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Dear Parents and Carers

Just a reminder that until Thursday 17th September, P1 children should come to school from 8:55am, and be collected in the playground at 2:50pm. Thereafter, P1 pupils will finish at 3pm in line with the rest of the school.

School and EYC will be closed next Friday 18th September and Monday 21st September for the local bank holidays.



Fidget Toys

Can we make a plea, that 'squishies' and other fidget toys are left at home. We have a variety of fidget toys in school, available to anyone that requires them as stated on Staged Intervention paperwork. We are finding an increase in these toys coming into school and becoming a distraction during lessons, especially when they burst all over furniture, carpets and pupils!!!



Meet and Greet

Thank you so much to everyone who turned out for our Meet and Greet event this week. We had a great turn out with 61% of our families coming in to say hello to staff. It was great to see the school and EYC so busy, and there was such a positive buzz around the place. We hope that those who came along could take a few minutes to complete a very short survey indicating what you saw, heard and felt as you went around the school and EYC. A link to this has already been sent via text, but it is also included below in case you missed it.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/b8BWfKgy8e>

We will report back on the survey results once it closes on Thursday 17th September.



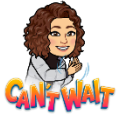
Celebrating Success

We are always eager to hear about your child's wider achievements, both in and outside of school. This could be an achievement in sport, music, arts, community involvement or any other area where your child has excelled or shown dedication.

If your child has a wider achievement that you would like to share, please provide us with details and a photo. You can send this information to

Coylton.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk.

These achievements will be discussed and celebrated with your child in class and also during an upcoming assembly. Photos will be added to our Wall of Fame which is displayed in the gym hall.



School Photographs

Thanks go to Scott at Photo Studio, Ayr for coming into school this week to take individual and family photos. Scott hopes to have samples ready to send home to you early next week.



Fairtrade

The Fairtrade group would like to run a tuck shop starting in October. Please could you complete this form so that we know which products to order!

[Fairtrade Tuck Shop 2026 – Fill in form](#)



Nurture Workshops

Mrs Campbell is running a Parent Nurture Workshops on Thursday 17th September from 2pm-3pm. There will be information on:

- What is nurture?
- 6 nurture principles
- Positive Relationships & Nurture
- Nurture & the school vision and values.
- The Whole School Nurture Approach

This workshop is open to ALL parents and carers from EYC to P7, and refreshments will be available. Mrs Campbell looks forward to seeing lots of you there.



School Registration Dates for South Ayrshire are Changing!

We would like to inform all parents and carers of a change to registration dates which will come into effect from October 2026. Any child joining a South Ayrshire Early Years Centre (EYC), starting Primary 1 or those transferring from Primary 7 to Secondary School during session 2027-2028 will benefit from this change.

Please note the changes to registration dates will begin from October 2026 and will continue into future sessions.



Primary 1 Registration Week

Primary 1 registration week for children due to start school in session 2027-2028 will take place from 26 October 2026 – 1 November 2026.

Primary 7 – Secondary School Transfers Week

For pupils moving from Primary 7 to Secondary School in session 2027-2028, registration week will take place from 16 November 2026 – 22 November 2026.

Early Years Centre Registration Week

For any child joining an EYC during session 2027-2028, registration week will take place from 25 January 2027 – 31 January 2027.

Find out more here! 

Registering for Primary 1 

<https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/article/25943/Admission-to-primary-schools>

Primary 7 to Secondary School Transfers 

<https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/article/25940/P7-S1-transfer-arrangements>

Registering to join an EYC 

<https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/article/26976/Register-for-Early-Learning-and-Childcare>



60th Anniversary Celebrations

Just a reminder to send in any photos or memorabilia from our school over the last 6 decades

Each class from P1-7 will focus on one year from the 60's decade as follows:

1960 P7C

1961 P6

1962 P1/2

1963 P5

1964 P2/3

1965 P1

1966 P3

1967 P4

1968 P5/6

1969 P7E



Homework

In order to link the learning for our 60th Anniversary, homework plans for Term 1 will be a little bit different. Each class will send home a paper copy of plans on Monday 31st August with children invited to work on a personal project based on their class year. Look out for these plans coming home on Monday. We would also encourage daily reading for enjoyment at home either independently or with a family member. Staff in the open area may also send home some additional homework tasks to ensure that early phonics and reading skills are continuing.

please don't send them in sportswear. Lessons will be planned to take this into account.



Car Park

Just a reminder that the car park should not be used by parents for pick up or drop off of pupils from school or EYC, unless an arrangement has been made with the school.



