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Dalserf Primary School

Newsletter – August 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome Back!

We are all looking forward to welcoming all the children back after the summer holidays and also excited to see our new Primary 1 children again who will join us at 9.45am.



Staffing Update

During the holidays Mrs Middleton was offered a temporary full-time position at Parkview Primary School after a successful interview so will be on secondment until June 2026. We wish her all the best in her new role. This means there are a few changes to staffing. Mrs Speirs will now be teaching in Room 4 with Mrs Murray and we welcome back Miss Kelly who will be teaching in Room 2.

Congratulations to Miss Kelly who got married during the summer and will now be known as Mrs Kelly- Kerr.



Classes	Teacher/s
Room 1 (P1/2)	Mrs Robb – Monday Mrs Barber - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
Room 2 (P3/4)	Mrs Kelly-Kerr – Monday-Friday
Room 3 (P5/6)	Miss Church – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday Mrs Robb – Tuesday & Wednesday
Room 4 (P6/7)	Mrs Speirs – Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday Mrs Murray – Thursday & Friday

Meet the Teacher

Parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's teacher/s at our 'Meet the Teacher' on Wednesday 20th August between 2.00-2.45pm. Can I ask you to enter via the school gates, stand outside your child's classroom door and the class teacher will invite you in when the children are ready. This will be a drop-in session to give you the opportunity to see your child's class, meet your child's teacher/s, view resources used, and how you can support your child at home with their work. We look forward to seeing you!

After the event, please make your way to the school gates where you can wait for your child leaving at 3.00pm. This allows staff and their class time to tidy up, organise those leaving school on a taxi or bus and get ready for home time. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

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Vision and Values

Our school vision and values are included at the top and bottom of our newsletters. Our school motto is:

Aim High, Always Try!

Homework

Homework will re-start on Monday 1st September. Your child/children will be issued with a homework diary detailing the tasks to be completed each week or a post may be uploaded to Google classroom, depending on the age and stage of your child. Please contact your child/children's class teacher/s if you have any queries.

School Photographs

Wilson's photography will be in school on the morning of Tuesday 16th September to take individual, family, and class photographs. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform.

Parents' Evening

Our first Parent's evening this session is planned for Thursday 2nd October to discuss your child's progress in learning. More information to follow.

Annual Data Checks

All annual data check documents will be shared on Parents Portal on our return to school. Please complete/update these as soon as you can. It is important we have your most up to date contact details and your child's medical information in case we need to contact you.

Scooters and Bikes

If your child would like to use our wheely space at break and lunchtimes, please remember to bring a helmet. This is a great opportunity for children to improve their scooting and cycling skills but we wish them to do it safely! No E bikes please.

School Uniform

We ask that all children wear school uniform and bring indoor shoes to change into each day. Indoor shoes ensure children are prepared for indoor PE lessons and help to keep our carpets and open areas clean. Children should also come prepared for Outdoor learning sessions Eg jacket with a hood, waterproofs, wellies/change of shoes especially if it is wet. Please ensure all clothing and belongings are labelled. PE and Outdoor Learning days will be shared in your child's homework diary.

- Black – trousers, skirt/ pinafore
- Blue polo shirt
- Blue shirt and school tie
- Black sweatshirt – crew or V necked
- Black cardigan, jumper
- Black shoes
- Blue and white gingham dress
- PE – indoor: black shorts (no football colours), blue school polo shirt, shoes/trainers.
outdoor: Hooded jacket, wellies/trainers, and joggers, etc.

Pre-loved Uniforms

Please help yourself to any pre-loved uniforms hanging on the rail inside the bubble at the front door, these are free to take. If you have any old, wearable school uniforms your

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child/children have outgrown, please hand them into the school office. Thank you for your support in helping to reduce the cost of the school day.

Water bottles

Can you please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle. They can top this up throughout the day at the water station in the open area.

