



Daily Primary Newsletter

October 2026



Term 1 is certainly flying by, we have been back at school for 6 weeks already and we have only 1 week left before the October holidays. We have had a busy start to the term with all of the staff and children getting settled into their new classes and parents joining us for our first open day as part of Maths Week. It was lovely to see such a good turn out of parents/carers, the children really enjoy it when their parents or family members come into work alongside them. We appreciate that not all parents can make it due to other commitments but we do try to offer lots of opportunities throughout the year for you to be part of your child or children's learning.

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 forth coming 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 this term.

Please visit our BLOG using this link : <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sa/daillypsandeyc/>

Learning Journals

We are using Learning Journals to share your child's work and achievements. Most parents are linked with their child's profile but if you are not, please contact the school and we can assist. Each parent can view their own child's work. This provides parents with more regular information and the opportunity to share any learning that their child has been involved in at home.

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.

Uniform



The children started the term off very well, all dressed in their nice new uniforms. As a school we fully support children wearing uniform as it helps to create a more inclusive school environment where the focus shifts from fashion to education. Uniforms foster a sense of belonging and pride in the school.

Primary 7s are encouraged to wear their school hoodies, but for everyone else we are looking for a minimum of a white polo shirt, grey/black trousers/shorts/skirts and the blue school sweatshirt.

Outdoor Learning will be taking place on Friday afternoons for both P1-3 and P4-7, every second week. We expect all children to come to school wearing their school polo shirt and school sweatshirt or P7 Hoodie on these days. They can then bring outdoor trousers and footwear to change into at lunchtime. The children come into school with a noticeable different attitude to learning when dressed in casual clothes so we are asking parents to make sure that they are still wearing school uniform on a Friday even if they have Outdoor Learning.

Homework

Homework tasks allow children to consolidate their learning in class and promote effective home links. Class Teachers will set meaningful and appropriate homework tasks for pupils and ensure that parents are informed of homework tasks. The tasks set by the teacher are expected to take the pupils a fairly short period of time. This is right from Primary 1 up to Primary 7.

Weekly Homework Tasks :

P1-3 Reading Book and Spelling and Maths tasks on SUMDOG

P4-7 Reading tasks and Maths on SUMDOG (Check about spelling)

Parents/carers are also expected to spend time supporting their child's learning.

Homework is a great opportunity for parents/carers to see how their child is getting on and to help them with their learning.

P.E kit

Class P.E days

P1-3 Monday and Thursday

P4-7 Tuesday and Wednesday

All children are expected to change into suitable clothing to participate in physical activities during P.E. The children can leave their kit in school as they all have a box and peg in the cloak room area and will be encouraged to take it home regularly to get it washed.

All children are asked to bring a change of clothes and shoes for P.E: **shorts or jogging trousers/ leggings and a change of t-shirt.** P1-3 can wear their school shirt. Please ensure the footwear does not have black soles as it marks the hall floor. **Football colours are not allowed.**

Jewellery should not be worn on P.E days, this includes necklaces, earrings, rings and bracelets. If children have earrings that cannot be removed, parents/carers need to cover them with micropore tape or plasters.

Children who do not bring their P.E kit will not be allowed to participate and will be given a task to complete instead and parents/carers will be contacted.

Attendance – Every Learner Every Day !



In South Ayrshire we know that going to school is a great way to prepare children and young people for the future. The Campaign 'Every Learner, Every Day' (ELED) highlights

the benefits of going to school, such as having fun with friends, learning about the world, and developing life skills.

Our current overall attendance for the school is **91% and EYC 99%**. We have a growing trend of parents/families booking holidays during term time, sometimes before or after a school holiday and keeping their child off because it is their birthday. I understand that the cost of family holidays are more affordable out with term time but this 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

Last year we consulted with parents/carers, children and staff on our school values. We now have displayed around the school our revised Vision, Values and aims and we have a 'Value of the week' which children are selected for observing this value and this contributes to house points.



School photographs

Individuals and family photos will be taken on Friday 23rd October by the Photo Studio in Ayr. The photographs are always fantastic and a great opportunity to purchase additional copies for Christmas gifts.



