

Co-operation Courage Respect Responsibility Resilience

"Learn and discover, care for each other"



Dear Parents/Carers,

This month I have the following news items to share:

P1 Enrolment 2025/2026

Please find attached Stirling Council's P1 enrolment procedures for session 2025/2026 which starts on 13th August 2025. Further information for enrolment procedures can also be found at www.stirling.gov.uk

Children in Need

Pupils can come to school in non-uniform or spots for Children in Need Day on Friday. P7 are currently working together to plan the day which will include a range of fun activities and challenges. There is no need for pupils to bring any money on the day – instead a donation from £1 per pupil can be made now to Children in Need through Parent Pay.

Anti-Bullying Week

National Anti-Bullying Week takes place 11th – 15th November. This year the theme 'Respect – What does It Mean to You?'

As inclusion ambassadors, all pupils in P5 will be having a particular focus on the resources and will be sharing some of their learning with the whole school at assembly on Friday.

Further information can be accessed by parents on <https://www.respectme.org.uk/information-parents/>

PC & Car Boot Sale

Parent Council are running a car boot sale in the Primary School Playground on Sunday 17th November from 10:00am - 2:00pm.

Donations can be sent to school with your child on Friday 15th November, ideally in an airtight container clearly labelled with your name and your child's name and class.

Alternatively you can deliver your donations in person on Sunday 17th to the playground from 9.30am. Again please ensure any container is clearly labelled with your name and your child's name and class to ensure we can return them after the event.

Road Safety Week 18th – 22nd November

The roadside banners made from our own pupil artwork are now on display as parents enter the campus, encouraging walk, bus or stride. Thank you to our Parent Council and also that of Balfron High for meeting the costs of both banners.

Children in all classes will also be having a particular focus on road safety within the curriculum next week.

Pupils have been reminded at assembly to cycle carefully and respectfully in relation to pedestrians who are either on the pavement or in the playground.

Additionally, our Parent Council have helped organise school and campus visits over the next few weeks, by Police Scotland to support our 'Park and Stride' promotion.

A reminder of our established school morning expectations:

To help ensure that all children are safely in school each morning, ready for the important daily routine of registration, lunch ordering and getting ready for the first learning task, all parents/carers are reminded of the following:

Be in school on time

- Avoid lateness – please have your child in the playground morning line at 8:55am

Parking

- To help avert an accident from happening, entering the school grounds by car during busy periods including 8:45am - 8:55am and 3:15pm - 3:25pm, unless absolutely essential, is not permitted.
- Moor Road parking – the turning point or on the kerb at the playground double gates is not for parking. This creates additional congestion around the school which can be dangerous.
- Moor Road parking - some residents have contacted the school, requesting that cars are not parked across driveways, or on the white lines, even for a short period of time, as this is blocking access.

*A recommended alternative, used successfully by many parents, is **parking at Donaldson Park and walking the short distance to school via the path.***

Book Week Scotland 18th – 22nd November

Parents of pupils in P1-P3 should look out for the Read Write Count Bags which will be issued as part of Book Week Scotland.

Club Programme

The current Friday block of P6 & P7 football training and matches finishes with a festival on Friday 29th November before resuming again in the spring term for Killearn Garage Cup matches.

Last week, the team were delighted to have been given a new set of kit sponsored by Ocean Outfit and organised through parents, Amii Anderson and Anita Crozier. Thank you very much to those involved for the generous donation.

Other clubs taking place this term are:

P4 & P5 gymnastics Tuesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm

P6 & P7 Netball Wednesday 3:15pm – 4:15pm

P4-P7 Cricket Hub at BHS Wednesday 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Climate Ready

Pupils in P6 & P7 joined with other schools across Stirling for a series of online climate ready classroom activities on Monday 11th November. Organised through Eco-Schools the activities helped develop understanding on climate change; bio-diversity and action planning.

“Balfon Cares” – Stalls From Home Day

Following the success of last year's Stalls from Home Day, our school will be providing the same opportunity for interested pupils on Friday 13th December, which will have a Christmas craft theme.

Individual pupils or small groups of friends who have ideas to raise money for a particular charity or cause that is important to them, can collect a stall booking form from Mr Black up to Friday 29th November .

Pupil Council will again co-ordinate Stalls from Home Day 2024 and will provide further information and guidance to all classes for any child that would like to buy a Christmas item from the list of stalls organised.

P4 Open Morning

P4 parents and carers are invited to come into class on Wednesday 18th December 9:15am – 10:15am to find out about a writing project taking place this term.

Christmas Dates

The school dates so far for Christmas are included at the end of today's newsletter and includes P1-P3 Nativity; class parties and the end of term church service.

