

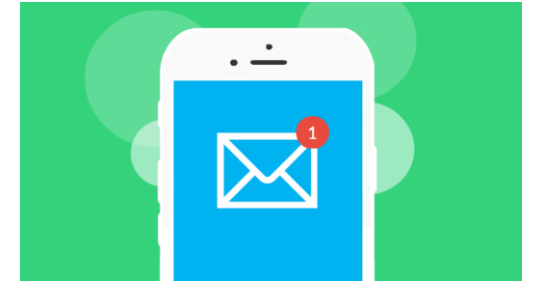


Barassie PS and EYC



September Family Update

Message from Mrs Fleming



I hope everyone had a lovely long September weekend. It is hard to believe we only have a few weeks of Term 1 to go before the October break.

I would like to share some staffing updates since the start of the session. Due to an increase in teacher entitlement, I am pleased to share that Mrs Martin will be teaching P7 on some Mondays with Mrs Landon teaching the class on the Mondays Mrs Martin is not in school. I'd also like to welcome back Miss Smith who is with us until Christmas. Miss Smith will be working with groups of children across the school to support and further develop their reading fluency. In our EYC we have a 0.9 FTE vacancy going to advert this Friday due to an increase in our EYC roll.

In this update you will find information on upcoming family learning events, a new process for sharing your child's out of school achievements, this session's School and EYC Improvement Plan and some upcoming key dates for your diary.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fleming

Our Aims



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

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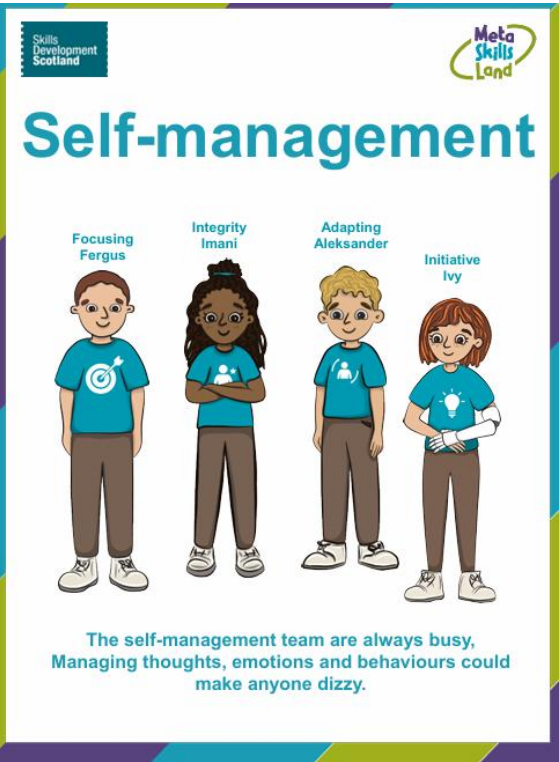
Creativity

Honesty

Kindness

Respect

September & October's Meta-skills Team



**WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD
RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL**

Children's rights are learned, understood
and lived in this school.



September's Right of the Month



October's Right of the Month



School Calendar



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.

Achievements

We want to hear about your child's achievements out of school.

To make these easier to share we have developed a streamlined system for sharing these with us in school.

When your child has an achievement, please scan or click the QR code to tell us about it. Please also email in a photo or video of the achievement or experience so we can celebrate together at our assembly.

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

Subject: Achievement

Let us know about
your achievements so
we can celebrate
together!

Achievements 2026-2027



School and EYC Improvement

We have created 2 handy Thinglinks to share our School Improvement Plan for this session and our Standards and Quality Report from last session. You can access them by clicking the images below or visiting the [‘School Improvement’ section of our website](#).

School Improvement Plan
2026-2027
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OUR PRIORITY
To improve the quality and consistency of learning, teaching and assessment across the school and EYC to raise pupil attainment.

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SCAN ME!

View our Standards and Quality Report for 25-26.

View our School Improvement Plan for 2026-2027 in more detail.

How did we do in
2025-2026? Click to
access our Standards
and Quality Report.

Cars on Barassiebank Lane and in the Bus Bay



Please ensure you do not drop off or park in the bus bay outside the school.

We have had reports of cars speeding on Barassiebank Lane and would appreciate your support in ensuring children can travel safely to school in the morning.

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.

If you have problems accessing the system please contact the school office as a matter of urgency.

Parent Council



Join us for our AGM.

Date: Wednesday 28th October 2026

Time: 6:30pm-8pm

Venue: Barassie Primary School Meeting Room

All parents and carers are welcome.



Parent Council – Halloween Disco



Halloween discos are on Thursday 29th October at the times below:

P1-P4 – 6pm-7pm

P5-P7 – 7:30pm – 8:45pm

Please bring along a donation of an item in your child's colour group to the disco. These will help us create some lovely hampers to raffle and raise funds at the Christmas Fair.

Donation Colours for Each Class



Parent Council – Costume New to You!



If you have any preloved or outgrown costumes, we would love to take these off your hands for our New to You Costume Shop.

Please hand any costumes in to school before Friday 9th October.

The New to You shop will be available on Wednesday 21st October at Pupil Progress meetings.



Maths Week Scotland Workshops for P1, P2, P3 and P4.

LET'S LEARN
TOGETHER

Join us to learn how you can support your child with Numeracy at home.

Miss Nelson will share resources to support with number development and calculations at home. Resources will be sent home for you to use with your child.

