



Symington Primary and EYC Newsletter

March 2026

Headteacher's **WELCOME**



It has been a busy month with the start of our Oliver Show, sporting events and exciting learning in classes.

It was a great turn out for our Parents/carers evenings, thank you for coming along. I hope you found this helpful. If you were unable to attend and would like to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher, please contact the school office.

I hope everyone has a great Spring Break and are ready for a busy and eventful final term.

I would encourage you if you have any questions or concerns to contact the school office to arrange a telephone call and/or meeting. symingtonmail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk or [01292 690074](tel:01292690074)

Mrs Shields

Supporting Wellbeing and Additional Support Needs at Symington

There is now a new information policy available detailing how pupils at Symington are supported. Within this document it outlines the supports available, staged intervention information and examples of plans. This is available on our website and using the QR below.



TEAM WITH THE FAMILY MEETINGS



What is a Team With the Family meeting?

Team With the Family (TWF) meetings are an opportunity for parents, school staff and other relevant professionals to meet and discuss pupil progress, and to make decisions regarding the child's future. We discuss three main questions during TWF meetings.

WHAT IS WORKING WELL FOR THE CHILD

WHAT ARE WE WORRIED ABOUT FOR THE CHILD

WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN TO MAKE THE SITUATION BETTER

After the TWF Meeting, a copy of the minutes will be sent to everyone who has attended the meeting.



STAGED INTERVENTION

SOME CHILDREN REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT DURING THEIR TIME AT SCHOOL. SOME CHILDREN NEED SUPPORT TO ACCESS THE CURRICULUM, REGULATE EMOTIONS OR MAKE POSITIVE CHOICES

STAGE 1 - UNIVERSAL IN CLASS SUPPORTS

Children will have in class Support from their class teacher.

STAGE 2 - UNIVERSAL SERVICES IN SCHOOL

Children who are supported by a school assistant or pupil support teacher.

STAGE 3 - ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM A SERVICE WHICH IS UNIVERSALLY AVAILABLE

support from a universal service; Speech and Language Therapy, Educational Psychology, Barnardos, Social Work.

STAGE 4 - SPECIALIST HELP FROM A MULTI-AGENCY TEAM

Support from more than one service. Services work together with the family to provide the best support for the child.

STAGE 5 - SPECIALIST PLACEMENT

Children at stage 5 will have been through an extensive assessment process and will attend a specialist provision

Children with an identified need will have a staged intervention plan, detailing their strengths, support needs and any other relevant information. This is shared among teachers, professionals and families to support smooth transitions for all children.



Parent Council Updates



At the last meeting we discussed the following;

- Fundraising updates for an additional Trim Trail and playground improvements
- Spring Fayre and other fundraising activities
- Community issues
- Primary 7s Events and celebrations

Date for next meeting

Wednesday 29th April

Time: 7:00–8:00 pm (Time adjusted from 6:30 pm to allow more members to attend.)

Spring Fayre



Thanks to the many people who donated baking, bottles and raffle prizes.

The event was a huge success and we raise £1667.78. Some of this will be used to subsidise our summer outings.



Comic Relief

The pupils in the school had a super day playing, 'Deal or No Deal'
Well done to all teams working together and won points for their houses;

Townend – 30

Dalkeith – 50

Rosemount – 22

Brewlands - 175



A total of £153.50 was raised.

Our EYC pupils and adults had a great day dressing crazy.

A Few Reminders

Pupils should bring PE kit (shorts, t shirt and shoes) on PE days;

- P1 - Monday and Friday
- P2 - Monday and Thursday
- P3 - Monday and Thursday
- P4 - Monday and Friday
- P5 - Monday and Friday
- P6 - Tuesday and Friday
- P7 – Thursday and Friday

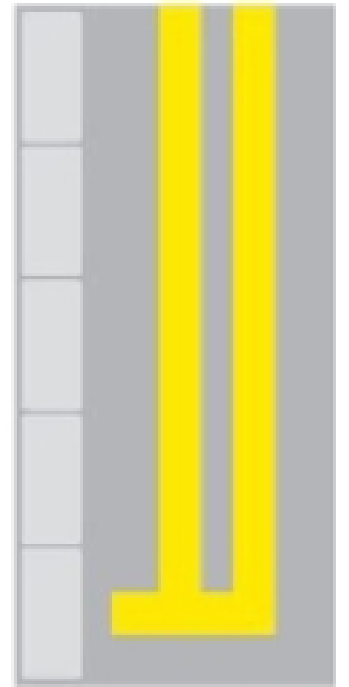


No Pupils should have mobile phones in the playground before school

No football in the playground before gam

Parking outside the School

Please do not park on the double yellow or Zig Zag lines outside the school. We understand that the mornings can be busy and it can be easier to do so, however, it is illegal for the majority of drivers (unless they have a blue badge).



