



Symington Primary and EYC Newsletter

August 2026



A huge welcome back to all our pupils and families of the school and EYC. It has been a great couple of days back and everyone is looking so smart in their uniforms.

I wish to thank you all for your patience and accommodation regarding the building works. Once completed it will contribute significantly to the security of the school. I will provide updates on the work progress throughout the coming weeks.

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

Entering and Exiting the school



We are hopeful to have a working bell soon. We will use the loudspeaker in the meantime.

A bell will ring at 8.55am – P1 will enter the building with a member of staff at the door beside the gym hall.

P2-7 will line up at this bell and adults should leave the playground.

P2 and 3 will line up and enter at the gym hall door and P4-7 at the opposite side where P5,6 &7 currently line up. This should ease congestion.

At the end of the day P1 will exit at 2.55pm at the gym hall door, followed by P2 and P3 at 3.00pm.

P4-7 will exit at the extension door at 3pm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Staffing Updates



Mrs McCluskey has started her maternity leave earlier than anticipated. We wish her well and look forward to hearing some good news in the next month or so.

Mrs English and Miss Dar will be leaving us on 4th September to seek a change in career. We wish them all the very best and will miss them. We would like to say a huge thank you for their contributions, care and commitment they have shown to the school.

Interviews will be carried out next week and the successful candidates will be shared.

Supporting Wellbeing and Additional Support Needs at Symington

There is an 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..



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





SYMINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



PARENT COUNCIL & PTA VACANCIES!

FOR OUR 2026/2027 YEAR



CHAIR

Lead, inspire and help guide our Parent Council & PTA.



VICE CHAIR

Support the Chair and help drive our plans forward.



SECRETARY

Keep us organised, connected and informed.



INVITATION TO AGM

 Wednesday 2nd September 2026
 at 7:00pm
 Symington Primary School
 ALL PARENTS AND CARERS WELCOME TO ATTEND 

Join us
IN SUPPORTING
THE SCHOOL,
THE STUDENTS
AND OUR WIDER
COMMUNITY

Events Students News News
Supports Primary School Supports School
Village Subbaity News PTA Parents
Village Fudenits Scherts Fun Fundraising Teachrts
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Symington

PTA Parent Council



MAKE A DIFFERENCE



BUILD CONNECTIONS



SHARE IDEAS



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL



BE PART OF SOMETHING GREAT

Together, we can make every day better for our children and our community. 

Communication

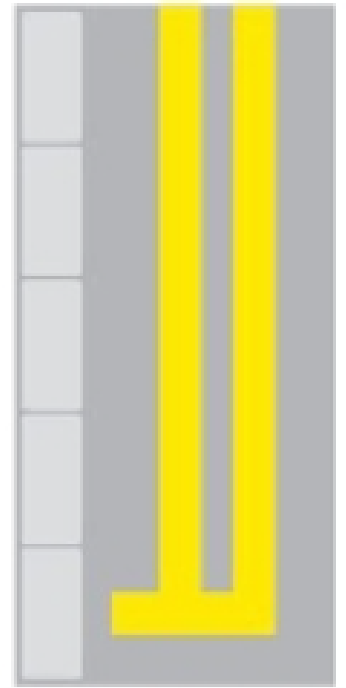
An annual calendar will be printed and emailed containing all dates on Monday for the session. Some may be subject to change; however, we try our best not to do so.

I always encourage anyone if they have any questions or concerns to contact myself at the school.



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.



School Improvement Priorities

- This session our priorities are;
- Outdoor learning
- Preparedness for curriculum change
- Enhancing literacy pedagogy through South Ayrshire Reads
- Enhancing attendance



South Ayrshire Children's Services Plan

South Ayrshire Council Plan

- Spaces and Places
- Live, Work, Learn
- Civic and Community Pride

Children's Services Plan

- The Promise: Our commitment to Keeping the Promise
- Family: Promoting whole family wellbeing
- Included: Early help for children with diagnosed or undiagnosed additional support needs
- Healthy: Improving physical and mental health for children and young people
- Voice: Involving children and young people in local decision making
- People: Collaborative learning and reflection opportunities for the work force

Education Services Priorities

- Included, engaged and involved
- Delivering excellence in learning, teaching and assessment
- Transforming our curriculum
- Towards a self-improving education system

National Improvement Framework Priorities

- Placing the human rights of every child and young person at the centre of education
- Improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing
- Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and young people
- Improvement in employability skills and sustained positive school leaver destinations for all young people
- Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy

PE Days

P₁ – Tuesdays and Thursdays

P₂ – Mondays and Thursdays

P₃ – Thursdays and Fridays

P₄ - Tuesdays and Fridays

P₅ – Tuesdays and Fridays

P₆ - Tuesdays and Fridays

P₇ - Tuesdays and Fridays

