



Daily Primary Newsletter



April / May 2026



The summer is fast approaching. It is hard to believe that we are in the final term already. This is the fun term with sports practices, championships, graduations, P7 leavers' Assembly and school trips. In addition to that we have lots of new beginnings to look forward to with P1 Inductions, P7 transitions to Girvan Academy and preparations for all of the children to move onto their classes and meet their new teachers in June.

Parental Communication

We are continuing to use Facebook to share highlights of the learning going on throughout the school and to remind parents/carers about forthcoming events.

We will continue to upload all letters and important correspondence to the BLOG in addition to sending them via e-mail. This hopefully makes it easier to check on dates with all of the information in one place. There is also a section for each class, and you will find current information relating to your child's class, with updates from last term.

Recently added highlights include :

The Celebration Assembly for Term 3 and updated information from each class.

Please visit our BLOG using this link :

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sa/daillypsandeyc/>

Learning Journals

These have been updated this term so please login and see your child's achievements and leave a nice comment. Most parents are now linked with their child's profile but if you are not, please contact the school and we can assist.

Please use the Learning Journal app only for sharing achievements and **not for communicating about illness and absence.** Parents/Carers must still contact the school office as staff do not check the app throughout the day or out with school hours.

Attendance – Every Learner Every Day !

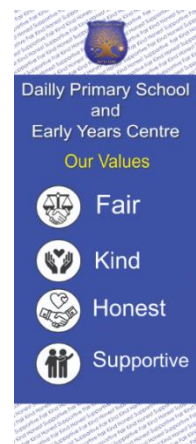


Our current overall attendance for the school and EYC 93%. Our attendance is still not as good as it should be due to parents booking holidays during term time. It is extremely disruptive to children's learning and results in them requiring a lot of additional support in order to catch-up on lost learning experiences. Children themselves often feel anxious on their return as they are aware that they have missed a considerable amount of learning. **The staff are not expected to provide additional work for children who have been on holiday and all parental holidays during term time will be unauthorised.**

Values Consultation

Our new values are : - **Kind Honest, Supportive, Fair.**

We have designed and ordered our new banners for the Early Years and School Foyer foyers. These will display our revised aims and new values.



We have also purchased new stickers which have been using at assembly to recognise the children who have shown that they are demonstrating the *Value of the week*.

Rights Respecting Schools

We are working towards our Silver accreditation for Rights Respecting Schools Awards. We have been learning **about** rights, **through** rights and **for** rights. Our Rights Respecting School (RRS) committee has been involved in a number of activities. Ethan, Olivia and Mrs Parker attended the South Ayrshire Schools Equalities Conference where they learned about Racial Literacy, non-discrimination and anti-bullying and celebrating different cultures.



“ We enjoyed the workshop where we learned about and celebrated different cultures. We made flags of different countries and tried some different types of food”.

The committee has a focus on learning **for** rights and using their right to an opinion. The pupils identified issues that were a concern within Dailly, such as litter, broken glass and dog poo around the village. They then identified ways in which we could act on these, such as litter picking, engaging with parents and the community to address the issues, and creating posters to put around the village to encourage everyone to look after our village and to uphold our right to a clean and safe environment. We have recently completed a litter pick with the community and have also met our campus police officer, PC Caroline.



The pupils have also planned a rights respecting school treasure hunt where they will teach others about the articles within the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

The RRS committee also organised a Dailly Rights Mascot competition where pupils were challenged to design a rights mascot for our displays. The committee picked their favourites and then allowed the classes to vote for their favourite mascot, allowing pupils to exercise their right to give their opinions. Donald The Dailly Duck was voted as the winner - well done to Jessica (P4) for her design!

Look out for Donald the Dailly Duck on our displays around the school.



In school we have been developing our understanding of being safe and included as part of our wellbeing. We have also celebrated Children's Mental Health Week, Internet Safety Day. (UNCRC article 24 - the right to be safe and healthy) and World Autism Awareness Week (UNCRC article 2 - all children have rights, and article 23 - children with disabilities should enjoy the best possible life in society). Children showing understanding of these articles are celebrated at assembly with certificates designed and created by Amber as part of the RRS Committee.

South Ayrshire Body Essentials Project

Our Primary 6 and 7 pupils were very happy to receive their personal hygiene bags as part of our South Ayrshire Body Essentials Project. Primary 6 and 7 pupils were consulted on which products they would like as part of their Right to give opinions on issues that affect them (Article 12 from the UNCRC).

