



BALMUILDY PRIMARY SCHOOL

September 2025



Dear Parent and Carers,

The first few weeks of term have been busy and I am delighted to say that the children have been amazing. They have re-established their routines and adapted to any new ones introduced. At our assemblies, I have been reminding the children that although there is a lot of change in terms of our playground, who we are and what we do at Balmuildy remains the same ensuring that we are all *"Safe, happy and ready to learn"*.

School Improvement Priorities

As part of our continuous improvement journey, we create an improvement plan that outlines our priorities and how we will achieve and measure these over the session. This session we have 2 main priorities:

1. A whole school approach to improvement through a focus on highly effective teaching and learning and data informed targeted intervention at classroom level.
2. Improvement of Wellbeing and Equity through the continued implementation of the CIRCLE Framework

A copy of the School Improvement Plan with the specific actions will be uploaded to the school website shortly. I will also upload a copy of the Standards and Quality Report written in June 2025 that evaluated the progress the school made last session.

Communication

At Balmuildy Primary we strive to work in partnership with our community. In the first instance, Parents/Carers should direct questions and requests to the class teacher, the class teacher can then link with the appropriate member of the leadership team if appropriate.

Each member of the leadership team will be responsible for specific stages across the school. This session SLT remits are below:

Mrs. Jarman	P1 and P2
Mrs. Robertson	P3, P4 and P5
Mrs. McBride	P6 and P7

Parents/Carers can contact their child's teacher or the Leadership Team by telephoning the school office on **0141 955 2276** or e-mailing the school office at office@balmuildy.e-dunbarton.sch.uk. The school office is open to accept telephone calls Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 4.00pm. Due to teaching commitments and other demands on their time, members of staff are

not always available to take a call. If this is the case, the office team member will pass on a message requesting a call back. The office staff will also forward emails to the relevant member of staff. You should receive a call or e-mail back **within 48 hours**, excluding weekends and holiday periods.

Individual Stationery

Many children like to bring their own stationery to school to use in class. This is not compulsory, however if your child is bringing their own pencil case then there is no need to spend a lot on these items. Items such as pencils (writing/ coloured), a rubber, a small ruler and a small glue stick is plenty. There are resources within each class that all children can access when required.

Reading Schools Silver Accreditation

I am delighted to announce that we achieved our Silver Reading School Award in June. This has been a whole school achievement led by Mrs Jarman and our Reading Committee. Our children have embraced the enhanced reading challenges and opportunities that the Reading Committee have led and we hope to continue our journey and achieve our Gold Award in the future. A special thanks to all those who have led and supported this wonderful achievement.

We would also like to say a huge 'Thank You' to our PTA who donated £1000 worth of books to enhance our class libraries.

Here are our Reading Committee proudly showing off our Silver Award with all the books ready to go into class libraries.



Tempest Photographs

Individual and sibling's photographs will be taken on 8th of October for those who wish photographs to be taken. Unfortunately, sibling photographs can only include those children in our school.

Parent Meetings

Individual Parent Meetings will be held in the school hall on Thursday 9th of October, as in previous years, parents will be able to book their appointments through the online portal and appointments will be available from 3.30pm until 8pm on this date. Children are welcome to participate in these appointments, however please note that all children who attend should be supervised by parents at all times. More information on how to book your appointment will be sent out shortly.

Book Fair

The annual book fair will be in the school from 6th to 9th of October. As in previous years children will have an opportunity to visit the fair and will bring home information of any book they would like to purchase.

Physical Education



All children have 2 hours of P. E each week. Children can wear shorts, leggings and/or jogging trouser on these days so they do not need to change. Please note that polo shirts and school jumpers should still be worn. In order to maximise the safety of pupils no jewellery is permitted to be worn during PE lessons. Pierced earrings must be removed; children who cannot remove their earrings will unfortunately be unable to participate in PE lessons.

Allergy Information

Due to several pupils with allergies we are a nut free school. It is important that pupils do not bring nuts or nut products to school as a snack or in their packed lunches. This includes any products which may contain nuts such as hazelnut chocolate spread.

We encourage pupils not to share or swap snacks in case they contain any hidden traces of nuts. We also ask that children do not bring birthday cake to school to share with their class due to a number of allergies across the school. We very much appreciate your continued support with this matter. Could you please keep the school office up to date with any information regarding your child's allergies.



Finally, on the next page, I have included important dates for the session, these will be added to as the year develops. There is also a link on our school website regarding the new build and EDC will provide regular updates regarding the new build.

Thank you for your continued support.
Kind regards

Charlotte Grogan
Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary for Session 25-26:

September

1 st	PTA Meeting Turnbull High School 6.45pm - 8pm
9 th	Parent Council Meeting Turnbull High School 6.30pm - 8pm
26 th - 29 th	School Closed (September Weekend)
30 th	School Reopens

October

6 th - 9 th	Scholastic Book Fair
8 th	Tempest Individual and Sibling photographs
9 th	Parent's Evening (3.30pm- 8pm)
10 th	In-service Day (School closed to pupils)
13 th - 17 th	October Break (school Closed)
20 th	Pupil return to school
30 th	Halloween Disco (PTA)

November

11 th	Parent Council Meeting Turnbull High School 6.30pm - 8pm
17 th	PTA Meeting Turnbull High School 6.45pm - 8pm
26 th	NHS Flu Vaccination Programme
28 th	P6 Assembly 9.30am Parents Welcome
29 th	PTA Winter Fayre

December

12 th	P1 & P2 Nativity (Morning)
19 th	School closes at 2.30pm for Christmas Holidays

January

5 th	School reopens
19 th	PTA Meeting Turnbull High School 6.45pm - 8pm
20 th	Parent Council Meeting Turnbull High School 6.30pm - 8pm (AGM)
23 rd	P5 Assembly 9.30am Parents Welcome

February

13 th	P3 Assembly 9.30am Parents Welcome
16 th & 17 th	School Closed (Mid Term holiday)
18 th	In-service Day (School closed to pupils)

March

3 rd	Parent Council Meeting Turnbull High School 6.30pm - 8pm
6 th	PTA Quiz Night
12 th	Parent's Evening (3.30pm- 8pm)
20 th	P4 Assembly 9.30am Parents Welcome

April

1 st	PTA Spring Disco
2 nd	School closes at 2.30pm for Easter Holiday
3 rd - 17 th	Easter Holiday
20 th	School reopens for all pupils and staff
27 th	PTA Meeting Turnbull High School 6.45pm - 8pm
28 th	Parent Council Meeting Turnbull High School 6.30pm - 8pm

May

4 th	May holiday school closed
7 th	In-service Day school closed to pupils and staff
22 nd - 25 th	May Holiday school closed to pupils and staff
26 th	Parent Council Meeting Turnbull High School 6.30pm - 8pm

June

11 th	PTA Summer Disco
18 th	P7 Leavers Party
23 rd	P7 Assembly
25 th	School closes for Summer Holiday at 1pm