



## Glenburn Primary School News August 2026



Welcome to the first parent/carers newsletter of our 2026/2027 school session. In our school newsletters we will outline events that are happening in the school, any learning we are embracing, any key information about the school community and we will celebrate many achievements of our young people.

At the end of the newsletter there is an important dates section that will give parents/carers event dates in advance. Each month we will add to the important dates and if there are any changes all parents/carers will be notified well in advance.

We know that family life is busy and we will endeavour to send out information and reminders of upcoming events through Groupcall 😊

We welcome all parents/carers to our classroom open afternoon on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** from **3.15pm-4.30pm**. This is a chance at the beginning of the school year to have a look round the school, your child's classroom and meet their new teacher. We look forward to seeing you at our open afternoon 😊



### Tempest Photographs



Tempest Photography will be in school on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August** to take class photographs for the year. The photographs will be available to purchase. Please ensure that your child wears school uniform on that day. Primary 7S will be at Dolphin House and will have their photo taken on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August**.

Tempest will be back in school on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November** to take individual and sibling photographs - we will send out a reminder for this.

Both our Primary 7 classes are embarking on their residential experience at Dolphin House at Culzean over the next 2 weeks and will take part in fantastic outdoor activities that Dolphin House offer. We know that our pupils will have a great time.



## School Meals

Please note that free school meals are available to all pupils from Primary 1 - Primary 5.

All Primary 6 and 7 pupils must pay for a school meal if not eligible to receive free school meals.

Please regularly check your ParentPay account as the price of a school meal will come off your account. This price is for 2 courses, if you select 3 courses then you will be charged extra.

Please note that if your ParentPay balance is in arrears you will be notified through a letter and this will be through Groupcall.



## Mobile Phones



Whilst we try to discourage children from bringing mobile phones to school we understand that there may be a need for some to be in contact with adults at home time. Within school we share our school rules regarding the use of mobile phones with our pupils at the start of the school year and they know that mobile phones **MUST** be switched off before they enter the school grounds and handed to their class teacher at 9am. Mobile phones are kept in a locked drawer during

the day in class and pupils collect their phones at the end of the school day. Pupils are also asked **NOT** to switch on their phone until they are out with school grounds. Throughout the year in school the pupils are educated on the safe use of using their mobile phones for social media and ask that parents do the same at home. Our Primary 6 and 7 pupils will have an early input from PC Galloway, Prestwick Academy campus police, on keeping safe online.

## PE Kit



All pupils should have a PE kit kept at school for PE days. On PE days pupils should change into a pair of shorts and trainers. Pupils may wear a polo tshirt to school on a PE day.

Older pupils will be able to relay what days they have PE, however, all information regarding PE days will be issued in the class Buzzbee newsletter issued on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

**NO** jewellery at anytime should be worn during a PE session and this includes earrings. South Ayrshire stipulates that:-

***In South Ayrshire Council schools, all earrings and body piercing jewellery must be strictly removed for any Physical Education (PE) lessons or sporting activities.***

Covering earrings with sports tape, micropore, or plasters is **not** permitted. This policy is backed by national guidelines from the [Association for Physical Education \(afPE\)](#) because taping does not protect against impact or compression injuries. [[1](#), [2](#), [3](#)]

It would be easier to ensure that your child does not wear any jewellery at all during PE Days. If you would like to discuss the matter of earrings during PE please contact the class teacher in the first instance.

### Name Tags



With our pupils coming back to school with their lovely new uniforms we ask that pupil names are added to every piece of clothing and in particular jumpers, cardigans and coats. The beginning of the school year is always a time for lost clothing due to the warmer weather and we have already amassed a large quantity of unclaimed items. It makes it so much easier for staff to return items to the pupil when the name is on the label. Thanks 😊

### Nut free school

Please refrain from sending your child to school with any snacks or food that contains nuts - this includes Nutella or chocolate spread sandwiches. We have a number of children and adults in Glenburn who have severe nut allergies who can become quite ill if they are simply in the vicinity where there is a nut based snack. We thank you for your understanding with this.