A huge thanks to our Parent Partnership who very kindly matched our funding from the South Ayrshire Body Essentials Project which meant that all of our Primary 6 and 7 pupils were able to receive their personal hygiene bags.

Many thanks to Elise from Childsmile who donated toothbrushes, toothpaste and other Childsmile goodies for our pupils.

The feedback from the children was that they would love some perfume or aftershave, which Boots very kindly donated. A huge thank you to Susan McMillan and Gillian Lamb from Boots in Ayr. The pupils were so happy and excited to receive these as part of their bags.

Pupil voice:

'We loved the perfume and aftershave'

'We appreciate it a lot'

'The hygiene bags were great and really useful'

'It made us so happy.'

'Thank you for all your donations'



Fundraising and Family events

Comic Relief

Thanks to everyone's generosity through donations and Purchases our school raised an amazing £402.69 for Comic Relief!



Race night

We held our first race night in quite a few years and it was a great success with lots of local businesses sponsoring races and donating raffle prizes. There was not a great uptake on ticket sales leading up to the Race Night but we were very grateful to the parents and members of the local community who came out on the night to support us.

Alan Eaglesham and Iain Loudoun made the night extra special by coming along to sing and play live music after the race night. Thanks also to Optex bar services who donated from their sales and looked after our entertainers. We raised a grand total of £800.20 which is going towards the cost of subsidising the summer outings including transport.



Morrisons

As part of Morrisons charity status they support the school throughout the year with donations for PEEP, Burns' supper and Sports' Day as well as supporting our fundraising events such as Christmas Fayre and Race night this year. In addition to this they have just donated £500 to the school from their Charity fundraising which is greatly appreciated and will contribute to subsidising the cost of the summer outings further.

Family Learning

Parent Cooking sessions

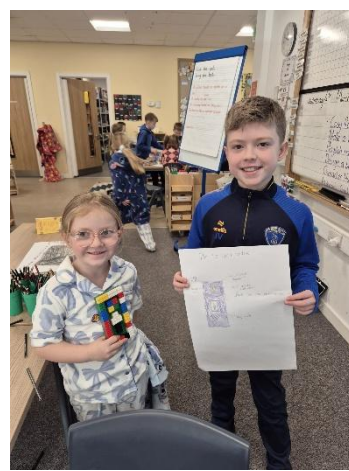
Thriving Communities were in last term to work with a small group of parent and child cooking session. They provided the recipes and ingredients. We ran these sessions last year for senior pupils and their parents. It was so popular we were really glad to be able to offer it again. The idea behind it is to give parents protected time to share in an activity, particularly children who have siblings. At the end of session they left with some

lovely food to share with families at home and a copy of all of their recipes to that they could make it again at home.

We are going to be running Parent/Child STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and Craft club for P1-4 children in May.

World Book Day

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us on Wednesday 14th March to celebrate World Book Day. Everyone enjoyed listening to *Chaos at the Chocolate Factory* before taking part in a range of fun activities planned by Mrs Kirkwood. Children and adults then worked together in groups to design their own imaginative machines for Wonka's Factory. It was a fantastic morning enjoyed by all.



Science Week and Science Centre

As part of Science week we had another fantastic trip to the Science Centre in Glasgow. There is so much to explore, across three floors. The P5-7s also enjoyed visiting the imax theatre and P1-4 went to the Planetarium and went to space . A day is just not enough time. We were fortunate to get a grant to reduce the cost of the transport and the entry into the Science Centre.

P5-7 parents were also invited into the school to enjoy participating in a range of activities.



Easter service

The Easter service led by Rev. Gill was very enjoyable and it was a lovely idea to have a Daffodil tea after the service. The children from Early Years to Primary 7 did exceptionally well, telling the Easter story and singing lovely spring songs.

Thank-you to Mrs Kirkwood and P4/3 for coordinating the service. Thank-you to Margaret-Anne once again for helping with the refreshments and to Olivia Lee for providing the beautiful daffodils.



Summer Term

Outdoor Learning for Parents

Throughout the year we hold parents open days and in the summer term we like to invite parents/carers to join us for one of our Outdoor Learning sessions. We encourage parents to fully participate in the activities alongside the children. Parents and Carers are invited to join the children at the following times :

Friday 8th May

Early Years Centre	10.00 to 12noon
P5-7	12.30 to 2.00pm

Friday 15th May

P2-4	11.00-1.00pm
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Bowling sessions P5+6

Members of the Dailly Bowling Club have very kindly offered the children some taster sessions on a Friday afternoon. Primary 5 and 6 children will be participating in these sessions.