News from the EYC (provided by Rebecca L 😊)

This week in the EYC we have been focusing on practicing the routines of the nursery. We have been looking at routines such as snack time and lunch time. As part of these routines we have been hand-washing, brushing our teeth and serving our own food to build upon our independence. Staff will continue to support the new and returning children with these routines as these will be part of our daily routines.



At Coylton EYC this year we will be taking part in weekly sessions of outdoor learning. These sessions will take place on a Tuesday and Wednesday mornings where we will be visiting the outdoor classroom to extend our learning. If you are able, could you bring in labelled puddle suits and wellies to leave at the EYC as we will be out in all kinds of weathers.



Diary Dates

We will try and give as much advance notice of school events as we can to help fit in with your family plans. This list is subject to change and is not exhaustive. Events will be added throughout the year, and we will aim to give as much notice as possible.

Thursday 17 th September	Parent Nurture Workshop 2pm
Friday 18 th September	HOLIDAY
Monday 21 st September	HOLIDAY

Monday 5 th -Friday 9 th October	60 th Anniversary Celebrations
Friday 9 th October	STOP AT 3PM FOR HOLIDAY WEEK
Monday 19 th October	In Service – school and EYC closed
Tuesday 20 th October	School and EYC re open
Thursday 29 th October	Flu Immunisations for P1-P7 pupils
Friday 30 th October	Halloween Fun – costumes can be worn
Tuesday 3 rd November	Open Area Share the Learning session 1
Tuesday 10 th November	Open Area Share the Learning session 2
Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th November	EYC Care Plan Meetings
Tuesday 17 th November	Open Area Share the Learning session 3
Wednesday 18 th November	PARENT APPOINTMENTS
Tuesday 24 th November	Open Area Share the Learning session 4
Friday 27 th November	P1 – 7 DICK WHITTINGTON PANTO at THE GAIETY
Friday 4 th December	Pupil Council's Christmas Cookies and Coffee for parents
Thursday 10 th December	School and EYC Christmas Lunch
Friday 11 th December	P6 Christmas Party
Monday 14 th December	P5 Christmas Party
Tuesday 15 th December	P1 Christmas Party EYC Christmas Stay and Play crafts and songs
Wednesday 16 th December	P6 and P7 Christmas Musical Showcase TBC
Thursday 17 th December	P2 Christmas Party
Friday 18 th December	Whole School Christmas Celebration P1-3 9:15-10:15 and P4-7 10:45-11:45 P3 Party
Monday 21 st December	P4 Party P7 Evening Disco
Tuesday 22 nd December	School closes at 2:30pm
Tuesday 5 th January	School reopens Start of Scottish Culture focus
Thursday 7 th January	Coylton Primary school tour for prospective P1 families – 5:30-6:30
Monday 11 th January	PRIMARY 1 REGISTRATION WEEK
Monday 25 th January	EARLY YEARS REGISTRATION WEEK
Wednesday 27 th January	Early level Burns Supper
Thursday 28 th January	Burns themed Lunch
Friday 29 th January	P7 Burns Supper
Monday 1 st – Friday 5 th February	EYC CARE PLAN MEETINGS
Friday 12 th February	HOLIDAY
Monday 15 th February	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 16 th February	In Service – School and EYC closed
Thursday 25 th February	P7 Ayr Burns Club Burns Supper
Thursday 11 th March	Dolphin House meeting for P7 Parents
Wednesday 17 th March	P1-7 Progress Reports to parents
Monday 22 nd March	Early Level Daffodil Tea
Wednesday 24 th March	PARENT APPOINTMENTS
Thursday 25 th March	School closes at 2:30 for holidays
Monday 12 th April	School Reopens
Monday 19 th April	P7 DOLPHIN HOUSE WEEK 1
Monday 26 th April	P7 DOLPHIN HOUSE WEEK 2 EYC CARE PLAN MEETINGS
Monday 3 rd May	Holiday
Thursday 6 th May	INSERVICE DAY – SCHOOL AND EYC CLOSED
Monday 24 th May	EYC Sports

Thursday 27 th May	School Sports Morning P4 Science Showcase – 2:15pm
Friday 28 th May	Holiday
Monday 31 st May	Holiday
Monday 7 th June	P1-7 Parent Drop In 3:15 – 5:15 EYC Parent Appointments
Tuesday 8 th June	P7 to S1 Transition 1
Wednesday 9 th June	P7 to S1 Transition 2 Whole School Bump Up
Monday 28 th June	P7 Leavers Service
Tuesday 29 th June	P7 Treat Day P7 Leavers Disco - evening
Wednesday 30 th June	School close at 1pm

Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday!

Mrs Donnelly
Head Teacher