



# **Glenburn Primary School**

## **News**

### **September 2026**



Welcome to our September news. As the colder weather starts to creep in so do the bugs and illnesses. This inevitably means some time at home to rest if a child becomes unwell. As a school and within the authority attendance is monitored very closely. Please inform the school if your child is going to be absent and please read our attendance policy below:-



### **Attendance at School - Every learner, Every day**

As we start the new session we would like to share with parents/carers the importance of regular school attendance and why it is important for your child's success.

#### Attendance Matters: Aim for over 90%

We encourage all pupils to attend school at over 90% of the time throughout the school year. This means that they should aim to miss no more than 19 days in a school year. Maintaining this level of attendance ensures that your child benefits fully from the educational and social opportunities provided at school.

#### Why is over 90% Attendance Important?

- Learning Consistency - regular attendance helps children keep up with lessons and develop a strong foundation in all subjects.
- Social Development - being in school helps children build friendships and learn important social skills.
- Routine and Responsibility - attending school regularly teaches children the importance of commitment and responsibility.

#### Reporting your child's absence

- Please inform the school of the reason for absence via Xpressions or by phone call to the school.
- If a child is marked absent by the class teacher and parents/carers have not informed school then our office staff will send a text message asking for the reason for the absence

#### Authorised/unauthorised absences

Your child will be recorded as having an "authorised" absence if/when you let us know the reason for their absence and will be marked as unauthorised should you fail to inform the school. However, all absences will contribute to overall attendance percentage.

#### Late arrival at school

Our school gates are open from 8.45am-9am. Any child arriving late should come to the school office. Please have your child at school for 9am as regular lateness causes children to miss the start of lessons and can impact their learning and confidence.

#### Working together

##### How You Can Help

- Encourage a routine - establishing a daily routine can make it easier for your child to get to school on time and ready to learn.
- Monitor Health - while we encourage good attendance, we understand that illness is sometimes unavoidable. In these cases we ask that you notify the school promptly.
- Communicate - if your child is facing any challenges that might affect their attendance please let us know and we will be happy to try to help and find a solution.

#### Monitoring Attendance

To ensure that your child is having the best chances at school, both educationally and socially, Mrs Blackwood, DHT, will be working closely with class teachers and office staff to monitor attendance and lateness and should there be a concern she will be in contact with you, either by phone or letter to discuss any issues and find ways to support you.

If you have any questions regarding attendance please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Thank you in advance for your cooperation in ensuring that your child has good attendance at school and enjoys a successful and enriching school experience.

## PE Kit



Some pupils have still not brought in a PE kit to be kept in school. 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.

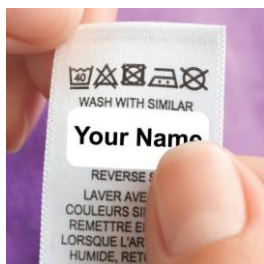
**NO** jewellery at anytime should be worn during a PE session and this includes earrings. South Ayrshire stipulates that:-

*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



We already have a pile of brand new school jumpers in our lost property not claimed and without a name on.

Please ensure that pupil names are added to every piece of clothing and in particular jumpers, cardigans and coats. 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.



## ParentPay and Parents Portal



If you have not activated your parent pay and parents portal accounts can you please complete them as soon as possible. Our clerical staff are always on hand to help with this so please pop into the school and they will help complete the process. It is so important that everything is completed in order that your child can go on a school trip and that we have the necessary information about parental permission for photographs and internet usage.

## Campus Fun Run

Last year our Prestwick North Education campus joined together to fundraise for a trim trail for our playground and as you might imagine this costs quite a bit of money!

We managed to raise £4000 last year through our campus sponsored bounce and some grants. We have also been given a very kind donation from our local councillors towards our trim trail. We are so excited as we are nearly there with the money we need to order a really exciting trim trail.

To complete our funds needed for our trim trail we are having a .....

### **CAMPUS SPONSORED FUN RUN**

This fundraiser will take place on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** and all the children will have the chance to participate in a fun run marked out round our campus grounds. Pupils can come dressed down that day in comfortable outside clothes and trainers.

If you, friends and family would like to make a donation to help us, please complete the form that was issued to the children.

It would be most helpful if the children could bring their donation sheet and donations on the day of the fundraiser.



## Parents/carers 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. Appointments will be open from 6pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September - a link will be emailed out for this.