Information has also been sent out to invite children to go along to the Bowling club starting Friday 8th May at 6.15pm.



Family STEM / ART Club

Thriving Communities will be running family learning sessions on Thursday afternoon for 4 weeks from 1.45pm to 3.00pm for children in P1-4. The sessions will be as follows :

<i>Thursday 14th May</i>	<i>Bottle Rockets & Catapults</i>
<i>Thursday 21st May</i>	<i>Matilda's floating feet & Marbel Run</i>
<i>Thursday 28th May</i>	<i>Sand Petri Dishes & Keyrings</i>
<i>Thursday 4th June</i>	<i>Slime Making</i>

Parents/carers who are interested in participating should contact the school to register for these sessions. The expectation is that you will attend all 4 sessions and the children must be accompanied by their parent.

Breakfast Club

Caitlin Flannigan (Active Schools Coordinator) will be running activities on Thursday mornings in May and June starting on Thursday 21st May until the end of June. The P6 and 7 sports Leaders will be running these sessions. These sessions are open to all children in P1-7 and run from 8.30-9.00 in the school hall.

Sports' Day

Sports' day is in scheduled for **Wednesday 27th May** at 10.00am. We will all need to pray for good weather. Prior to Sports' Day the children will be participating in a range of activities as part of their championship and house competitions. This will contribute to the points going towards the winning house which is decided on Sports Day.

P1-3, P4+5 and P6+ 7 will be competing individually to be crowned the Sports' Champion. We do not have a shield or trophy for P4 and 5 so if anyone would like to sponsor a trophy we would be very grateful.

I hope the amazing weather that we had in April will return and allow the children to enjoy spending time over at the playing field.

As always Sports' day is dependent on good weather. We have moved it a week earlier this year to give us plenty of time to reschedule if weather does not permit. Unfortunately we cannot give a lot of notice in these circumstances and we tend to go with, the next dry day. I appreciate parents struggle to get time off work with such short notice. We welcome parents/carers coming along to spectate but primarily it is a children's sporting competition.

RHET Countryside event P4+5

P4 and P5 have been invited to a Farming and Countryside Event on **Monday 8th June 2026** with the Girvan Cluster Primary Schools. This will be a day of learning and farming, countryside and heritage crafts and will be delivered in partnership with RHET Ayrshire and Arran and Minuntion Estate (Pinmore). There is no cost to the school and all transport has been provided through Carrick Futures Funding. Buses will collect pupils at 9.30am and will depart from Benan Farm at 2pm.

Seizure Safety Squad P6+7

P6 and 7 will be having a visit from the Seizure Safety Squad on Friday 29th May. This program will teach the children about different types of seizures through story boards and fun interactive play and teaches the children what to do if they see someone having a seizure. Each child will receive a 'Seizure safety Squad card' to keep.

School Trips – Funding

At Dailly we try to ensure that school outings are accessible to all as we pride ourselves on being fully inclusive. We try to ensure that cost is not a barrier to participation. Each year the children benefit from many outings including class trips, swimming lessons, Christmas panto, residential visits, Science Centre visit and summer trips which are mostly funded through our fundraising efforts.

Due to our location the cost of hiring buses it is extremely expensive and we do try to access any available funding from grants in order to keep the costs as low as possible. Through fundraising and the support from our parents/carers, we manage to subsidise the cost of all of the trips meaning that they are either free or parents only have to pay a small contribution.

We have booked the summer trips this year for each class and have also applied for a grant from the Hadyard Hill Community Fund to try to support the cost of transport over the next 3 years. The cost of the trips this year will be subsidised from the proceeds

of the Race Night and the generous donation from Morrisons Local, so once again thank you to everyone who supports us. Payment for the P1-4 and P5-7 trips can be made via Parentpay.

<i>Class</i>	<i>EYC</i>	<i>P1-4</i>	<i>P5-7</i>	<i>P7 (Special Trip)</i>
<i>Outing and transport</i>	<i>Kidzplay Prestwick Lunch and beach trip</i>	<i>Bounce Station Lunch and trip to Eglington Park</i>	<i>Flipout – 2 hour session</i>	<i>Crawfordland Explorer trail</i>
<i>Cost per pupil</i>	<i>£14.34</i>	<i>£26</i>	<i>£37.93</i>	<i>£24.58</i>
<i>Cost to parents</i>	<i>No cost</i>	<i>£6</i>	<i>£8</i>	<i>No cost</i>

Staffing and classes for session 2026-27

Our staffing allocation has been confirmed for next year and we have once again requested a Newly qualified Teacher. Miss Connell's year will end in June and she will hopefully be able to secure a permanent post to continue her teaching career.

