day.

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)

Free School Meal and Clothing Grants

Free School Meal/Clothing Grant applications for 2026/2027 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.

Feel-Good Friday – P1-P7



Feel Good Friday dates for this session are:

Friday 28th August

Friday 25th September

Friday 30th October

Friday 27th November

Friday 29th January

Friday 26th February

Friday 19th March

Friday 30th April

Friday 21st May

Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th June

On a Feel-Good Friday classes will have a focus day on aspects of the Health and Wellbeing curriculum and our Meta-Skills. 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.



Communication in P1-P7



Method of Communication	What should be shared via this method of communication?
 	• All absences <i>(before 9am where possible and no later than 9:30am).</i> • Appointments where your child will be absent or need collected early • Pick up information (a change for the day that your child is unaware of) • Request for a phone call or meeting with your child's teacher or a member of SLT <i>(when requesting a meeting about your child please do so with your child's teacher in the first instance).</i> • Medical or health information • Term-time holidays (email only) • Any time sensitive information
	• Seeking information from your child's teacher • Sharing information you think would be beneficial for your child's teacher to know • Seeking further information about something class related • Sharing news Seesaw is for class related communication and sharing learning only. This ensures anything urgent is received in a timely manner via telephone or email to the office. Please note that teachers will respond to messages received at their earliest convenience due to planning and teaching commitments. Teachers will not respond to messages on Seesaw out with their working hours.
	• Absences can also be communicated in Parentsportal • Change of any personal details for parents/carers and children throughout the year



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There will be times when our clerical team are undertaking duties in other areas of the school and EYC. If no one answers your call please leave a voicemail and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Seesaw P1-P7



All children in P1 to P7 have a Seesaw journal. You should have access to your child's journal already if they are not new to Barassie. Children who have joined Barassie this session will have login details for parents/carers in their bags. Please sign up to this as soon as possible to start seeing posts from your child and their teacher.

In addition to viewing posts where your child or their teacher has shared their learning you can also read and reply to direct messages and class announcements from your child's teacher.

Please note that Mrs Fleming and Mrs Mills do not monitor messages sent to them on Seesaw and are named on each class as they are system administrators. Please do not request appointments or information with SLT via Seesaw as they will not be responded to.

Please see our preferred routes of communication on the next page. We appreciate your cooperation with this as it will assist us with ensuring your messages are not missed and information is shared in a timely manner.

Seesaw P1-P7



This session we will be sharing children's learning and progress against personal targets more regularly via their Seesaw journal.

All children will be developing their skills using this platform over the coming weeks and we would very much appreciate your support with this.

HOW YOU CAN HELP ?

- ✓ Log in to view your child's journal
- ✓ Comment on learning/work shared by your child or their teacher.
- ✓ Like posts your child makes on their journal.

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.

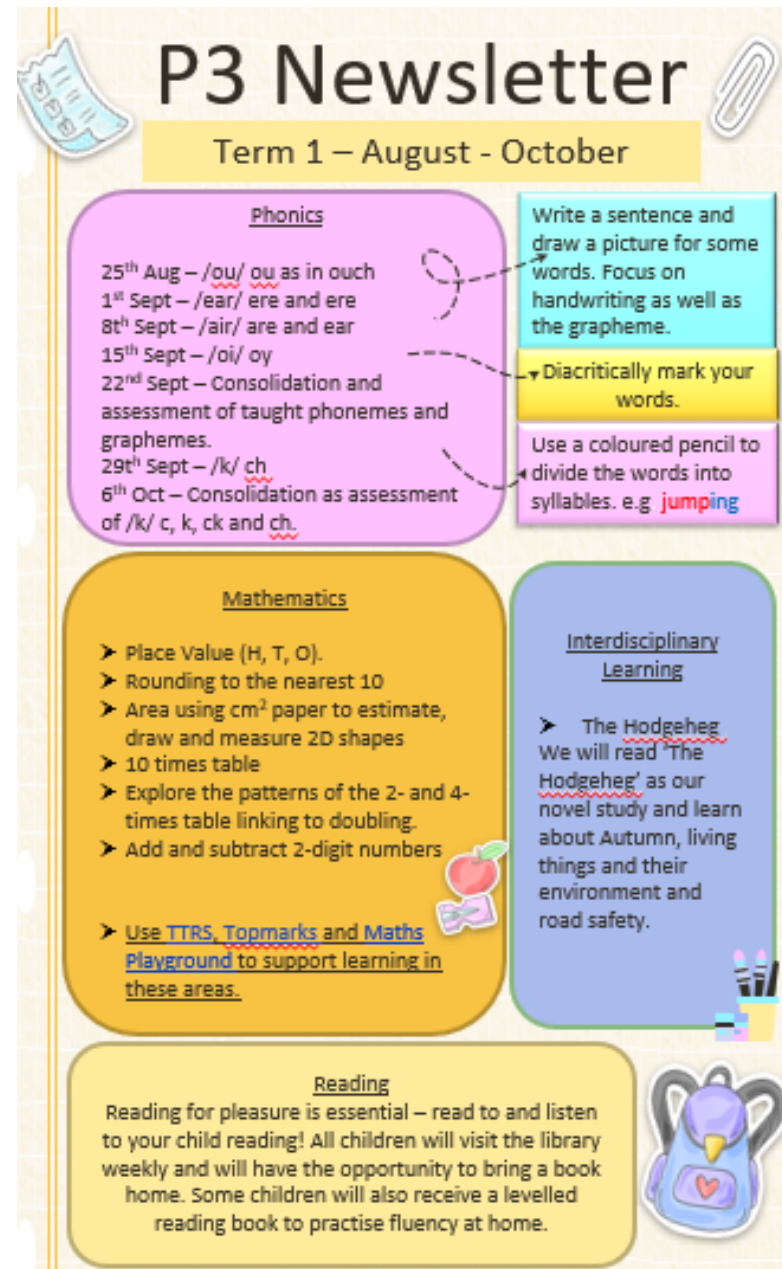
**There's no such thing
as bad weather,
only inappropriate
clothing.**



