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October 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

October has been a very quick month, with only a few days left to enjoy! I hope you all had a wonderful October break and appreciated the extra hour in bed at the weekend! With only 7 weeks of Term 1 remaining, we have lots of news and events to share with you. As always, we are always here to listen if you need us.

Mrs Angela Gibson
Head Teacher

Halloween Fun

We are looking forward to celebrating Halloween on Friday 31st October. P1/2 pupils will be enjoying their own party in the afternoon! All pupils are invited to dress up in their costumes, with only a few wee 'rules' to follow!

- Costumes must be age appropriate. There should be no characters from adult horror movies, or from TV shows that have an age rating of 12+ (including Squid Games and Stranger Things). Whilst I fully understand that the shops may have these costumes for pupils of a primary-school age, we must consider our youngest pupils, or those who scare easily. We also have many pupils who find it difficult to separate fact from fiction, so please keep this in mind – kindness is key!
- Minimal face paint is fine, but remember they will have it on all day, and will get a bit hot and bothered!
- If pupils do not wish to dress up, they can wear their casual clothes instead.



Chocolate Donations – Friday 31st October

The Parent Council have one small request, to help with their future fund-raising endeavours. Rather than donating for dress down or discos, pupils are asked to bring in some **chocolate** (bars, packets, selection boxes etc.). Donated items will be used to create a bumper chocolate raffle, which will be part of the tombola at the Christmas Fair. Please make sure any donations are within a good use-by-date (or they will end up in the staffroom!)

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Blue Peter Book Club

We were so proud to watch Kurt, Jennifer, Caroline, Daisy and Lewis on last week's episode of the Blue Peter Book Club! They had been sworn to secrecy about what was filmed, so it was exciting to see just what they got up to! They were asked to read and review the book, 'The Train of Dark Wonders' by Alex Bell, and they answered the questions with enthusiasm and detail! If you didn't manage to catch it, it's definitely worth a watch! Just follow the link below.

[Blue Peter Book Club – The Train of Dark Wonders](#)



Wear it Bright!

With winter closing in on us, and the clocks changing at the weekend, coming and going from school is a bit darker than it used to be! Please do think about this, especially if your child walks to school. Dressing in dark colours can make them very difficult to see, even something like a brightly coloured bag would help!

**Be Bright
Be Seen**

Primary 1/2 – Higher Play

All Primary 1 and 2 pupils will be taking part in Higher Play with the Active Schools Coordinators on Wednesday 12th November, from 9.15am to 10.15am.

This will take place on our own pitches and will be weather-dependent. Children should wrap up warm in sports-clothing, as this is an outdoor activity.



Canteen Theme Day

To celebrate Bonfire Night, the canteen will be offering a special menu!

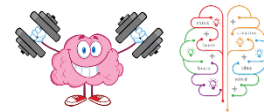


Children will be able to order as normal on the day!

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OCTOBER GROWTH MINDSET MANTRA: MY BRAIN IS LIKE A MUSCLE THAT GROWS

"The brain can grow and change in incredible ways when pushed...with dedicated effort and practice (humans) are capable of making incredible, long-lasting changes to our brain throughout our lifetime."

Carol Dweck

Studies have shown that the brains of people who are born deaf are essentially 're-wired' to use the area of the brain typically used for processing sound to assist with touch and vision.

The brain of a London cab driver has been shown to grow as they memorize over 25,000 city streets to pass their licensing examination!

By teaching pupils about brain plasticity, we are reinforcing the message that they can learn anything, with practice, perseverance and effort. It is by taking on new challenges, pushing our comfort zones, that our brains make big changes!

This month, we are encouraging our pupils to 'grow their brains' by focusing on their learning, embracing new challenges and working hard to overcome anything they find tricky! They can do this at home too, perhaps by learning to ride their bike, reading a new book or joining a new club to learn a new skill!

Garden Gang – Thursdays 3-4pm

Last Thursday, we hosted our first 'Garden Gang' meeting, and we were overwhelmed with the response! Thank you so much to the P1 parents, who took time to help us fill up the skip (when it eventually arrived!) And to those parents and grandparents, along with the pupils who then stayed with us to help us clear the Natural Play area of things we no longer need.

Our group will keep going. This week, we are aiming to clear the willow and remove the exposed ground sheet from the natural play path.

We would appreciate any help you can give! Many hands make light work!

If you can come along, please meet us on the P1 path at 3pm! Refreshments will also be provided.

This is for adults and children, giving you the chance to work together!

WILLOW HAIRCUT HELP NEEDED!



We're cutting back the willow in our outdoor area this Thursday after school

If you can spare a few minutes, we'd love your help!

**No tools needed – just enthusiasm
But if you have secateurs or loppers,
please bring them along!**

Every little bit makes a big difference!