Next year there will be some changes to our staffing. We are delighted that Mr Woods has decided not to retire fully but to reduce to 2 days a week. Mrs Kirkwood will continue working three days a week.

We have just bid farewell to Lynn McDowall, our cleaner and we will be welcoming two new cleaners into our team, Shona Kirkwood and Laura Farrell who will start in May once recruitment checks have been completed.

Mrs McCrindle will be retiring in June after working for over 38 years in early education. She started her career in Girvan but has spent over 30 years at Dailly working with hundreds of children and families over that time. She will be a great loss with her wealth of experience and knowledge of children and their families.

We will have two temporary vacancies in the EYC due to Kerri-anne Loudon being on maternity leave and Mrs McCrindle's vacancy. We have not had confirmation of staffing to cover these yet.

The Class structure for next year will be: **P1-3, P5/4 and P7/6.**

Class Teachers will be confirmed in June once we know if we are being allocated a Newly Qualified Teacher.

Parent Partnership

The office bearers are :

Chairperson	Stuart Briggs (P5Parent)
Secretary	Karen Lauder (EYC/P1/P4/P7 parent)
Treasurer	Kelly Fyfe (EYC/P3 parent)

The current members are: Rosie Sheddon, Kelly Fyfe, Emma Kirk, Jan Vance, Fiona Matthews, Pamela Donnelly, Karen Lauder, Sara Barr, Shawny Wells, Zoe Clark

All parents/carers are welcome to attend the meetings or pass on any information to one of the office bearers which can then be shared with the Parents Partnership group.

We are always looking for new members so please come along or contact the school for more information. **The latest minutes are available on the school blog. The next meeting will be on Thursday 21st May at 9.15am – all parents are welcome!**

Parent Partnership funding

Feedback – we appreciate your comments or suggestions

Please e-mail any feedback to: daily.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

We are also always looking for new ideas and ways to improve the learning experiences for your child so please e-mail any helpful comments.



DAILY PRIMARY ANNUAL CALENDAR



The dates will be re-issued each term and any changes highlighted in red

Term 4	Mon 20th April	EYC and school re-opens
	Thurs 23 rd April	EYC swimming lessons (4 week block) 1.30-2..30pm
	Fri 24 th April	EYC /P1 Outdoor Learning (10-2pm) / P5-7 Outdoor Learning 12.30-3.00pm
	Thurs 30 th April	EYC Swimming lessons Wk 2
	Mon 4 th May	HOLIDAY
	Tues 5 th May	P1 Induction Day and Parents/Carers information session 1.30-3.00pm
	Wed 6 th May	P7 Transition Day - Girvan Academy
	Thurs 7 th May	Inservice Day
	Fri 8 th May	EYC /P1 Outdoor Learning (10-2pm) / P5-7 Outdoor Learning 12.30-3.00pm (Parents/Carers invited to join from : EYC 10..00-12.00) / P5-7 12.30-2.00)
	Thurs 12 th May	P7 P.E day - Girvan Academy P5-7 Handball after school club sessions 1
	Wed 13 th May	Whizz, Bang, Boom - Science roadshow (Whole school)
	Thurs 14 th May	P1 Induction Day 2 10.45-12 noon EYC Swimming lessons Wk 3 Pupils' Work sent home Family STEM/ART Club 1.45-3.00pm
	Fri 15 th May	P2-4 Outdoor Learning (11-2pm) - Parents/Carers invited 11.00-1.00pm Bowling Sessions P5+6 Dailly Bowling Club pm
	Tues 19 th May	P5-7 Handball after school club session 2
	Thurs 21 st May	Active schools Breakfast Club 8.30-9.00 EYC Swimming lessons Wk 4 - last day Family STEM/ART Club 1.45-3.00pm
	Fri 22 nd May	EYC /P1 Outdoor Learning (10-2pm) / P5-7 Outdoor Learning 12.30-3.00pm Bowling Sessions P5+6 Dailly Bowling Club pm
	Saturday 23 rd May	Dailly Community Fun Day
	Mon 25 th May	HOLIDAY
	Tues 26 th May	P5-7 Handball after school club session 3
	Wed 27 th May	Sports Day
	Thurs 28 th May	Final report issued Family STEM/ART Club 1.45-3.00pm
	Fri 29 th May	P2-4 Outdoor Learning (11-2pm) Seizure Safety Squad P6+7 Bowling Sessions P5+6 Dailly Bowling Club pm
	Wk. beg 1 st June	EYC Care Plan meetings Staged Interventions meetings with parents/carers (Children who require additional support) Class pages on BLOG updated / Newsletter issued
	Tues 2 nd June	P5-7 Handball after school club session 4
	Wed 3 rd June	Parents appointments (Optional to discuss report) Family STEM/ART Club 1.45-3.00pm Right Respecting Schools Silver Acreditation meeting
	Thurs 4 th June	Family STEM/ART Club 1.45-3.00pm
	Fri 5 th June	EYC /P1 Outdoor Learning (10-2pm) / P5+6 only Outdoor Learning 12.30-3.00pm Bowling Sessions P5+6 Dailly Bowling Club pm
	Mon 8 th June	RHET Countryside event P4+5
	Tues 9 th and 10 th June	P7 Transition days to secondary school Bump-up Day EYC to P7

