



Blackwood Primary and ELC Newsletter 2



September 2026

The first Parent Council meeting takes place on Wednesday 2nd September at 7pm in Blackwood Primary - all parents are invited to attend these meetings. There are 5 in total throughout the year. The Parent Council have arranged a Race Night at Blackwood Bowling Club on Saturday 5th September. Please see flyer attached.

On Thursday 3rd September, the NHS Team in residence at Blackwood Primary School are hosting a drop-in session from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, if you have any concerns you would like discussed, please use this opportunity.

School & ELC Photographs (Families & Individuals) - Tuesday 8th September 2026.

Please see attached the flyer from Healthy Valleys inviting any adult in our community to attend.

The annual calendar is attached and will be updated regularly throughout the school year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office and ask to speak with myself.

Regards

Christine McMillan (Head Teacher)

School Captains

When we moved to our new school in 2012 , we looked at our school badge and local street names to get inspiration for our school houses - **Beech**, **Oak** and **Sycamore**.

At the start of the school year, our pupils in school vote for their House Captains and Vice Captains. This process is fair and introduces our young people to the idea of living in a democracy. We value pupil voice and participation at Blackwood Primary. Most of Primary 7 prepared excellent speeches and presented them to their house cohorts for voting. Well done to all!



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	Beech	Oak	Sycamore
Captain	Calla & Alexander	Sophia & Ollie	Ella & Lauryn
Vice- Captain	Fraser & Angus	Callum & Harrison	Ava & Mitchell



Chaplaincy (Following SLC Guidelines)

The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 states that there is a statutory duty on local authorities to provide religious observance and religious education (RME) in schools.



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- The school chaplaincy is with Kirkmuirhill Parish Church and the chaplain function is being carried out by The Rev George Lynd
- Religious Observance (A Time of Reflection) will take place during the following school assemblies

Tuesday 29 th September	Wednesday 11 th November	Monday 14 th December
Monday 18 th January	Tuesday 30 th March	Monday 24 th May

- Class notification of RME this term is

Class	RME Topic
Primary 1	• People Who Help Us • Harvest
Primary 2/1	Noah's Ark
Primary 3/2	Celebrations
Primary 4/3	Morals through religious stories
Primary 5/4	Creation stories
Primary 6/5	Special places
Primary 6	Key Figures - Sikhism
Primary 7	Expressive and visual arts in Religions

Parents have the statutory right to withdraw children from the participation in religious and moral education. **If you wish to exercise this right and have not done so already please do so in writing at your earliest convenience.**

Parent Council - What is it all about ?

The first meeting of the Parent Council is on **Wednesday 2nd September at 7pm** in the school and you are invited to attend.





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The Parent Council work tirelessly to support all the young people in this school and ELC. Recent activities that your child has benefitted from are

- *Sumdog subscription*
- *ClickView subscription (inc Disney +)*
- *Christmas treats*
- *Subsidised Primary 7 Leavers Hoodies*

What can you do to help?

- Attend the meetings - only 5 per year
- Support the events and help fundraise

From the comfort of your own home ...

You can support the Parent Council when you shop online using easyfundraising.



As we shop more readily on the internet this is a great way to support the school and ELC without having to do anything. Our cause is listed as

Blackwood Primary Parent Council - Lanark.

Click on the link below to register your account :

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/register-your-good-cause/?invite=49bjqz&referral-campaign=s2c>



EDUCATION SERVICES

Executive Director: Lyndsay McRoberts

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