Active School

Caitlan Flannagan, our Active Schools Coordinator has started delivering Junior Coaching Academy input with P7/6 where she works with them to develop skills in leading sports and activities which will support them in delivering them to the younger children across the school. Many of the P6 and 7 pupils who attend the breakfast club have been delivering fun sports and games from 8.45 to 9.00.

Caitlin has also been running a morning club every Thursday from 8.30-9.00 for P1-7 and a Fitness after school club for P4-7 on a Tuesday from 3.00-4.00pm. Next term there will be after school clubs on offer for P1-3.

Sponsored Walk and Family event

Our Sponsored walk was a great success with an amazing turn out of children and their families. We were so lucky with the weather as it had been heavy showers throughout the day but the sun shone for us.

We were very grateful to Wee Hae Meat for donating the burgers and to the Dailly Store for providing the juice for our BBQ. We were delighted that Harry Paton came along and joined us for the walk. We raised a grand total of £1433 from sponsor money and burger sales. This gets us off to a great start at the beginning of the year.



We were also grateful to receive a donation of £500 from the Organisers and Participants of the Dailly Community Hall Monthly Bingo, this money will help benefit our pupils and school community. Thank you again for your support.

Curriculum outings

P5/4 who are going to Dundonald Castle as part of their topic on the Romans on Tuesday 10th November.

Education Workshop - £130

Travel £186

Total cost - £316

P1-3 are going to Culzean as part of their Castles topic on Tuesday 21st October.

Educational admissions to the castle and country park = £125

Educational activity = £75

Travel £115

Total cost - £315

P7/6 are planning a trip to the Scottish parliament as part of their topic in Term 2 and we are still waiting on final costs.

Fundraising is the only way we can facilitate these trips due to the transport costs and it allows us to then provide the outings free of charge for all children. Thank-you to all of our families for supporting us.

The money raised from the Sponsored walk and the kind donation from the Community Bingo will go towards the costs of the outings for each class and outings to the Science Centre and summer trips later in the year.

Cycle to school Week 2026

From Monday 5th October to Friday 9th October 2026, we will be taking part in Cycle to School Week. This nationwide initiative encourages children and families to choose active travel where possible and experience the many benefits of cycling to school. Throughout the week, pupils will be encouraged to cycle or scoot to school, helping to improve their health and wellbeing, build confidence and independence, and reduce their impact on the environment. We will also promote road safety awareness and celebrate the positive contribution that active travel makes to our school community. We look forward to seeing as many pupils as possible take part and enjoy the fun, fitness and freedom that cycling can bring

Lantern workshops

The Annual Lantern Festival will be in Girvan on **Saturday 24th October** with the theme this year - Owls and Folklore. The Craggs Art Centre have been in working with families who wanted to get involved in making the Lanterns for the parade. The Walking Parade will start at Glendoune Community Centre at 6pm ready for the parade starting at 6.30pm where it will form a meandering river of light down to the shorefront reading for the fire show finally.



Parent Partnership

The AGM will be on Monday 5th October 2026 where the current office bearers will have the opportunity to be re-elected or to stand down.

Chairperson	Stuart Briggs (P6 Parent)
Secretary	Kelly Fyfe (P1 and P4 Parent)
Treasurer	Karen Lauder (EYC/P2/P5 parent)

The current members are:

Pamela Donnelly, Laura Dorans, Emma Kirk, Kelly Fyfe, Fiona Matthews, Shawny Wells, Sara Barr, Rosie Sheddon and 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.

Volunteer Minibus Drivers Needed

We are appealing for parent/carers volunteers to help drive pupils to school events and activities. Drivers must be aged 21-80 and hold the appropriate driving licence entitlement (D1 for minibuses with more than 9 seats). Full guidance, application details and training information will be provided. If you are interested in supporting the school in this way, please contact the school office. For more information please see: www.sacomminuttransport.org/sact-ayr-driver-information/

Harvest and Halloween

Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service will take place in Dailly Parish Church on **Thursday 8th October at 9.30am** and Rev. Peter Gill will be leading the service. Each class will be participating. Each child has also made a Harvest card and there will be prizes awarded during the service for the best Harvest cards in each class.