Monday 15th June	Early Years Graduation am
Wed 17 th June	Prize Giving and Leavers' service
Tues 23 rd June	EYC trip to Kidzplay and Prestwick beach
	P5-7 Trip to Flip out
Monday 29 th June	P7 Trip to Craufurdland
Tues 30 th June	HOLIDAY - close at 1pm
Thurs 20 th August	New term begins

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
Educational Services

Approved School Holiday Arrangements – 2025/2026

Term	Break	Dates of Attendance			Cumulative Working Days
First	Mid Term	Teachers (Inservice)	Mon	18 Aug 2025	83
		Teachers (Inservice)	Tues	19 Aug 2025	
		Pupils return	Wed	20 Aug 2025	
		<i>local holiday</i>	Fri	19 Sept 2025	
		<i>local holiday</i>	Mon	22 Sept 2025	
		Close	Fri	10 Oct 2025	
		Teachers (Inservice)	Mon	20 Oct 2025	
		Re-open (Pupils)	Tues	21 Oct 2025	
		Close	Fri	19 Dec 2025	
		Second	Mid Term	Re-open	
Close	Thurs			5 Feb 2026	
<i>local holiday</i>	Fri			6 Feb 2026	
<i>local holiday</i>	Mon			9 Feb 2026	
Teachers (Inservice)	Tues			10 Feb 2026	
Re-open (Pupils)	Wed			11 Feb 2026	
Close	Thurs			2 Apr 2026	
Third				Re-open	Mon
		<i>May Day</i>	Mon	4 May 2026	
		Close	Wed	6 May 2026	
		Teachers (Inservice)	Thurs	7 May 2026	
		Re-open (Pupils)	Fri	8 May 2026	
		Close	Fri	22 May 2026	
		<i>local holiday</i>	Mon	25 May 2026	
		Re-open (Pupils)	Tues	26 May 2026	
		Close	Tues	30 June 2026	
		Session 2026/27		Teachers (Inservice)	Tues
Teachers (Inservice)	Wed			19 Aug 2026	
Pupils return	Thurs			20 Aug 2026	
NB	Good Friday: 3 April 2026				
<i>Pupil's attendance will be 190 days after deducting 5 in-service days.</i>					

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Second	Mid Term	Re-open Tues 5 Jan 2027 <i>Close</i> Thurs 11 Feb 2027 <i>local holiday</i> Fri 12 Feb 2027 <i>local holiday</i> Mon 15 Feb 2027 Teachers (Inservice) Tues 16 Feb 2027 Re-open (Pupils) Wed 17 Feb 2027 Close Thurs 25 Mar 2027	140
Third		Re-open Mon 12 Apr 2027 <i>May Day</i> Mon 3 May 2027 <i>Close</i> Wed 5 May 2027 Teachers (Inservice) Thurs 6 May 2027 Re-open (Pupils) Fri 7 May 2027 <i>local holiday</i> Fri 28 May 2027 <i>holiday</i> Mon 31 May 2027 Close Wed 30 June 2027	195
	Session 2027/28	<i>local holiday</i> Wed 18 Aug 2027 Teachers (Inservice) Thurs 19 Aug 2027 Teachers (Inservice) Fri 20 Aug 2027	

NB Good Friday: 26 March 2027

Pupil's attendance will be 190 days after deducting 5 in-service days.

