

Dalmilling Primary School

Family Update



Our Vision:

Inspire, Engage and Succeed Together

Our Core Value:

We Care



A Note from Mrs Thomson

Dear Parents and Carers,



As we wrap up our festive celebrations, we look forward to closing for the holidays at 2:30 pm on Friday. A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Winter Fair—it was a tremendous success, raising an incredible £970.38! We were also delighted by the strong attendance at our Parents' Evening; your engagement and support are greatly appreciated.

This month's newsletter highlights some of December's memorable moments, including the South Ayrshire Dance Competition, our P7 Pantomime, and the visiting pantomime company M&M Productions, who brought the story of Snow White to life with a magical performance.

On Friday, we also say a final farewell to Mrs Shields as she embarks on her new role. We thank her for her dedication and wish her every success in the next chapter. In January, we warmly welcome Mrs. Afrin to our team.

From all of us here, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and we look forward to seeing everyone back after the holidays!

Kind regards,
Mrs Thomson



Staffing Update

We are pleased to welcome our new Depute Head Teacher, Mrs Afin, who will be joining us in January. We look forward to working together and to this next chapter for our school.



As many of you are aware, Mr Maley will be leaving us in January to begin an exciting new chapter of his life in warmer climates. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his valued contribution and to wish him every success in the future.

From Monday 26th January, P7MR will be taught by Mr Butchart on Mondays and Tuesdays, and by Mrs Riddicks for the remainder of the week. Mr Butchart has been getting to know the children over the last few weeks. We would like to thank you for your understanding and continued support during this period of staffing changes. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



SOUTH AYRSHIRE
**SPORTS
AWARDS**
**ACTIVE SCHOOLS
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2025**
CAITLIN LAWRIE

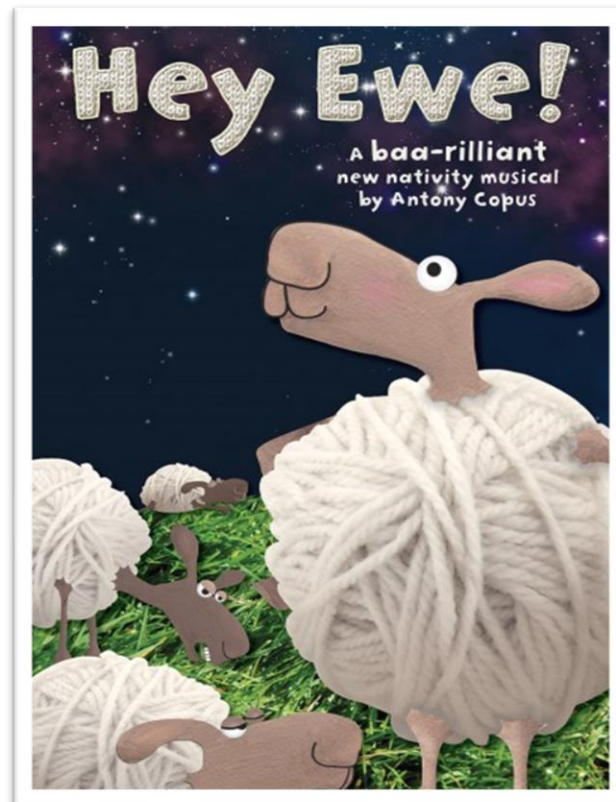


Congratulations to Caitlin, the Chair of the Parent Council on being awarded Volunteer of the Year. This well-deserved recognition reflects the dedication, hard work, and continued support of our school community. We are incredibly grateful for the time and commitment that all of our Parent Council members give to our children and families—well done on this fantastic achievement. 🙌 ✨



Hey Ewe – Our Nativity

P1 and P2 delighted families with their joyful performance of the nativity, “**Hey Ewe!**”. The children sang confidently, spoke clearly, and brought the Christmas story to life with enthusiasm and big smiles. Well done to all our young stars for a wonderful performance that truly captured the spirit of Christmas.



Christmas Party Fun

Our Christmas parties were full of fun, laughter, and festive cheer! The children enjoyed games, dancing, party food, and special treats, making wonderful memories with friends. It was a lovely way to celebrate the season together and mark the end of a busy term. 🎄 🎁



M&M Productions Pantomime

Our whole school experienced a pantomime this week. Snow White was funny and entertaining with lots of jokes and fun! The children enjoyed seeing our gym hall transformed into a theatre for the morning!



P7 Pantomime in Partnership with Thriving Communities and the Gaiety Theatre

Our P7 children recently performed a pantomime at the Cutty Sark in Ayr. They had worked hard since October towards the performance, where they danced, sang and performed their lines with confidence.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to the performance.

