



EDUCATION RESOURCES
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Date: 19th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. I am very grateful to parents, partners, staff and pupils who work together to make West Coats a vibrant school community. The donations of time, talents, financial contributions and ongoing partnership working is appreciated by all and is directly benefiting learners' experiences.

The feedback received from pupils, parents and staff has been very helpful and informative as we begin planning for October - December 2026. Thank you to everyone who has managed to find time to let us know their thoughts and identify both strengths and suggestions for improvement over the winter term.

I am very proud of the success of West Coats PS community over the term, including:

- children's confidence and enthusiasm while participating in school shows.
- all children in Primary 2 developing cycling skills through Play Together on Pedals and the successful allocation of £12,000 to purchase bikes, storage and servicing so that this is a sustainable initiative at school.
- continued partnership and recognition as a school that celebrates all faiths and none, in partnership with Interfaith Scotland.
- continued success of children performing at Bridgeton Burns.
- representation at sports hall athletics and football.

I will provide a full report in the new year, however, there are some suggestions for improvement that we have attempted to resolve already:

- Into Film cinema visits will move to the Spring Term for session 2026/2027, taking visits out of the November schedule.
- The whole school ceilidh will move to Burns Day in January 2027, again taking a whole school event out of the November schedule and moving it to a quieter point of the school year.
- The provisional pantomime booking for December 2026 is a morning performance therefore if it goes ahead following feedback, it will be during the school day.

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- The provisional Christmas light switch has been moved to an indoor event. Turning the lights on in the hall reduces the issues of weather and visibility for learners.
- The winter sponsor event (Reading River in 2024, Santa Dash in 2025) will move to the Summer term in May 2027, reducing financial pressure for families.
- The number of events to which parents are invited will be reduced (for example, by merging the Christmas performance/ carol concert and art exhibition display).
- Balancing fundraising in partnership with Parent Council so that minimal parental financial contributions are requested between October and December each year.

Once again, thank you for the feedback through the questionnaire. Continued conversations are invaluable in the success of our school community and I welcome phone calls and emails throughout the year so that we improve the school together.

I look forward to welcoming our pupils back refreshed and ready for the new term ahead on Monday 5th January 2026.

Kind regards
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