Harvest parcels

As part of our Harvest Celebrations, we are looking for donations of non-perishable foodstuffs such as soup, tinned vegetables, biscuits, pasta and cereal. P4-7 will be making individual portions of apple crumble to go into each parcel which will be distributed to senior citizens within Dailly on **Friday 9th October**. A Harvest card made by the children will also be put into each parcel for the senior citizens of Dailly.

We are inviting children and families to nominate a family member, neighbour or friend who lives in Dailly and would appreciate a harvest gift from the school. Please contact the school office or send your nominations to dailly.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Any donations of non-perishable food stuffs should be sent to the school by **Wednesday 5th October** to give us time to make up the parcels. *If you are available to help make up the parcels on Thursday 7th and/or deliver them on Friday 9th, please contact the school. Volunteers are always appreciated.*

Halloween

The whole school will be participating in some fun Halloween activities on **Thursday 29th October**. The children can come to school dressed in their Halloween outfits.

Scholastic Book Fair



The Scholastic Book Fair arrives on Monday 2nd November and will be in school until Fri 6th November. The children will all get the opportunity to visit the Book Fair with their classes and select books that they like for their 'Wish list'.

Parents/carers are welcome to pop into look when dropping off or picking up but the book fair will be open during Parents' night on Tuesday 4th November.

[Book Fair Parents Hub - Scholastic Book Fairs](#)

When our Scholastic Book Fair arrives, you'll be able to browse over 200 of the books children really want to read, from award-winners and new releases to beloved favourites and bestsellers, all at amazing prices. Plus, for every book bought, you help to **earn free books for our school!**

Remembrance Service

Remembrance Day takes place on **11 November** each year and Remembrance Sunday takes place on **Sunday 8th November**. As part of assemblies and class lessons we will be covering the importance of these dates in our history and the importance of remembering the sacrifice made by others to preserve our freedoms. Poppies will be available in school for children and families to make a donation. The school has purchased a wreath and we will be looking for volunteers to attend the service and place the wreath at the monument on Sunday 8th November.



Children in Need

Children in Need Day is on **Friday 13th November**. In school we will be organising fun activities for all pupils to take part in. On the day the children we will be having a non-uniform day and children in return for a £1 donation towards Children in Need. We will order Children in Need supplies that will be on sale and will send out information nearer the time.

Christmas Activities

Christmas Fayre –

The Christmas Fayre will be taking place on **Wednesday 25th November from 4.30-6.30pm**. There will be the usual craft stalls and each class will be organising and running fun activities. Santa's Grotto will be here as well as Little Peru and the Alpacas. We will send out information for families to book slots prior to the fair.

We are selling tables for anyone from the local community who would like to have a stall at £10 a table and this year we will have access to wifi for public use so that people can use contactless to purchase items from the stall holders. Please contact the school office.

Advent Raffle

This will begin on Tuesday 1st December. A raffle is drawn at lunchtime everyday and lucky winners are picked. Tickets cost 50p. If you are able to, we would appreciate donations of Christmas related children's gifts. The more prizes we get, the more draws we have each day and the more children get a prize.

Gaiety Pantomime



Our annual trip to the Gaiety Theatre to see Dick Whittington will take place on **Friday 18th December**. This will be for pupils in Primary 2 to Primary 7. We are subsidising the cost of the panto and the transport through fundraising efforts.

The parental contribution per pupil will be £10. Parents can pay for the pantomime through the online school payment system ParentPay. Families with 3 or more children will pay a reduced cost and will be contacted separately.

Early Years Centre and P1

Our children in the EYC and P1 are booked to go to a special Christmas performance called, 'Sprouts' which is being produced by the Gaiety Theatre. We are awaiting details on this and will send out information once it is confirmed

Christmas lunch

This will take place on Thursday 10th December. Unfortunately we are not able to invite parents/carers to join the children again this year due limited catering facilities across South Ayrshire so they can only cater for staff and children.

Christmas Service and Nativity

The Early Years and P1-3 will be presenting, 'Miracle in Town' as our Christmas Nativity in the school. To ensure that all parents/carers can attend the Nativity we are holding a separate performance for parents/carers on Tuesday 15th December. There will be a second performance for the school and other parents/carers as part of the Christmas service on Wednesday 16th December at 9.30am as usual. It is always a lovely service so please come along and join us.

