



BALMUILDY PRIMARY SCHOOL

October 2025



Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome to the second newsletter of the year. I hope you find the information included helpful and as always please contact the school if you wish to discuss anything further.

Outdoor Clothing

Unfortunately, we have started to experience the autumnal weather, with quite a lot of rainfall over the last few weeks, can I respectfully ask that all children have an outdoor jacket as children will be outside for most breaks and lunches. Our paths and grass areas are also wet and muddy so children can bring a change of shoes, e.g wellies or old trainers, if they wish.

A number of our classes will be having outdoor P.E and on these days children may wish to bring a change of clothes. Class teachers should have already provided you with the time of this. When it is deemed unsafe for children to be outside due to very heavy rain, winds or ice, other arrangements will be put in place for breaks, lunches and P. E. However, where possible, we endeavour to get children out in the fresh air as much as possible.

Parent Helpers

All schools will be required by law to ensure volunteers are a member of the PVG scheme.

Members of the Parents Teacher Association (Committee & Volunteers) will now be required to be a member of the PVG Scheme. East Dunbartonshire Council approached Disclosure Scotland to clarify if parents who have a PVG with Parent Teacher Association require a separate school PVG to volunteer at the school for activities such as:

- Local walks e.g. to the library, local sports grounds
- School trips

Disclosure Scotland confirmed that a further school PVG was **not required**.

This means that if you wish to be considered as a volunteer for the above school events you will have to get a PVG through the Balmuildy Parent Teacher Association.

UNFORTUNATELY UNLESS YOU HAVE RECEIVED A PVG AS A VOLUNTEER FOR THE BALMUILDY PTA YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HELP OUT AT ANY SCHOOL EVENTS SUCH AS CLASS TRIPS OR LOCAL WALKS.

PVGs for the Parents Teacher Association are being organised by Amy Walker (Chair of Parents Teacher Association) and due to the status of this group will not cost the school or the individual person.

Please contact Amy on the email below if you wish to apply for a PVG: balmuildypta@gmail.com

Additional Support

Throughout a child's academic journey, there are times when they require support with their learning. This support can be to address academic or wellbeing concerns. Educational staff have an excellent understanding of their learners, any barriers to learning and how to support them. At Balmuildy, teaching staff discuss this with the Senior Leadership Team on a regular basis. At times, additional resources are used to support class teachers to identify and deliver this support. These resources can support adaptations to the environment, how children learn and how they demonstrate their learning. At times, there is specific input from an additional member of staff.

Our DHTs have overall responsibility for additional support and in partnership with class teachers and support for learning staff, monitor and track supports regularly. There are two different types of support within Balmuildy Primary, **Universal** and **Targeted Support**. Most children's needs are met universally at class level, however sometimes when other agencies are involved targeted supports are identified and a specific action plan is created. As part of our 1-1 Parent Meetings and/ or Team Around the Child Meetings, all parents will be aware of the support in place for their child and how to best support their child in partnership with the school.

Further information regarding additional support in East Dunbartonshire can be found within the ***Including Every Learner*** policy on the council website.

<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/media/ywkact2v/iel-final-version.pdf>

Communication

Can I respectfully remind all parents that any communication should be through the school office, either by telephone or email. Unfortunately SEESAW is not always accessed by class teachers and this may mean we miss important communication regarding your child. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Rugby

Pupils will be given the opportunity to visit Allan Glens Rugby Club to take part in rugby coaching this session starting with Primary 7 for 4 sessions then Primary 6 before Christmas. We are grateful to Allan Glens for offering us their facilities whilst our construction work takes place.

Swimming

Primary 5 and Primary 6 will be taking part in swimming lessons this year at the Leisuredrome thanks to funding from the PTA. This will take place after Easter and more information will follow in due course.

Wider Achievement

As a school, we regularly celebrate our children's achievements. Many of our children have fantastic achievements outside of school in sporting, charity work and other clubs. We have an achievement wall outside the hall and we would ask parents to let us know about these amazing achievements by emailing the school office with the information and photographs, if appropriate. We will then celebrate these at our weekly assemblies.

I hope you all enjoy the October holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 20th October at 9am.

Kind regards

Charlotte Grogan
Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary for Session 25-26:

October

6 th - 9 th	Scholastic Book Fair
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
23 rd Oct	National Dental Inspection P1 and P7
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
28 th	Dress down day for Tombola donations for the Winter Fayre
29 th	PTA Winter Fayre

December

1 st	EDC Christmas Concert
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
21 st - 24 th	P7 Residential to Ardmay
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