**No waiting
at any time.**



Pupil Personal Achievements

- Pupils can receive Head Teacher's Awards for achievements out of school – this could be certificates, trophies and awards from sporting activities, a new skill they have learned or something they have made. The main idea is that they have achieved something and can work towards their awards.
- The awards are; bronze, silver, gold, diamond, platinum certificates, shield, bronze, silver and gold medal and finally towards a personal trophy. These awards are celebrated monthly in assemblies.



Football Fixtures



Please note some may be subject to change and additional games to be arranged;

Annbank v Symington - Friday 24th April KO 2:20pm, Whitletts' Astro

Symington v Forehill – Friday 1st May KO 3.30pm, Shaw Park

Alloway v Symington - Friday 8th May KO 3.30pm, Belmont Academy

Kincaidston v Symington - Wednesday 13th May KO 3:30pm, Belmont Academy

Doonfoot v Symington - Wednesday 20th May KO 3:30pm, Cambusdoon

Symington v Culzean - Thursday 28th May KO 3:30pm, Shaw Park



Dates for the Diary – will be sent out separately

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Monday 20th April – Staff and Pupils Return

Friday 24th April – Annbank Vs Symington @ Whitletts

Wednesday 29th April – Transition Day @ Prestwick Academy

Wednesday 29th April – Park Run Event

Friday 1st May – Symington Vs Forehill @ Shaw Park

Monday 4th May – Holiday

Tuesday 5th May – P7s at Ayr Racecourse

Wednesday 6th May – Newton Racers Transition Day for P7s

Thursday 7th May – In-service Day

Friday 8th May – Outdoor Learning Day

Friday 8th May – P7s History Alive

Friday 8th May – Alloway Vs Symington @ Belmont Academy

Wednesday 13th May – Kincaidston Vs Symington @ Belmont Academy

Thursday 14th May – P6/7 Super Teams Event

Monday 18th May – Cultural Week (more info to follow)

Wednesday 20th May – Doonfoot Vs Symington @ Cambusdoon

Monday 25th May – Holiday

Wednesday 27th May – New P7s (current P6s) Prestwick Academy Info Session 9am

Thursday 28th May – Symington Vs Culzean @ Shaw Park

Friday 29th May – Reports out to Parents/Carers

Monday 1st June – Oliver Performance Team A to the school 1.30pm

Tuesday 2nd June – Oliver Performance Team B at 1.30pm

Tuesday 2nd June – Oliver Performance Team A at 7pm

Wednesday 3rd June – S1 Parents Information Session at Prestwick Academy

Thursday 4th June – Oliver Performance Team B 7pm

Friday 5th June – P1 and P2 Trip Heads of Ayr Farm Park

Friday 5th June – P3 and P4 Culzean

Monday 8th June – P5 and P6 Trip Culzean

Tuesday 9th June – P7 Transition Day

Wednesday 10th June – P7 Transition Day

Thursday 11th June – P7 Transition Day

Friday 12th June – Sponsored Event, 'No Scotland, No Party) Info to follow

Monday 15th June – Sports Week Interhouse Football

Tuesday 16th June – P1-3 Potted Sports

Wednesday 17th June – Netball Tournament and P5 Lawn Bowls Tournament

Thursday 18th June – Challenge Sports

Friday 19th June – Sports Day (Weather permitting) 9.30am Shaw Park

Wednesday 24th June – P7 Leavers Party (LA Bowl)

Thursday 25th June – P7 leavers Ceremony 9.30am

Tuesday 30th June – Close at 1pm

Attendance

- Current Overall attendance – 94.3%
- South Ayrshire Overall attendance – 93.1%

90%
attendance is
still 4 weeks lost

**EVERY LEARNER
EVERY DAY**

**Going to school has
lots of benefits!**

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Comhairle Siorrachd Air a Deas
Making a Difference Every Day

The graphic features two school children, a girl in a white shirt and black vest, and a boy in a maroon suit, looking upwards. The background is dark blue with a pattern of light blue dots. The text is in white and light blue, with some elements in a light blue banner.