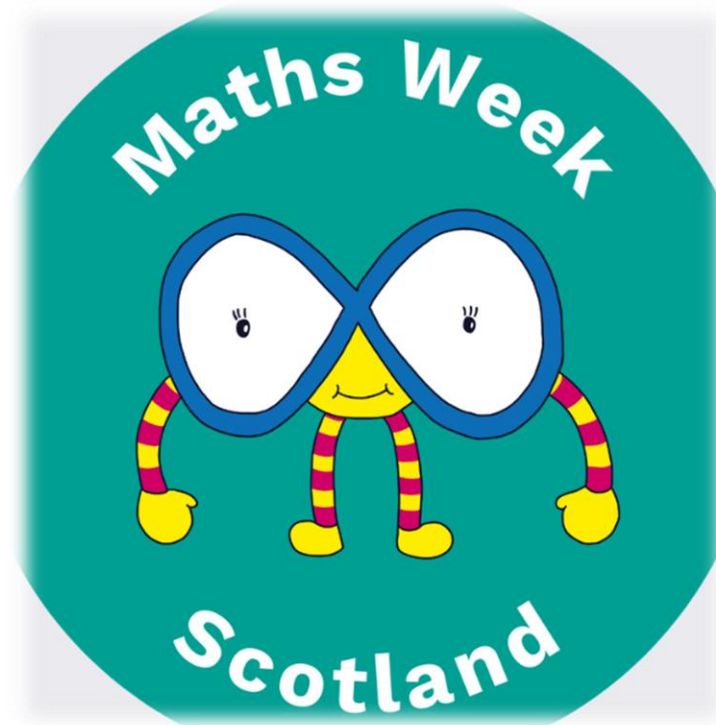
When:

P1 - Thursday 1st October 2026 at 9:15am

P2 – Thursday 1st October 2026 at 2:15pm

P3 – Friday 2nd October 2026 at 9:15am

P4 – Friday 2nd October 2026 at 2:15pm



Pupil Progress Meetings

The next opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher is on Wednesday 21st October 2026.

Information on how to book an appointment will follow on the week beginning Monday 5th October.

If your child has staged intervention paperwork in place, this will also be shared with you at this meeting.



Read, Write, Count Bags for P2 and P3



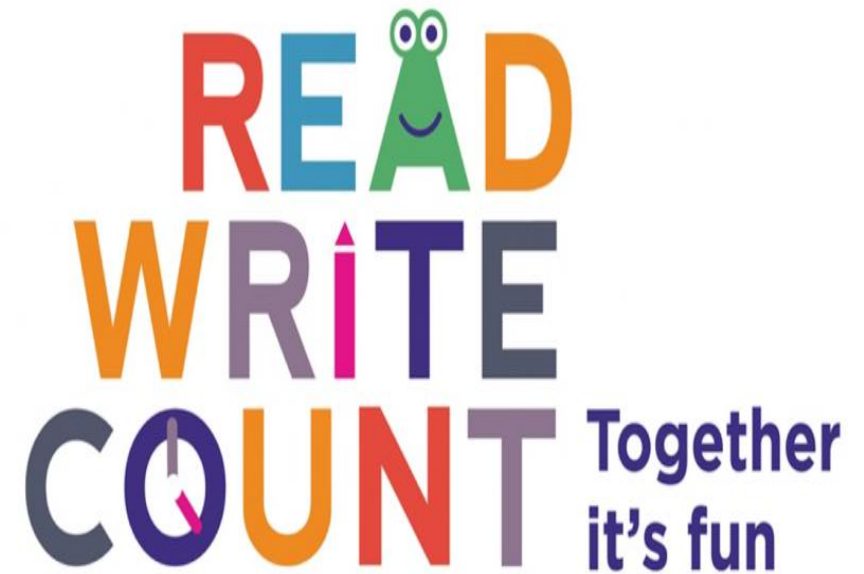
Join us to celebrate a love of reading during Reading Schools Week!

Debbie will lead an interactive workshop to introduce the contents of this year's Read, Write, Count bags to you and your child to support you in getting the most out of these at home.

When:

P2 - Wednesday 18th November 2026 at 9:15am

P3 - Thursday 19th November 2026 at 9:15am



Captains' Cafe

Our House Captains and Vice-Captains will have a community café to visit on a Feel Good Friday (last Friday of the month).

All monies raised will go towards the house treats each term.

The café will take place in the Lifelong Learning Suite at the main entrance to the school.

We hope you can make it. Takeaways are available!

The next date for our café is **Friday 30th October 2026.**



Christmas Fair



Our Christmas Fair is on Friday 4th December 2026 from 1:30pm-2:45pm.

If you know anyone who would like a stall, or are interested in having one yourself, please contact the school office who can arrange this for you.

The cost of a table is £15 plus a prize for the raffle.



BPS Library News



We received lots of donations over the summer holidays. Many thanks to those who hand in books, it makes a huge difference.

- We have been learning about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
- We have been finding new books by playing speedy discussion games with others
- Jennifer from P6 became our first star reader of the new term with her enthusiasm for the Spiderwick Chronicles.
- We donated 3 boxes of old books to the LINKS charity which sets up children's libraries in the Philippines.

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.



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!

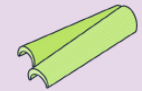
Proper cleaning of hands, cookware, utensils, and also surfaces is vital for preventing exposure to allergens.

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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 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.

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.

Smart Watches



We have noticed an increase in children wearing smart watches to school.

Whilst these devices can be useful, we would ask that they are in “school mode” to ensure children cannot make calls, send messages or take photographs in school.

Please note the school will take no responsibility for loss or damage of these devices so we would encourage you to keep them safe at home.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

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**

QSI 3541

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.





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.

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