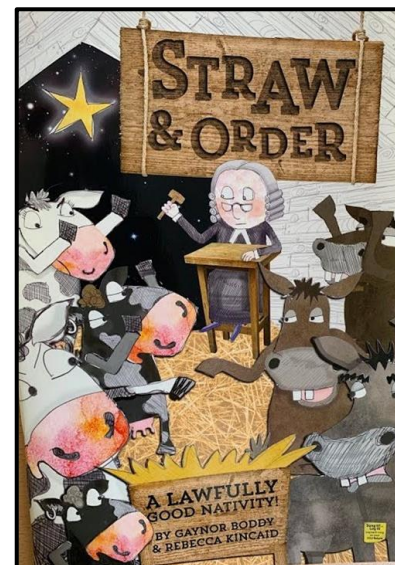
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Straw and Order – Christmas Show 2025

I am delighted to announce that our Christmas Show this year will be 'Straw and Order'! The show will involve ALL pupils, with auditions held for the main cast. They will be announced very soon!

Our show will run on Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th December, from 1.30pm-2.30pm. Tickets for the show will be priced at £1.50 and will be limited to 2 per family to begin with. We will operate a waiting list for extra tickets. More information and an order form will follow in due course.



Inset Day – Monday 10th November 2025

A wee reminder that we have an Inservice Day on Monday 10th November, and school will be closed to pupils on this day. We return as normal at 9am on Tuesday 11th November.

Staffing Update

Mrs Buchanan is continuing in her role as Acting Head Teacher at Quarter Primary, with Mrs Lynn Williamson covering her role within our school.

We are also please to welcome Devon McFarlane to Room 5. Miss McFarlane is a PGDE student who will be on placement with us until Wednesday 3rd December.

Head Lice

Schools have been recommended to provide regular information to parents about the detection and treatment of head lice infection.

It is suggested that parents check for head lice at home on a weekly basis. If treated successfully it allows fewer opportunities for lice to circulate amongst children and their families.

You are already aware that you are entitled to free prescriptions insecticide lotions and the "Bug Buster" kit (a non-insecticide alternative) which is also available on prescription.

Upcoming Dates

Details of most of these events can be found throughout our newsletter.

- Thursday 30th October – Halloween Discos
- Friday 31st October – Dress Down/Halloween
- Friday 31st October – P1/2 Halloween Party
- Fridays – Families Connect Group
- Wednesday 5th November – Canteen Theme Day
- Monday 10th November – Inset Day 3
- Wednesday 12th November – P1/2 Higher Play
- Wednesday 12th November – Sports Hall
- Friday 21st November – Text Help Workshop (invited parents/pupils)
- Thursday 27th November – Christmas Fair

ADVERSE WEATHER ACTION PLAN

Our school has a very clear “Adverse Weather” Policy, which is visibly displayed in our entrance at the office. This is a vital document that explains our procedures in the event of inclement winter weather. Please read the following arrangements very carefully and keep them somewhere safe in the event they must be actioned.

IN THE EVENT OF **FROST OR ICE**, the following paths will be treated:

- The path leading from the P1 gate.
- The main path towards the front door and side gate.
- The path from the side gate, around the walls of the building, as far as the canteen doors.
- A path from the back gate, along the MUGA and to the side of the building, as far as the canteen doors.

All **P1** children should come in using the P1 path as normal. However, if we feel the path is still not safe at 8.40am, we will keep the gate closed and P1 pupils should come in via the main gate and will be brought in through the front door. Older siblings can come with them.

All **P2-P7** children should come in via the side gate or back gate. No pupil should walk round the building from the P1 gate, as this will not have been treated. If we feel the playground is still not safe, we will keep the back gate closed and all children should come in via the side gate, at their usual time.

IN THE EVENT OF **SNOW**, the following paths will be cleared:

- The main path towards the front door and side gate.
- The path from the side gate, around the walls of the building, as far as the canteen doors.

ENTERING THE SCHOOL ON SNOW DAYS

- PRIMARY 1 - Pupils in P1 will be brought in via the main front door from 8.40am. They will be taken to their classrooms and supervised there. Siblings should come in with them.
- PRIMARY 2-4 – Pupils in P2-4 will be brought into the canteen from 8.40am, via the canteen doors in the rear playground. They should enter the school via the side gate in the car park. All other gates will be closed. They will be supervised in the canteen until they go to class at 9.00am.
- PRIMARY 5-7 - Pupils in P5-7 will be brought into the gym hall from 8.40am, via the gym hall doors in the rear playground. They should enter the school via the side gate in the car park. All other gates will be closed. They will be supervised in the canteen until they go to class at 9.00am.

Please do not send your children before these times, so that we can avoid waiting in the cold!

Siblings should come together.

Breakfast Club will run as normal.

All **emergency contact numbers** should be up to date and **numbers that are answered**. We are always mindful that the snow may not be far away. It is very important that we can reach you if we decide to close the school. We never make this decision lightly and it may be that it is safer to keep your children in school until the weather clears a little.

If the decision is made before school begins for the day, we will put a message out on our App and add a notice to our website: we will also try to use social media through the Parent and Carer Facebook page.

It may also be likely that we opt for a **delayed opening**. If this is the case, we will give you clear guidance about what time your child should be brought to school: please do not bring them before the stated time. This allows the staff to get to school safely.

In the event of adverse weather, please do not call the school directly as there may not be anyone to answer your call – keep checking the App, school website and SLC twitter feed.