



BALMUIDLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - September 2026

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, we have been revisiting our school values and learning about how we use these every day to ensure that we are all " Safe, Happy and Ready to Learn" here in Balmuilty.

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 closer look at differentiation and meeting learners needs in Literacy through effective self-evaluation and data driven approaches
2. A whole school approach to improvement through a focus on highly effective teaching and learning in Writing

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 2026 that evaluated the progress the school made last session.

Communication

At Balmuilty 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 - P3

Mrs. Robertson- P4 and P5

Mrs. McBride- P6 and P7

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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.

Parent Meetings

Individual Parent Meetings will be held in the school hall on Thursday 8th 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. We will again have lost property and preloved uniforms out on display.

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.



Parking

May I respectfully ask all parents to park safely and considerately at drop off and collection times. Already this session, our buses could not get into the bus bays due to cars parked across from them. Also there are a number of cars parking on the pavement, which causes a risk to our children walking home.

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Pupil Leadership Groups

As you know we are hoping that all children will have the opportunity to be part of a leadership group this year. If your child has not already selected their 3 choices, please use the link below.

[Pupil Leadership groups \(Committees \) – Fill in form](#)

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 or other treats into 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.



Outdoor jackets and footwear

Just a reminder that our children will be outside during breaks and lunches on most days, this includes when it is wet. On a few occasions, when there is a health and safety concern about accessing the playground, children will remain inside for break and lunchtimes. However these occasions are very rare. As we all know the weather can be unpredictable, therefore, can I respectfully ask that all children come to school with a jacket. As before, if children are playing on the grass they can bring a change of shoes, e.g wellies or old trainers, if they wish although this is not compulsory.



Homework

Each class teacher provides homework tasks on SEESAW. These tasks will consolidate and reinforce the learning in class, however these activities are entirely optional. We understand the pressures that families are under after school with clubs and other family commitments. We hope that our approach provides you with the tools to support your child with their learning, if you so wish, without being pressured with time constraints.

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Finally, on the next page, I have included important dates for the session, these will be added to as the year develops.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Charlotte Grogan

Head Teacher

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Dates for your Diary

September

2 nd	P1 Class Photograph (Glasgow Times)
7 th	PTA Meeting Turnbull High School 6.30pm
14 th	NHS Flu Immunisation Programme
15 th	Parent Council Meeting Turnbull High School 6.30pm
25 th - 28 th	September Weekend School Closed

October

2 nd	PTA Sip and Swap Event 7pm Allan Glen Rugby Club
8 th	1-1 Parent Appointments
9 th	In-service Day School Closed to Pupils
12 th -16 th	October Week Break
29 th	PTA Halloween Disco P1-4 6.30pm- 7.30pm/ P5-7 7.45pm- 8.45pm
30 th	P3 Stage Assembly 9.30am

November

6 th	P4 Stage Assembly 9.30am
10 th	Parent Council Meeting Turnbull High School 6.30pm
12 th	Individual and family photographs
16 th	PTA Meeting Turnbull High School 6.30pm
26 th	Bishopbriggs Christmas Light Switch On 4pm
28 th	PTA Winter Fayre

December

11 th	P5 Stage Assembly 9.30am
17 th	P1 & P2 Nativity 9.30am
18 th	School Closes for Christmas Holiday (2.30pm)

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January

- 5th School reopen (Tuesday)
- 18th PTA Meeting Turnbull High School 6.30pm
- 19th Parent Council Meeting Turnbull High School 6.30pm

February

- 5th PTA Party Night
- 9th P7 Residential Meeting 6pm
- 10th Community Event for School Closing 4.30pm- 6.30pm
- 12th P6 Stage Assembly
- 15th/16th February Break School Closed
- 17th In-service Day School Closed to Pupils
- 22nd-26th Scholastic Book Fair
- 25th 1-1 Parent Appointments

March

- 2nd Parent Council Meeting Turnbull High School 6.30pm
- 8th PTA Meeting Turnbull High School 6.30pm
- 26th- 29th Easter Weekend- School Closed

April

- 2nd School Closes for Spring Break at 2.30pm
- 19th School reopens for Staff and Pupils
- 26th PTA Meeting Turnbull High School 6.30pm
- 27th Parent Council Meeting Turnbull High School 6.30pm

May

- 3rd School Closed- May Holiday
- 6th In-service Day School Closed to Pupils
- 15th PTA May Fayre at Allan Glens Rugby Club

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26 th	Classroom Visit in the New School 3.15pm- 4.15pm TBC
26 th	Parent Council Meeting Turnbull High School 6.30pm - 8pm
28 th - 31 st	May Holiday School Close

June

17 th	PTA Summer Disco P1-4 6.30pm- 7.30pm/ P5-7 7.45pm- 8.45pm
23 rd	P7 Leavers Party TBC
25 th	P7 Leavers Assembly 9.30am
30 th	School closes for Summer Holiday at 1pm

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