



## Barr 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 Miss Burton – Fridays

We're excited to announce that Miss Burton will be leading our outdoor learning sessions every Friday! To make the most of this wonderful opportunity, pupils are welcome to wear non-uniform on Fridays. 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 our 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.

Date	Time	Event
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	All-day	Interhouse Challenges
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	3pm	Staged Intervention Paperwork home to Parents
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	3pm – 6.30pm	Parents' end-on/evening  Scholastic Book Fayre – available 29 <sup>th</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> October
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Afternoon	Flu Immunisations
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	All-day	Interhouse Challenges

### South Ayrshire School Holidays – 2025 -2026

#### Term and holiday dates 2025 - 2026

Date	Holiday
<b><u>Term 1</u></b>	
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
<b><u>Term 2</u></b>	
20 October 2025	Inservice day
21 October 2025	Pupils return
22 December 2025 - 2 January 2026	Schools closed
<b><u>Term 3</u></b>	
05 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

**Term 4**

20 April 2026

04 May 2026

05 May 2026

07 May 2026

08 May 2026

25 May 2026

30 June 2026

Schools closed

Pupils return

Schools closed

Pupils return

Inservice day

Pupils return

Schools closed

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