



**EDUCATION RESOURCES**  
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7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Primary 2, Primary 3 and Primary 4 enjoyed the first excursions during 2025 as part of the learning about Scotland. Each year group had an enjoyable visit to a Scottish landmark and have followed this up with learning in class. We welcomed the children who will be joining us in August 2025 to the first induction session for new Primary 1 children. The Primary 6 children who supported the session were a credit to the school.

### **School Travel Plan**

Ahead of the school traffic audit being carried out next month, a survey was issued for parents, pupils and staff to share their views. To date we have 146 parental responses. If you have not responded, please do so using the link below:

[School Travel Plan - Parents Survey](#)

### **Expansion of free school meals for eligible P6 and P7 pupils**

The Scottish Government recently announced a phased expansion of free school meals during term time for pupils in primary 6 & 7 if the parent/carers receives the Scottish Child Payment for the child.

As from Thursday 20 February 2025 free school meals can be awarded for eligible pupils.

Parents/carers of Primary 6 & 7 pupils who are in receipt of a Scottish Child Payment should apply using the on-line form <https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/xfp/form/683> and also supply a copy of the Scottish Child Payment award letter showing their name, address and the child's details.

Please note pupils in Primary 6 & 7 already in receipt of free school meals do not need to apply.

### **School Meals**

Over the course of the past three weeks, I have been monitoring lunch selections at the servery. A number of our junior / senior pupils are requesting only part of the meal on offer. For example, only fish, only chips or only steak pie. The school meal offered each day is a balanced choice if children select the full meal. This includes the starter / dessert, main meal including vegetables and choice of fruit or salad.

For the next three week cycle of menus, you will receive a message on Parentsportal if your child requests that they are only given part of the main meal option. This will allow you to have a conversation at home

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about your expectations. Please do not hesitate to contact the office to discuss this further or to share your expectations with the school so that we can continue to monitor this.

## OPAL

We have officially relaunched our OPAL playground and are in the process of developing some new areas for the children to enjoy at breaks and lunch times. Please ensure your child is dressed suitably for the weather and has appropriate outdoor and indoor footwear.

In order for our playground to develop we may require some donations. This will be communicated to the children and through Parent Portal as and when required.

Kind regards

Kirsty Duff  
Head Teacher

## 2024 – 2025 Diary Dates

Date	Class	Activity / Event	Time	Required*
11/02/25	Football Team (Girls)	Active Schools Football League	11am-3pm	Football kit
11/02/25	P6 and P7	Boys' afterschool football	3pm – 4pm	PE kit
12/02/25	P6 and P7	Girls' afterschool football	3pm – 4pm	PE kit
14/02/25	P7	Rugby Festival	10am-2pm	Packed Lunch
17/02/25	P1-7	HOLIDAY	All day	
18/02/25	P1-7	HOLIDAY	All day	
19/02/25	P1-7	INSET 4	All day	
21/02/25	New entrants	Brew and Blether	9.15-10am	
21/02/25	P7	Parliament Visit	9am-3pm	Packed Lunch
24/02/25	P1-7	Class cafes	9am-3pm	
25/02/25	P6 and P7	Boys' afterschool football	3pm – 4pm	PE kit
25/02/25	P1-7	Class cafes	9am-3pm	
26/02/25	P6 and P7	Girls' afterschool football	3pm – 4pm	PE kit
27/02/25	Parents	Parent Council Meeting	7pm	
03/03/25	P1	Falkirk Wheel Visit		
04/03/25	Netball Team	Active Schools Netball	11am-3pm	PE Kit
04/03/25	P6 and P7	Boys' afterschool football	3pm – 4pm	PE kit
05/03/25	P6 and P7	Girls' afterschool football	3pm – 4pm	PE kit
05/03/25	P7	Easter Code	9.30-11.45am	
06/03/25	P1-7	World Book Day		To be confirmed
06/03/25	P6-7	Cross Country heats	9am – 12.30pm	Outdoor running kit
06/03/25	New entrants	Flying Start	3.15-4pm	
10/03/25	P1-7	STEAM / ECO Week 1		Parent Volunteers
11/03/25	P6	Into Film: Paranorman	9-12.30pm	
11/03/25	P6 and P7	Boys' afterschool football	3pm – 4pm	PE kit
11/03/25	Football Team (Girls)	Active Schools Football League	11am-3pm	Football kit

