Barrhill Primary & EYC Newsletter

August 2025

Dear parents and families

**Welcome Back!**

We’re thrilled to welcome all our pupils and families back to school after the summer break! We hope your holidays were filled with rest, joy, and memorable moments. It’s so lovely to see everyone back, looking so smart and ready to learn in their uniforms—it really sets a positive tone for the year ahead.

As we begin a new academic year, we’re excited for the opportunities ahead—for learning, growth, and working together as a community. We look forward to a fantastic year of discovery, creativity, and success!

**Outdoor Days**

Outdoor Learning with Mrs McBirnie & Miss Ferguson – Fridays

We’re excited to announce that Mrs McBirnie and Miss Ferguson will be leading our outdoor learning sessions every Friday! Please ensure your child brings appropriate clothing to dress for the weather—whether it’s rain, shine, or a bit of wind—so they can fully enjoy and participate in their outdoor activities comfortably and safely.

**Harvest**

**Harvest Hamper Donations – Starting September**

As we welcome the new term, we’re beginning to collect donations for our Harvest Hampers from the start of September. These hampers will be lovingly prepared and gifted to selected members of our local community.

We kindly invite families to contribute non-perishable food items and other suitable goods. Your generosity helps us spread kindness and make a real difference right here at home. All items can be dropped off at the school office.

**Parent Consents & General Updates**

The start of the school year is always a busy time with annual consent forms to complete and important updates to share with the school or staff. Please ensure you return your consent forms as promptly as possible so that pupils can take full advantage of learning opportunities outside the school and in the wider community without delay.

If there have been any changes to your family circumstances or your child’s medical requirements, please don’t hesitate to pop in and have a chat with us—we’re here to support you and your child every step of the way.

**Please also check that you are able to access Learning Journals** so you can stay up to date with your child’s learning and important school information throughout the year. Any issues, please contact the school office.

Our School Improvement plan for 2025-2026 is now available to read on the school website. There you will also find our Standards and Quality report from last session.

**Term 1 Diary Dates**

Please note, all dates are subject to change; additional dates and opportunities will be added as the year progresses.

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| Date | Time | Event |
| Friday 12th September | All-day | Interhouse Challenges |
| Friday 26th September | 3pm | Staged Intervention Paperwork home to Parents |
| Monday 6th October | Morning | Flu Immunisations |
| Tuesday 7th October | 3pm – 6.30pm | Parents’ end-on/evening  Scholastic Book Fayre – available 6th – 10th October |
| Friday 10th October | All-day | Interhouse Challenges |

**South Ayrshire School Holidays – 2025 -2026**

**Term and holiday dates 2025 - 2026**

Date Holiday

**Term 1**

18 August 2025 Inservice day

19 August 2025 Inservice day

20 August 2025 Pupils return

19 September 2025 - 22 September 2025 Schools closed

13 October 2025 - 17 October 2025 Schools closed

**Term 2**

20 October 2025 Inservice day

21 October 2025 Pupils return

22 December 2025 - 2 January 2026 Schools closed

**Term 3**

5 January 2026 Pupils return

6 February 2026 - 9 February 2026 Schools closed

10 February 2026 Inservice day

11 February 2026 Pupils return

3 April 2026 - 17 April 2026 Schools closed

**Term 4**

20 April 2026 Pupils return

4 May 2026 Schools closed

5 May 2026 Pupils return

7 May 2026 Inservice day

8 May 2026 Pupils return

25 May 2026 Schools closed

30 June 2026 last day of term for pupils and staff

I’m truly looking forward to the year ahead and feel very excited about all the wonderful experiences and opportunities we have already planned for our pupils. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or questions.

Here’s to a fantastic year ahead!

Best wishes

Miss Eilidh McBean