HERCULES



Learning Highlights

We recently welcomed Simon Lamb to our school for a special storytelling assembly. Pupils were captivated by his engaging stories, lively characters, and imaginative use of language. The session inspired creativity and a love of stories, and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved. 📖 ✨



Our P6 and P7 pupils had an exciting opportunity to perform alongside other schools from the cluster at the local academy as part of Mr Thomson's Singing Project. The children showcased their singing skills with confidence and enthusiasm, creating a wonderful sense of community and musical celebration. It was a memorable experience for everyone involved! 🎵 ✨

We are delighted to celebrate the success of our two dance teams at their recent competition. Both teams performed with energy, confidence, and teamwork, impressing judges and the audiences. Well done to all the dancers, staff and volunteers involved for their hard work and commitment—an achievement to be very proud of! 🦋 ★





#DALLYBOOKTOK

SCAN HERE



**Horrible Histories: Terrible Tudors by
Terry Deary**

Reviewed by Laila - P7

SCAN HERE



**Magic Animal Friends: Can You Keep a
Secret? by Daisy Meadows**

Reviewed by Marley - P7



Thank You to our Parent Council

A huge thank you to our Parent Council for their ongoing support, over the past few months, they have been incredibly busy supporting the school in a variety of ways such as:

- Winning House – rewards party
- Halloween Discos and costume swap shop
- A Christmas present for all children
- Fundraising such as a community fundraising event, winter fair café and Santa's Grotto
- Sports kits for our teams
- Dance competition



P1 Registration

P1 Registration will be available from Monday 12th January until Sunday 18th January.

Registration is completed through the South Ayrshire Council website.



Important Reminders



Our car park is for use of staff members only, unless otherwise authorised.

Dogs are not allowed in the playground during the school day and at drop off and pick up times.

Parents should only enter the school through the reception door.

- School uniform should be labelled with your child's name.
- We endeavour to be a NUT FREE school. No products containing nuts are permitted for snack or packed lunches.
- We love seeing special moments captured at school, but please remember that when sharing photos or videos of your own child, other children may also appear in them. To keep everyone safe and respect privacy, we kindly ask that any images or videos containing other children are not shared on social media or elsewhere. Thank you for your understanding and support.



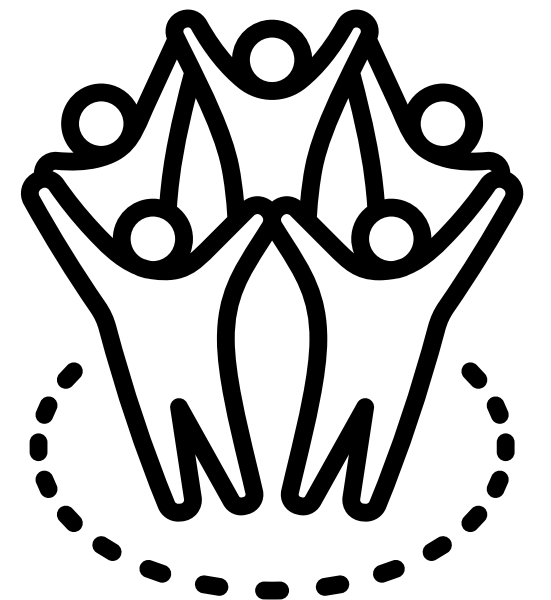
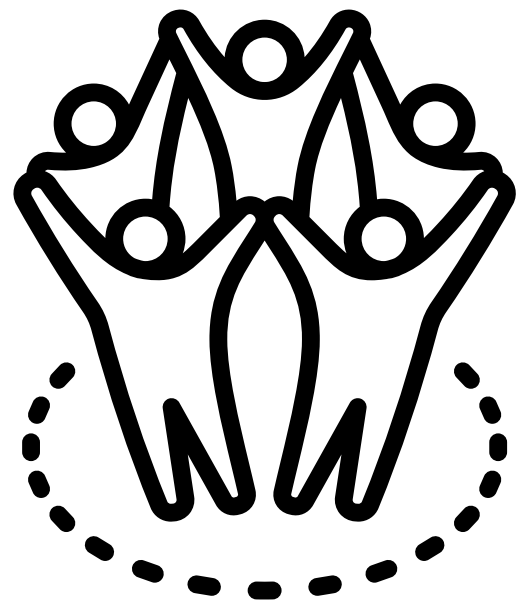
Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 5th January	Schools Return
Wednesday 7th January	Parent Council Meeting 2pm
Monday 12th January	P1 Registration Week
Thursday 15th January	Coffee and Chat 9am
Thursday 15th January	Spotty Zebras Coffee and Chat 11am
Thursday 29th January	Scots Poetry Concert
	Burns Supper
Tuesday 3rd February	NEST Coffee and Chat 9.15am

Community

Notice

Board



#EveryLearnerEveryDay
#SouthAyrshireCouncil



South
AYRSHIRE
COUNCIL
Comhairle Siorrachd Air a Deas
Making a Difference Every Day

I can see my friends

Going to school has lots of benefits!

