



Co-operation Courage Respect Responsibility Resilience

"Learn and discover, care for each other"

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the school year draws to a close, I have the remaining news items to share:

Organisation of classes - Session 2025/2026

Based on projected school roll figures, our classes and teachers for next year are:

P1 (24 pupils) – Miss Mitchell
P2 (22 pupils) – Mrs Robertson
P3 (21 pupils) – Miss McLernon & Mrs Muir
P4 (24 pupils) – Mrs Small & Mr Logan
P5 (22 pupils) – Miss Holms (Term 1)
P6 (25 pupils) - Mrs Witherspoon & Mrs Bradnam
P7 (26 pupils) – Mrs Darroch & Mrs Grisanti

Pupils in this year's P1-P6 will have a 'Moving On' session tomorrow, Tuesday 24th June, where they will spend some time with their new teacher.

While the planned organisation of classes ensures there is capacity for possible further enrolments at all stages over the summer, classes always do remain provisional right up to the start of term in August. When deciding how to populate composite classes the following criteria are applied in line with Stirling Council's Policy for the Organisation of Classes:

- Numbers of children in the school
- Children's dates of birth
- Gender – to ensure a good mix of boys and girls
- Additional needs – to ensure a spread across classes

Last Day of Term

Term finishes at **12:45pm** on Friday 27th June. Packed lunches can be ordered on the last day of term, with the choice of sandwiches listed below:

- Red – ham sandwich
- Green – cheese sandwich

End of Year Balances

As we approach the end of term can we please remind you to check your child's balances on Parent Pay and ensure that for N5's and P7's that all balances are sitting at zero at the end of term as they move on to High School or Primary School.

School meals arrears should be cleared by the end of term for all pupils.

Balfron's Got Talent

Mr Logan and our P7 House Captains have been busy running auditions for our Talent Show. Well done to everyone who volunteered to share their talents and the whole school looks forward to watching the Final on the last morning of term.

We are also delighted to be welcoming back one of our former pupils and previous winner of Balfron's Got Talent, who will be playing his musical instrument before the 2025 winner is announced.

Pupil Achievements:

Netball

Over the past couple of weeks, our P6/ P7 netball team have been playing matches in the local schools league, with three wins out of three achieved so far. Our remaining fixtures are on Monday and Wednesday of this week. Well done to our netball squad - Ashley MacDonald, Emily MacDonald, Natalie Fraser, Rosie Sutton, Ella McTavish, Ellie Morrison, Rebecca Gribben, Lacy Harrower, Martha Gormley, Shona Coull

Maths Challenge

A group of P7 pupils have been taking part in additional Maths challenges throughout the year, organised for schools by the University of Stirling. After completing the final set of challenges the following awards were allocated:

Gold – Emily MacDonald

Silver – Rebecca Gribben, Eva Hardie, Issy Campbell

Bronze – Ashley MacDonald, Shona Coull, Noah Spriggs

Stirling Schools Junior Orchestra

Noah Spriggs P7 and Craig Wilson P5 recently performed in a concert by Stirling Schools Junior Orchestra at Stirling High

Phelan McDermid Syndrome Foundation

Effie Larkin's after-school bracelet stall raised an amazing £243.90 for PMSF. Effie and her mum have asked me to thank the whole school community for their generosity.

Our annual Stalls from Home, part of our Balfron Cares school strategy, will be back next session, allowing any pupil interested in raising money for a charity of their own choice.

Young Leaders of Learning

Four P5 pupils: Craig Wilson, Alyssa Montague, Harlow Billington and Ellison Morris, presented in the role of Young Leaders of Learning to peers from Drymen Primary, who visited our school last week. As well as giving a tour of school, the four pupils also talked through a presentation on how we provide opportunities for pupil voice in different ways. Well done to those involved.

Triathlon

Congratulations to Rebecca Gribben P7 who recently won a triathlon competition involving shooting, running and swimming. To add to her achievements, Rebecca also won a diving certificate. Well Done!

Sports Day Winning House

Gorman and Bruce achieved the most points during last month's Sports Day - flat races and potted sports meaning that the trophy was presented to Lacy Harrower and Alistair Christie with yellow ribbons.