Feedback – we appreciate your comments or suggestions

Please e-mail any feedback to: dailly.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 issued each term and any changes highlighted in red

Please make a note of the diary dates below. Reminders will be sent via Group Call.

Term	Dates	Events
1		
	Mon 5 th Oct	Parent Partnership meeting 9.15am
	Thursday 8 th Oct	Harvest Service at the Church 9.30am Early Years Flu vaccinations - 1pm Lantern Workshop 2 Families 3.15-5.00pm
	Friday 9 th Oct	P1-3 Outdoor Learning pm / EYC and P4-7 parcel delivery pm EYC and School closes 3.00pm
	Mon 12 th - Fri 16 th Oct	Holidays
2		
	Mon 19 th Oct	Inservice Day 3
	Tues 20 th Oct	P1-3 after school Club (20 th Oct to 10 th Nov)
	Wed 21 st Oct	Fitness Competition P4-7 (Team of 10) Girvan P1-3 Trip to Culzean
	Thurs 22 nd Oct	EYC PEEP sessions for families (4 weeks)
	Friday 23 rd Oct	EYC and School photographs – individual and families
	Sat 24 th Oct	Lantern Festival Girvan
	Wk beg. 26 th Oct	P1 Registration
	Tues 27 th Oct	Flu Immunisation (School)
	Thurs 29 th Oct	Halloween parties pm EYC PEEP session 2 for families
	Fri 30 th Oct	EYC Outdoor Learning (10-2pm) and P4-7 Outdoor Learning 12.30-3.00pm
	Wk beg. 2nd Nov	Scholastic Book Fair arrives
	Wed 4 th Nov	Parents' appointments P1-7 (3.30-8.30pm)
	Thurs 5 th Nov	EYC PEEP session 3 for families
	Fri 6 th Nov	Arran Residential Information session for parents/children/staff P1-3 Outdoor Learning 12.30-3.00pm
	Sun 8 th Nov	Remembrance Sunday – Pupils to attend Church service and represent the school
	Tues 10th Nov	P5/4 trip to Dundonald Castle
	Thurs 12 th Nov	EYC PEEP session 4 for families
	Fri 13 th Nov	Children in Need
	Wk beg. 16 th Nov	P7 registration week Antibullying Week
	Fri 20 th Nov	EYC Outdoor Learning (10-2pm) and P4-7 Outdoor Learning 12.30-3.00pm
	Wed 25 th Nov	Sports Hall Athletics 10-12 Girvan Academy P5-7 (9 Boys and 9 girls) Girvan Christmas Fair
	Wed 9 th Dec	Interim report 1 issued
	Thursday 10 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
	Wk beg 14 th Dec	Newsletter issued
	Tues 15 th Dec	Nativity EYC to P3 (Parents)
	Wed 16 th Dec	Christmas Service and Nativity
	Thurs 17 th Dec	P7 Cluster Disco – Girvan Primary EYC and P1-3 parties
	Fri 18 th Dec	Panto Gaiety P2-7 Dick Whittington/ Gaiety 2 Sprouts EYC +P1 10-12noon
	Monday 21 st Dec	P4-7 Christmas party am
	Tues 22 nd Dec	School Closes 2.30pm
	Wed 23 rd Dec to Mon 4 th Jan	HOLIDAY