### Use of Fidget Toys

The trend that has been around for the last year is pupils bringing in small fidget toys from home and/or blu tak and squishies. In some classes fidget toys became the opposite of what they are intended for and pupils using them in class are completely distracted from learning and teaching. Therefore, the fidget toys etc are banned from the classroom and are only allowed for pupils who the teacher deems really needs them as they aid concentration for an individual at a particular learning point during the day. Please note that only fidgets provided by the school can be used.



## Use of Twitter (X)

Over the last few years the school has used 'X' (formally Twitter) to relay messages across our parent/carer body and local community about what is going on in the school.

We also use this platform to showcase some of the learning going on in and around the school and classes through photographs.

More and more parents/carers do not wish their children to be featured in photos shared on social media. This is a personal choice that is very much respected. Staff around the school find it difficult, at times, to ensure that pupils are not in photographs and remain vigilant that the choice from a parent/carer not to is adhered.

Moving forward we would really like to have your views regarding parental engagement in social media platforms to showcase learning in our school.

Can you please take 5 mins to complete the survey below? Thanks 😊

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/ENt2ggPuVU?origin=lprLink>

## Glenburn Primary Website



Buzzbee class/stage newsletters will be on the school website by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August. Termly class newsletters give a flavour of what our pupils are learning across the term.

Our School Improvement Plan and Standards and Quality report are also now on the school website. <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sa/glenburnps/>

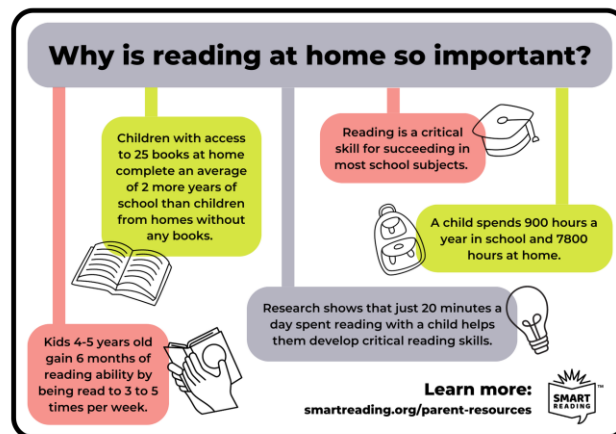
## Homework

Over the years we have changed when homework is issued and when to be completed by. This year we have decided to issue homework on a Monday and pupils must hand in completed work by the Thursday of that week. Homework consists of a literacy and numeracy task and reading. We will also suggest any online platforms that can support learning. Homework is always based on consolidation of work in class and will never be something new.



We are finding a decline in pupils handing in completed homework and want to highlight why it is important to spend a little time over the week completing homework tasks:-

- Reinforces what pupils have learned in class
- Develops independence and responsibility for their own learning
- Encourages parental involvement and lets parents know, on a weekly basis, what their child has been learning
- Prepares pupils for assessments
- Can identify any gaps in learning
- Preparation for Prestwick Academy and beyond



## Parking Around Campus

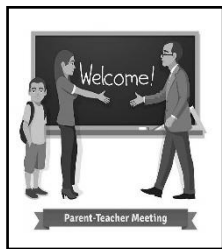
Please note that the campus car park is for staff only between 8.30 am and 3.30 pm. We have a large staff across all 3 establishments who work different shifts and need access to the carpark within these hours. Outwith these hours parents/carers can park to collect pupils from after school clubs and the Early Years Centre.



We ask that parents/carers are vigilant when parking around the campus while dropping children off.

Sherwood Road and Langcroft Avenue can become very busy and congested, especially on rainy days, and the safety of all our pupils is paramount. Please park a distance away from the campus in a safe parking spot and walk safely into the campus. Please also be mindful when parking close to the driveways of local residents. Thank you for your understanding with this.