Details of how to order tickets for the P1-P3 nativity will be issued to parents over the next couple of weeks. Nativity tickets will cost £2 per ticket and will be paid as normal through Parent Pay

This year's service will be led by our P4 pupils on Friday 20th December at 9:45am in Balfron Church.

Parents are invited to attend and should sit in the balcony.

Our school term ends for all pupils at 12.45pm except for those who go home by bus or taxi. Packed lunches can be brought from home or ordered from Balfron High. As usual, there will be no early home lunches for any pupils.

British Science Week 10th – 14th March

In preparation for British Science Week, later in the school year, our school has booked a visit to Balfron PS from Glasgow Science Centre on Friday 14th March.

Arranged through Mrs Carey SLA, who also acts as STEM ambassador, a grant funded trip has been arranged which will allow all children from nursery to P7 to participate in some practical science workshops throughout the day. More details to follow nearer the time.

Student Placement

This term, we have been delighted to welcome Miss Logie to our school for a student placement. Miss Logie has already spent two weeks with the nursery and will begin a five week placement with P5 on Monday 11th November.

Visiting PE Specialist

P1 – P5 will be having specialist PE sessions each Monday this term once Miss McKie returns from a current absence.

Ardroy

Parents in P6 will over the next few weeks be getting further information about the trip to Ardroy. It is planned that staff attending this year's trip will be Mrs Witherspoon, Mrs Gifford and Mr Black.

Playground Snack

Using some targeted donations and pupil equity funding, a supply of simple snacks/biscuits are kept in the school office for any child who is hungry and is **without a morning snack from home**.

Minor Injuries

Please find attached latest minor injuries advice from NHS Forth Valley which requires families to call NHS 24 on 111 where minor or immediate attention is needed.

Dental Checks

Dental checks for pupils in P1 and P7 will take place on 4th December

Nut Allergy

We aim to be a nut free school, as some of our pupils have related allergies. Children should therefore not bring nut based snacks into school.

Hygiene

Please take time to read the important information detailing periods when children should/should not stay off school –

Should I keep my child off school or childcare?

✓ **Yes**

Illness	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and vomiting	48 hours after their last episode

✗ **No**

but make sure you let their school or childcare know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Head lice	Threadworms
Glandular fever	Tonsillitis	Slapped cheek

Parents and carers can find further health advice on nhsinform.scot

Advice and guidance

To find out more, scan the QR code or visit publichealthscotland.scot/hpcyp



We have been advised by a few parents that their children have contracted threadworms; therefore we attach the NHS guidance for your information and would ask that you check and get the appropriate treatment from your GP/Pharmacist if required and remain vigilant over the coming weeks. Handwashing is particularly important and this message is also being reinforced in school.

[Threadworms | NHS inform](#)

Vigilance around head lice is always needed and again we attach NHS guidance for your information.

[Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Mobile phones

Mobile phones are not required in school to support learning in class and therefore the expectation is that they are not brought into school by pupils.

If on an exceptional case, some parents require their child to have a phone for contact purposes after 3:15pm, for example if attending an after-school club or bus journeys, phones should be kept in bags at all times during the school day.

Yours sincerely

Angus Black
Headteacher

Dates for the Diary

November		
Friday 15 th	Children in Need Challenges & non-uniform day	
Sunday 17 th	Parent Council Car Boot Sale	10:00am - 2:00pm.
Monday 18 th	Road Safety Week Book Scotland Week	
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th	Nursery Parents' Evening sessions	
December		
Monday 2 nd	Nursery Christmas Fayre (P1-P7 parents also welcome)	3:15pm – 5:00pm
Wednesday 4 th	P1 & P7 Dental Checks	
Thursday 12 th	P1-P3 Nativity	1:45pm & 6:00pm
Friday 13 th	Christmas Stalls from Home Day	
Friday 13 th	Nursery to Mugdock panto	
Monday 16 th	Christmas Party – Nursery	morning
Monday 16 th	Christmas Party – P3 & P4	afternoon
Tuesday 17 th	Traditional Christmas Lunch for pupils	
Tuesday 17 th	Christmas Party – P1 & P2	afternoon
Wednesday 18 th	P4 Open Morning to parents	9:15am – 10:15am
Wednesday 18 th	Christmas Party – P5 & P6	afternoon
Thursday 19 th	Christmas Party – P7	afternoon
Friday 20 th	End of term church service – P4 leading	9:45am
Friday 20 th	End of Term	12:45pm
Monday 23 rd – Friday 3 rd January	Holiday	School closed to pupils and staff
January		
Monday 6 th	New Term	8:55am