**Don't miss out on these opportunities!
Go to school and look after your future.**

south-ayrshire.gov.uk



Going to school has lots of benefits!



"To learn"

"Helping P1 children"



"Playing with my friends"



"New opportunities"



"To make new friends"



"See all my friends. I like school and being in P7. My work is fun"



Inspire, Engage and Succeed together

We Care



Every Learner Every Day!



At Dalmilling Primary, we want to see every learner every day.

We have now started a Walking Bus to school. If you would like your child to be included in the bus route, please let us know.

#EveryLearnerEveryDay #SouthAyrshireCouncil



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Dalmilling Primary has recently been reviewing our Free School Meals (FSM) information, and we have noticed that some children who may be eligible are not currently registered. We would strongly encourage families to apply, as FSM not only provides financial support during school holidays—by helping cover the cost of your child's meals and provides a healthy daily meal for free.

It also may help families receive other grants – such as a clothing grant—but also brings additional funding into the school.

This funding allows us to offer more resources and support for all pupils.

To make the process easier, we will have an FSM Support Hub available at Parents' Night, where staff can help you complete the application on the spot.

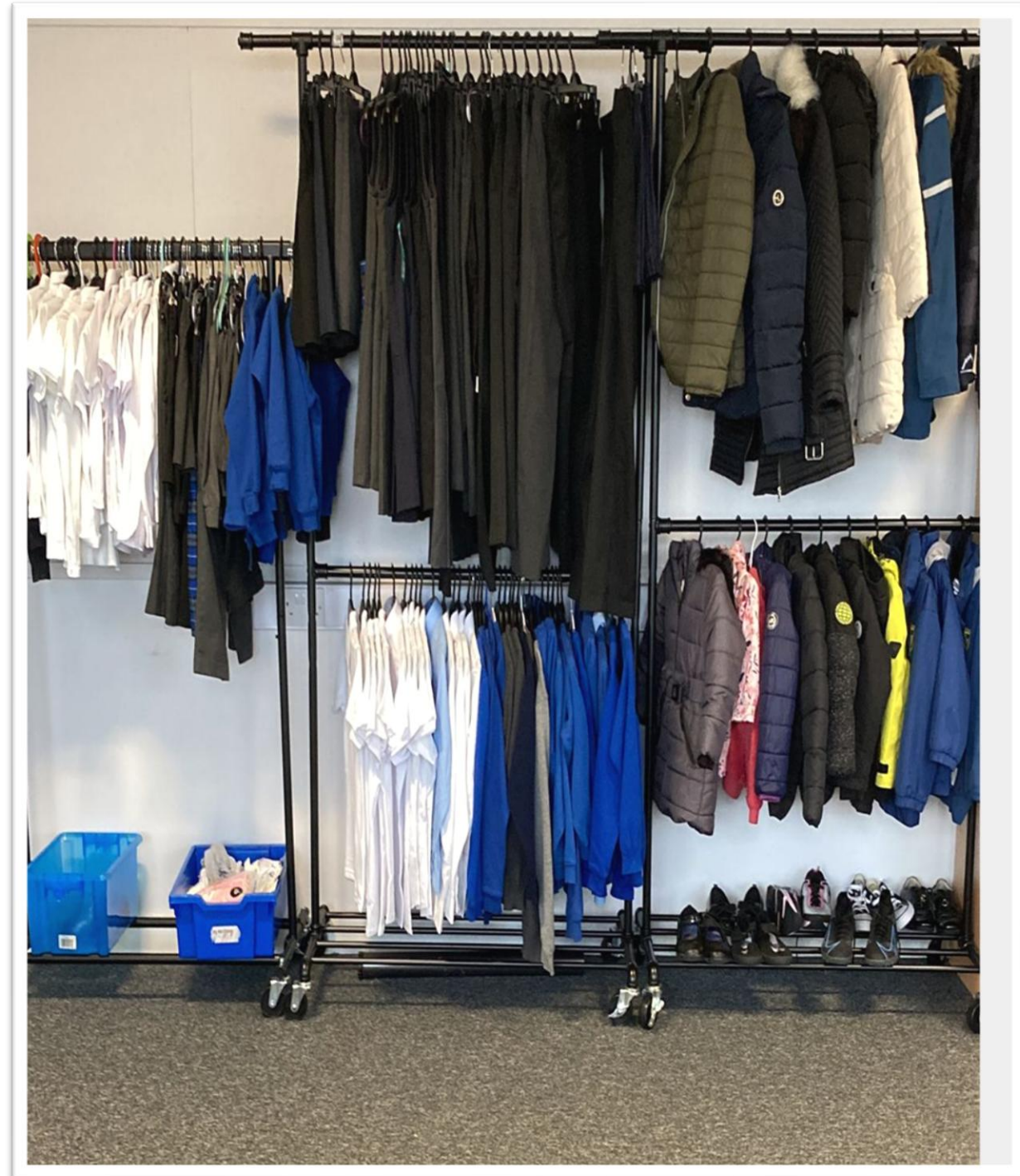
If you would like any further information or support before then, please contact Cheryl.