Lost Uniform Station

Our lost property area has moved from the main entrance foyer to a defined station in a nearby spare classroom. Regular opportunities for classes to visit the new lost uniform station will be provided by class teachers in the new session, while at events like Parents Evenings, clothes will be made available for parents. Additionally, please just ask at the office to be accompanied to the lost uniform station if you are looking for any specific item at other times.

Ardroy 2026

It is our plan that next session's P6 will take part in a residential excursion to Ardroy Activity Centre from Monday 2nd – Thursday 5th June 2026. Further details of the planned trip will be issued at the start of the new school year, including a parent information evening and payment details.

School Lunches/Clothing Grant

To apply for free school meals and clothing grant (P1 to P7), parents should click on the following link
[Free school meals and clothing grant | Stirling Council](https://www.stirling.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals-and-clothing-grant/apply-for-free-school-meals-p6-p7-only/)

Whilst P1-P5 children automatically receive free school meals, holiday payments for P1-P5 is an entitlement under specific criteria which is explained within the link, along with eligibility for a clothing grant.

P6 & P7 parents/carers are able to apply for free school meals at any point during the school year, using the link below

<https://www.stirling.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals-and-clothing-grant/apply-for-free-school-meals-p6-p7-only/>

The cost of school lunches will increase to £2.60 from 4th August 2025.

Promoting Positive Relationships and Behaviour guidance

Next session Stirling Council will be launching its new staff guidance on promoting positive relationships and behaviour in Stirling Council schools and nurseries. As we approach the end of another school year, we are keen to hear the views of parents and carers about what is working well and what else we could do to support positive relationships and behaviour next session. We would be grateful if you could complete the short survey using the link below which will remain open until the 18th of July. At the end of the survey there is an opportunity to join a parent and carer reference group if you wish to do so to support work in this important area next year. If you require a paper copy of the survey or any support to complete the survey please contact asnandwellbeing@stirling.gov.uk

<https://forms.gle/XK7qjh2U325DKrJP9>

Parental Support

We were delighted to have one of our P2 parents visit the class; explaining about and demonstrating playing of the flute. Torben's mum then very kindly accepted our invitation to stay in school a little longer and play for P1-P7 at assembly. We look forward to more opportunities like that from interested parents - please just let your child's teacher know if you have skills that you would like to share!

This year we have been helped by parental support in many different ways. Most recently, thank you to our Parent Council for their organisation of a very successful Summer Fayre earlier this month, and also the parents of P7 who are organising the Leavers' party.

Balfron Book Festival

Our school will be supporting an exciting launch of the Balfron Book Festival after the summer holidays. Information has been sent from the team of organisers –

We are delighted to announce the programme for the inaugural Balfron Book Festival!

The festival will run from the 5th to the 7th of September and will include author talks, family storytelling sessions, art classes, creative writing and much more. The events will take place across the weekend in venues around the village and we can't wait to see you all there!

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Just Giving campaign earlier this year to get this festival off the ground, we truly couldn't have done it without your support.

There are lots of opportunities to get involved in this family event. Check out the festival programme here and bag tickets today!

<https://www.balfonbookfestival.com>

And finally...

As session 2024/2025 draws to a close, I would like to thank everyone within our school community for their support and help during the year. Whether it be achievements, successes or dealing with challenges; all staff and families in our school do pull together effectively to improve outcomes for children. I hope that everyone manages to have a safe, restful and enjoyable summer, hopefully with lots of sunshine.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

Dates for the Diary

June		
Tuesday 24 th	New Class Moving On session – meeting new teacher for session 2025/2026	Morning
Wednesday 25th	P7 Leavers' Assembly	1:45pm
Wednesday 25 th	P7 Leavers Party	7:00pm
Friday 27 th	P1-P7 end of term Talent Show	morning
Friday 27th	End of Session P1-P7	12:45pm
August		
Monday 11 th & Tuesday 12th	Staff Development Day	School closed to pupils
Wednesday 13 th	New Term	Pupils Return to school
September		
Friday 5 th – Sunday 7 th	Balfon Book Festival	