Unfortunately we are not able to offer any appointments before the 8<sup>th</sup> October. This is due to the very high demand of requests last year to have an appointment with a class teacher outwith the date arranged. Staff could not keep up with the

high demand of other requests round about their working week. Where possible, if one parent can attend and report back that would be great, however, if you cannot make an appointment on the 8<sup>th</sup> we will try our best to accommodate an appointment into term 2 after the October break at some point.

## Parent Council

Our first Parent Council meeting of the year is on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September** at **6.30pm**, in the school. It would be great to see you there!!



Save the date - Halloween Discos Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Primary 1-4 6pm-7.15pm

Primary 5-7 7.30pm-8.45pm

If you would like to recycle any Halloween costumes that your child has outgrown please hand them into the office. If we have enough we will have them on sale for £1 at the parent/carer evening for any parent wanting to pick up a bargain outfit for this year!

## Glenburn Primary Website

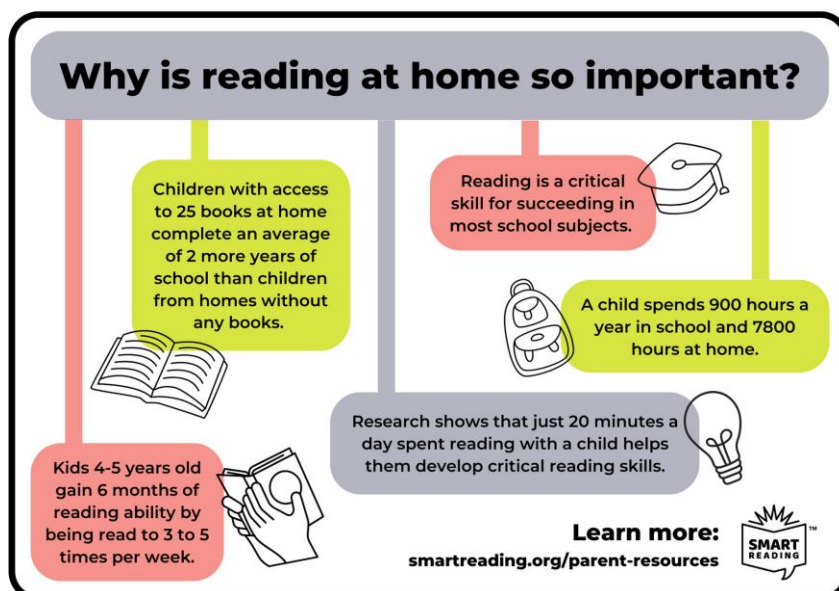


Buzzbee class/stage newsletters are now on the school website. Termly class newsletters give a flavour of what our pupils are learning across the term.

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

## Homework - reading

We cannot stress enough how important it is to read with your child as much as you can at home. We encourage a positive reading culture across all stages in the school and the children are reading, in some capacity, at least 2-3 times per day in school. On top of this the children are exposed to many reading genres and are read to by all the staff. Our reading attainment is extremely positive across the school and we endeavour to maintain these high standards. It is so important for overall literacy progress if children are reading at home and being read to.



## Crossing Patrol



Mr Grant is positioned at his crossing patrol point at the junction of Sherwood Road/Shaw Road/Adamton Road North. As you will know this is an extremely busy crossing point before 9am and from 3pm. On a number of occasions cars have ignored the crossing patrol and have driven through not only causing alarm to Mr Grant and others crossing but could cause a very serious accident. We would ask all parents/carers and members of the community to be extra vigilant at these times when crossing over at this point. The authority and Ayrshire Roads Alliance have been notified about the dangers this particular crossing poses.

## Parking Around Campus



The police have been in presence around the campus vicinity before 9am and after 3pm. Many parents/carers have been issued with a parking ticket for parking on a double yellow line. The cost is £100 or a lower amount if you pay early. Please park responsibly around the campus - first and foremost the safety of our children is priority.

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.

## 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                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September                  | 6.30pm                                | Parents/carers              | Parent Council Meeting          |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October                      | -                                     | All pupils and staff        | Campus Sponsored Fun run        |
| 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 29 <sup>th</sup> October                   | P1-4 6pm-7.15pm<br>P5-7 7.30pm-8.45pm | All pupils                  | HALLOWEEN DISCOS                |
| 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> Dec                      | 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                    | 11am-12.30pm                          | P1 and P2 pupils            | Christmas Party                 |
| 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         |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December                   | 2.30pm                                | All pupils and staff        | Close for Christmas break       |