## Parents Afternoon/Evening



Our parent information afternoon/evening is on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October**. This will be a 'face to face' meeting with the class teacher. More details will be issued nearer the time allowing you to choose a time that suits you best.

## Glenburn Parent Council



Our parent council is a fantastic group of parents and carers who are passionate about the life of Glenburn Primary. The Parent Council arrange super fun events for all our children and raise vital funds for the school that every single child benefits from.

Over the years our parent council have kindly donated money raised to buy resources for the school such as music equipment, IT and Literacy resources.

Once we purchase resources we let parents/carers know, in detail, what resources we have in school.

For the past 3 years the Parent Council have donated £10 to every child in the school for an annual school trip. This has allowed class teachers to organise fun and exciting trips at a much lower cost to parents as bus prices as very high and entry to some places cost a lot too.

Our first meeting of the year is **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September** at **6.30pm** in the school and we would love to see you there 😊

## Communication with the School

Should parents wish to contact the school with a query or wish to speak to a particular member of staff, we would ask that this is done by phone or e-mail:

By phone: 01292 473452

By E-mail: [Glenburn.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:Glenburn.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

Many Thanks,

*G. Hartley*

Head Teacher

Please find below, a list of school dates for your diary. As we progress through the school year, this will be added to, and I will keep you informed of other important dates as they emerge.



| Date                                                  | Times                    | Who                         | Details                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug - Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug | -                        | P7S                         | Dolphin House Residential       |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> August                      | -                        | All pupils                  | Tempest Class Photos            |
| Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug - Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept | -                        | P7A                         | Dolphin House Residential       |
| Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August                        | -                        | P7S                         | Tempest class photo             |
| Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> September                        | 3.15pm-4.30pm            | Parents/carers              | Open Afternoon                  |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September                    | 6.30pm                   | All pupils and staff        | Parent Council Meeting          |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September                   | 2pm                      | P1 Parents/carers           | P1 Information Session          |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September                     | -                        | All pupils and staff        | HOLIDAY                         |
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> September                     | -                        | All pupils and staff        | HOLIDAY                         |
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> September                     | -                        | All pupils and staff        | MATHS WEEK SCOTLAND             |
| Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> October                         | 3.15pm-5.15pm<br>6pm-8pm | P1-P7 Parents/carers        | Parent/Carer Evening            |
| Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | -                        | All pupils and staff        | HOLIDAY                         |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October                       | All day                  | All pupils and staff        | In Service Day                  |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October                    | -                        | All pupils                  | FLU IMMUNISATIONS               |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November                    | -                        | All pupils                  | Tempest Individual Photos       |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November                      | -                        | Parents/carers /pupils      | Sharing Learning - jotters home |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December                       | AM                       | All pupils & parents/carers | Christmas Fayre                 |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec                         | 10am<br>2pm              | P1/2 parents/carers         | P2 and P1 Nativity              |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec                         | LUNCH                    | All pupils                  | Christmas Lunch                 |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December                      | 1.30pm-3pm               | P7 pupils                   | Christmas Party                 |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December                      | AM                       | All pupils                  | Christmas Class Enterprise      |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December                      | 1.30pm-3pm               | P5 pupils                   | Christmas Party                 |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December                   | 1.30pm-3pm               | P4 pupils                   | Christmas Party                 |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December                    | 1.30pm-3pm               | P3 pupils                   | Christmas Party                 |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December                      | AM                       | P5-7                        | Gaiety Pantomime                |
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December                      | 1.30pm-3pm               | P6 pupils                   | Christmas Party                 |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December                     | AM                       | P1-4 pupils                 | M&M Pantomime in school         |
| Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December                   | AM                       | P1 and P2 pupils            | Christmas Party                 |
| Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December                   | 2.30pm                   | All pupils and staff        | Close for Christmas break       |