Termly Class Newsletters & Home Learning

Class teachers produce termly newsletters for their class. These will be shared via email, Seesaw and a printed copy will be sent home.

These contain information on what your child will be learning in school that term and have opportunities for home learning (homework) included.



P3 Newsletter

Term 1 – August - October

Phonics

25th Aug – /ou/ ou as in ouch
1st Sept – /ear/ ere and ere
8th Sept – /air/ are and ear
15th Sept – /oi/ oy
22nd Sept – Consolidation and assessment of taught phonemes and graphemes.
29th Sept – /k/ ch
6th Oct – Consolidation as assessment of /k/ c, k, ck and ch.

Write a sentence and draw a picture for some words. Focus on handwriting as well as the grapheme.

▼ Diacritically mark your words.

Use a coloured pencil to divide the words into syllables. e.g. jumping

Mathematics

- Place Value (H, T, O).
- Rounding to the nearest 10
- Area using cm² paper to estimate, draw and measure 2D shapes
- 10 times table
- Explore the patterns of the 2- and 4-times table linking to doubling.
- Add and subtract 2-digit numbers
- Use [TTRS](#), [Topmarks](#) and [Maths Playground](#) to support learning in these areas.

Interdisciplinary Learning

- The Hodgeheg
We will read 'The Hodgeheg' as our novel study and learn about Autumn, living things and their environment and road safety.

Reading

Reading for pleasure is essential – read to and listen to your child reading! All children will visit the library weekly and will have the opportunity to bring a book home. Some children will also receive a levelled reading book to practise fluency at home.

Lost Property

Please ensure your child's name is on every piece of uniform to avoid it getting lost. Each year we collect a considerable amount of lost property. This will be available for viewing at the front door on Feel Good Fridays throughout the year should you wish to search for something belonging to your child.

Labelling everything with your child's name ensures items are returned home quickly.

All remaining lost property at the end of the school year gets collected by a local charity.



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.

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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Bookbug and Family Library

Debbie will continue leading Bookbug for parent/carers to attend with children aged 0-3 on a Friday afternoon from 2pm – 2:30pm.

Please note there will be no Bookbug on the last Friday of each month.



Bookbug





Barassie Hub – After School Club

2026 to 2027 term
Nursery to P7

Looking for reliable and friendly afterschool care?

Did you know our Barassie Hub operates from Barassie Primary
School each weekday afterschool from 3pm to 6pm?

We currently have spaces available for the 2026 to 2027 term!

★ ★ **Book now to secure your place!** ★ ★

To book or discuss availability contact our Staff on:

Mobile: 07745 121206 (3pm - 6pm) Or

By email:

schoolsoutintroon@hotmail.co.uk



We are a non profit organisation run by a voluntary committee of parents.

Schools Out In Troon registered charity number: SC032098

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.

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