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3	Tues 5 th Jan	EYC and School re-opens
	Wk. beg 5 th Jan	Scottish Curricular focus begins 4 weeks
	Friday 15 th Jan	P1-3 Outdoor Learning 12.30-3.00pm
	Friday 22nd Jan	EYC Outdoor Learning (10-2pm) and P4-7 Outdoor Learning 12.30-3.00pm
	Wk beg 25 th Jan	STINT meetings with parents / Care Plan meetings
		Early Years Registration
	Thurs 28th Jan	BURNS lunch
	Fri 29th Jan	P1-3 Outdoor Learning 12.30-3.00pm
	Wk beg 1 st Feb	TWTF meetings
	Friday 5 th Feb	P4-7 Sponsored Walk for Residential visit
		EYC outdoor Learning
	Mon 8 th Feb	Scottish assembly and Presentation of Prizes pm
	Wed 10 th Feb	Scottish afternoon (Parents)
	Fri 12 th and Mon 15 th Feb	HOLIDAYS
	Tues 16 th Feb	Inservice Day 4
	Tues 17 th to Fri 19 th Feb	P5-7 Residential
	Fri 19 th Feb	P1-3 Outdoor Learning
	Wed 24 th Feb	Parents' appointments P1-7 (3.30-8.30pm)
	Thurs 25 th Feb	Alloway Burns Supper - P7
	Fri 26 th Feb	EYC Outdoor Learning (10-2pm) and P4-7 Outdoor Learning 12.30-3.00pm
	Thurs 4 th March	World Book Day
	Fri 5 th March	P1-3 Outdoor Learning 12.30-3.00pm
	Wk beg. 8 th March	Newsletter issued
	Tues 16 th March	School Show (afternoon)
	Wed 17 th March	School Show (evening)
	Thurs 18 th March	Interim report 2 issued
	Fri 19 th March	Comic relief
	Tues 23 rd March	Easter Service
	Thurs 25 th March	School closes 2.30pm
	Fri 26 th March to Fri 9 th April	HOLIDAY
4	Mon 12 th April	EYC and school re-opens
	Fri 16 th April	EYC Outdoor Learning (10-2pm) and P4-7 Outdoor Learning 12.30-3.00pm
	Fri 23 rd April	P1-3 Outdoor Learning 12.30-3.00pm
	Thursday 29 th April	Pupils' work sent home
	Friday 30 th April	EYC Outdoor Learning (10-2pm) and P4-7 Outdoor Learning 12.30-3.00pm
	Mon 3 rd May	HOLIDAY
	Wed 5 th May	P1 Induction Day and Parents/Carers information session
	Thurs 6 th May	Inservice Day 5
	Fri 7 th May	P1-3 Outdoor Learning 12.30-3.00pm
	Fri 14 th May	EYC Outdoor Learning (10-2pm) and P4-7 Outdoor Learning 12.30-3.00pm
	Thurs 20 th May	P1 Induction Day 2
	Wed 26 th May	Sports Day / Report Cards issued
	Fri 28 th / Mon 31 st May	HOLIDAYS
	Wed 2 nd June	STINT meetings with parents / Care Plan meetings / Opt appointments for Parents
	Fri 4 th June	P1-3 Outdoor Learning 12.30-3.00pm
	Wk beg. 7 th June	Newsletter issued
	Tues 8 th and Wed 9 th June	P7 Transition days
	Wed 9 th June	Bump-up Day EYC to P7
	Fri 11 th June	EYC Outdoor Learning (10-2pm) and P4-7 Outdoor Learning 12.30-3.00pm

	Tues 22 nd June	Early Years Graduation
	Wed 23 rd June	Prize Giving and Leavers' service
	Thurs 24 th / Fri 25 th June	EYC and P7 trips
	Mon 28 th / Tues 29 th June	School Trips
	Wed 30 th June	HOLIDAY - close at 1pm



SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
Educational Services

School Holiday Arrangements – 2026/2027

Term	Break	Dates of Attendance			Cumulative Working Days
First	Mid Term	Teachers (Inservice)	Tues	18 Aug 2026	
		Teachers (Inservice)	Wed	19 Aug 2026	
		Pupils return	Thurs	20 Aug 2026	
		<i>local holiday</i>	Fri	*18 Sept 2026	
		<i>local holiday</i>	Mon	*21 Sept 2026	
		Close	Fri	9 Oct 2026	
		Teachers (Inservice)	Mon	19 Oct 2026	
		Re-open (Pupils)	Tues	20 Oct 2026	
		Close	Tues	22 Dec 2026	
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	
		Re-open (Pupils)	Wed	2027	
		Close	Thurs	17 Feb 2027	
				25 Mar 2027	
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	
	Session 2027/28	<i>local holiday</i>	Wed	18 Aug 2027	
		Teachers (Inservice)	Thurs	19 Aug 2027	
		Teachers (Inservice)	Fri	20 Aug 2027	