School Uniform Requests

We have plenty of school uniform items available.

If you would like to request items, please contact the office and we will send them home with your child.





PAVE

Pathways for Adults Volunteering in Education



**We are looking for participants to join our
PAVE cohorts in 2026!**

The PAVE Programme offers adults the opportunity to complete an 8 week supported work placement within a local primary or secondary school:

- **School Assistant* and/or School Clerical Experience**
- **Employability Qualification @ SCQF Level 4**
- **Emergency First Aid at Work**
- **Employability Support**
- **CV, Application and interview support**
- **Up to date reference following completion of the Programme**

**for school assistant roles participants must be qualified in Nat 5 English, or equivalent*

For further information on the programme please contact
madeleine.ferrara@south-ayrshire.gov.uk



Stay safe this winter

Hints and tips from NHS Ayrshire & Arran's Health Protection Team for staying safe this winter

With the festive season approaching, we want to remind you of how you can stay safe this winter. Here are some hints and tips on good cough, sneeze and hand hygiene; staying at home if you have had fever, diarrhoea, or vomiting; winter vaccinations; as well as information on accessing the right care, right place.

Good cough, sneeze and hand hygiene

Keep your family well this winter and reduce the spread of infection.

Respiratory viruses, such as colds, flu and COVID-19, can easily spread between people through coughs and sneezes. Stopping viruses from spreading is the best prevention.

Always sneeze and cough into a tissue covering your nose and mouth. Bin the tissue straight away and then wash your hands.

Wash your hands with soap and water frequently. This helps to get rid of the disease-causing germs from your hands. Hand sanitiser does not kill all germs, especially those that cause stomach upsets.

If someone in your family is sick, **avoid sharing dishes, toys or towels** with them. Keep items clean and wash your hands after touching.

At home, **make sure you clean surfaces that are touched frequently every day** – for example, light switches, door handles, taps, toilet seats and toilet flush handles, and countertops.

Do not prepare food for others when you are sick.

Wash any clothing or bedding that has poo or vomit on it separately from other laundry, and on a hot wash.

A video on handwashing can be found here: [How to wash your hands - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/how-to-wash-your-hands)

To learn more about treating the common cold, flu or COVID-19, visit www.nhsinform.scot/winter-illness/

Stay at home

Stay off school or college if you have a fever, diarrhoea or vomiting.

Children and young people with mild respiratory symptoms, but who are otherwise well, can continue to attend school or college. Mild respiratory symptoms include a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough.



Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people if possible. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

Most people no longer need to test for COVID-19, unless they have a health condition which means they are eligible for [coronavirus treatments](#).

Children and young people who have diarrhoea or vomiting should stay at home and avoid contact with other people if possible. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they have had no diarrhoea or vomiting for at least 48 hours.

For more information, click the links below:

- [Vomiting in children and babies](#)
- [Diarrhoea](#)
- [COVID-19](#)

Winter vaccinations

If you are eligible, make sure you get your vaccine.

To find out if you are eligible for the flu or COVID-19 vaccine, visit:

- [Flu vaccine | NHS inform](#)
- [The coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccine | NHS inform](#)

If your child is in primary school and has missed their flu vaccine appointment or school clinic, or has been given an appointment that is not suitable, they can attend a Childhood Vaccination Team drop-in session.

For details of sessions, visit <https://www.nhsaaa.net/services/services-a-z/flu-vaccine/school-age-children-primary-and-secondary-flu-vaccine-information/>

Where to get medical help

Getting the right care, in the right place

To protect yourself, as well as the NHS, it's important you know how to get the right care, in the right place. If we all use NHS services wisely, we can keep well and get the care we need quickly, safely and as close to home as possible.

For more information on the most appropriate service for your condition, visit [Right care right place - NHS Ayrshire & Arran \(nhsaaa.net\)](#)



Wishing you a wonderful and infection-free festive season from the
NHS Ayrshire & Arran Health Protection Team.





Talk to us

01292 267675

(Social work services)

or you can contact the police 01292 664000
(in an emergency call 999)

South Ayrshire
Child Protection Committee

Working together to protect South Ayrshire's children

www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/childprotection