School Meals - The New Go Fresh Club New Menu

On Monday 25th August, South Lanarkshire Council's new Go Fresh Club Menu Guide 2025-2026 will start. The cost of a school meal for children in P6 and P7 is £2.62, and P1-5 are free. Milk is 30p. All monies to be paid through Parent Pay. New Menus will be sent home on return to school.

This week we are on week 3 of Lunch Menu 2024-2025 therefore, Thursday 14th August choices will be:

Blue Tray- Steak Pie

Red Tray - Creamy Tomato Pasta

Orange Tray – Cheese sandwich

Purple Tray - Tuna sandwich

Parent Pay

Parent pay is an online system for payments being made to the school. Money for school lunches, and milk for any pupil should be paid via parent pay. Please note, P1, P2, P3, P4 and P5 are entitled to a free school lunch. P6 and P7 pupils pay via parent pay. Please let us know if you need any help with setting up parent pay accounts.

Please note that milk needs to be pre-ordered online on parent pay.

Nut Free School

We are a nut-free school, meaning we do not have nuts in our school menu choices or allow nut products in school for snacks. This helps us to protect children who are allergic to nuts. Currently we have a child and member of staff with this allergy. Nutella, snickers, or cereal bars with nuts etc are some examples of snacks which have been brought to school which are not permitted. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Communication and Partnership

If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the office between 8.45am and 3.00pm. Leave a message on the answering machine out with this time on 01698 882680 or email office@dalsersf-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk and your concern or request will be passed on to teaching staff or the Head Teacher. Please email the HT if you are planning to go on holiday during school time or special absence authorisation is needed.
gw14dalsersfshsht@glow.sch.uk

The school shares information in a variety of ways but the main channels of communication are through the Parent Portal, School App, and the School Website.

Parent Portal

The Parents Portal allows you to have direct communication with the school, to view your child's attendance, view your child's report cards, update your child's details and give online permission for excursions/after school clubs.



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If you experience any problems trying to download, gain access to the new app or link your child to your account, please feel free to contact the school office on 01698 882680.

School App

Please download our '**School App for Parents**' from the app store and search for '**Dalserf Primary School**' if you have not already done so. This will allow you to receive messages, news items and updates.



School Website

School newsletters, updates and other relevant information and documents will also be added to the website. Please search for:

dalserf-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk



Parent Council AGM Meeting

Our first Parent Council Meeting of the session will be held in the school staffroom on Thursday 4th September at 6.00pm – 7.00pm. All welcome, we look forward to seeing you.



Best wishes,

Ingrid Gardiner

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Head Teacher

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Dates for Your Diary



August 2025

- ❖ Tuesday 12th – In-Service Day 1 (Staff only. Children do not attend school)
- ❖ Wednesday 13th – In-Service Day 2 Enhanced Transition. (Staff only. Children do not attend school)
- ❖ Thursday 14th – School re-opens. Breakfast Club at 8.15am
- ❖ Tuesday 19th – P6 Swimming L1, 11am (12 week block)
- ❖ Wednesday 20th – Meet the Teacher Afternoon 2.00-2.45pm

September 2025

- ❖ Thursday 4th – Parent Council Meeting, 6.00pm-7.00pm
- ❖ Tuesday 16th – Wilson's Photography 9.00am
- ❖ Friday 26th-29th – September weekend
- ❖ Tuesday 30th – School re-opens. Breakfast Club at 8.15am

October 2025

- ❖ Thursday 2nd – Parents' Evening (Gym Hall) at 3.15pm
- ❖ Monday 13th- Friday 17th – October holiday
- ❖ Monday 20th – School re-opens. Breakfast Club at 8.15am

November 2025

- ❖ Monday 10th – In-Service Day 3 (Staff only. Children do not attend school)

December 2025

- ❖ Friday 19th – Close at 2.30pm for Christmas Holidays

January 2026

- ❖ Monday 5th – School re-opens. Breakfast Club at 8.15am

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