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12/03/25	P1	Into Film: Migration (U)	9-12..30pm	
12/03/25	P6 and P7	Girls' afterschool football	3pm – 4pm	PE kit
13/03/25	P2 and P3	Into Film: Despicable Me 4	9-12.30pm	
14/03/25	P5	Bannockburn Visit	9am – 3pm	Packed Lunch
14/03/25	New entrants	Brew and Blether	9.15-10am	
17/03/25	P1-7	STEAM / ECO Week 1		Parent Volunteers
17/03/25	P3	Biology in a Basket	9am-3pm	
18/03/25	P6 and P7	Boys' afterschool football	3pm – 4pm	PE kit
19/03/25	P6 and P7	Girls' afterschool football	3pm – 4pm	PE kit
19/03/25	P4 and P5	Into Film: Transformers 1	9-12.30pm	
25/03/25	P6 and P7	Boys' afterschool football	3pm – 4pm	PE kit
26/03/25	P6-7	Cross Country Finals	All Day	Pack Lunch /PE Kit
26/03/25	P6 and P7	Girls' afterschool football	3pm – 4pm	PE kit
28/03/25	All Pupils	Chaplaincy Assembly	10:00	
01/04/25	Dance Performers	Dance Rutherglen Town Hall	TBC	
03/04/25	New entrants	Flying Start	3.15-4pm	
04/04/25	All Pupils	Spring Break	2:30pm	Early collection
<b>MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL TO MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL – SPRING BREAK</b>				
22/04/25	All Pupils	Pupils Return	9:00am	
25/04/25	New entrants	Brew and Blether	9.15-10am	
01/05/25	All Pupils	INSET 5	All day	
02/05/25	All Pupils	Chaplaincy Assembly	10:00	
02/05/25	All Pupils	Information to parents about annual transition process	All day	
05/05/25	P1-7	HOLIDAY	All day	
07/05/25	All Pupils	Pupils views about transition	All day	
07/05/25	P7	Your Move	TBC	TBC
08/05/25	New entrants	Flying Start	3.15-4pm	
13/05/25	P6	Buddy up training	9:3-11:30am	In school
14/05/25	All Families	Summer Fayre	3.15-4.30pm	
15/05/25	Parents	Parent Council Meeting	7pm	
16/05/25	New entrants	Brew and Blether	9.15-10am	
19/05/25	All pupils	Health Week	All Week	
21/05/25	Athletics Team	Track and Field	All day	Packed lunch/PE kit
21/05/25	Parents	Parents Consultations	3:30-8:30pm	By appointment
22/05/25	All pupils	Sports Day	All Day	PE Kit/ water and snack
23/05/25	All pupils	HOLIDAY		
26/05/25	All pupils	HOLIDAY		
29/05/25	New entrants	Transition Visit 1	11am -12pm	
02/06/25	P7	Parent Evening Cathkin High	7pm	
05/06/25	Girls Football	Festival Day	9am-3pm	
05/06/25	New entrants	Transition Visit 2 (inc lunch)	11am-12:15pm	
06/06/25	P7	Cathkin High School Assembly	9.15am	
06/06/25	P1-7	Chaplaincy Assembly	10am	
09/06/25	Boys Football	Bobby Murdoch Cup	9am-3pm	
09/06/25	P3	Big Day Out	9am-3pm	
10/06/25	P5	Big Day Out	9am-3pm	

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10/06/25	P6	Big Day Out	9am-3pm	
10/06/25	P1	Showcase Event	9.30am	
10/06/25	P2	Showcase Event	2pm	
10/06/25	P7	Cathkin High School	8.50am-3.55pm	
11/06/25	P7	Cathkin High School	8.50am-3.05pm	
11/06/25	P1	Big Day Out	9am-3pm	
11/06/25	P2	Big Day Out	9am-3pm	
11/06/25	P3	Showcase Event	9.30am	
11/06/25	P4	Showcase Event	2pm	
12/06/25	P4	Big Day Out	9am-3pm	
12/06/25	P5	Showcase Event	9.30am	
12/06/25	P6	Showcase Event	2pm	
16/06/25	P7	Leaver Assembly and Brunch	10am	
16/06/25-20/06/25	P7	Celebration Week	All Day	
16/06/25	Parents	Classes for 2025/2026 issued to parents	3pm	
19/06/25	New entrants and P6	Buddy Playtime	3.15-4pm	
24/06/25	P1-7	Chaplaincy Assembly	10am	
25/06/25	P1-7	School Closes	1pm	

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