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Dalserf Primary School

Newsletter – August 2026

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

A warm welcome back to Mrs Middleton who will be teaching in Rooms 1, 2 and 3 and to Miss Church who will be teaching in Room 4.

Following interviews held at the end of June, no appointment was made for the Principal Teacher post. The vacancy will be re-advertised in due course, and you will be notified once a successful candidate has been appointed.

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

Meet the Teacher

Parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's teacher/s at our 'Meet the Teacher' on Wednesday 19th 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 31st August. 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 3rd November 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 1st 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 in due course. 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.



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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 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 24th August, South Lanarkshire Council's new Go Fresh Club Menu Guide 2026-2027 will start. The cost of a school meal for children in P6 and P7 is £2.74, and P1-5 are free. Milk is 30p (but will increase to 33p on 24/08/26). All monies should be paid through Parent Pay. New Menus will be sent home in due course.



This week we are on week 3 of Lunch Menu 2025-2026 therefore, Thursday 13th August choices will be:

Blue Tray- Sausage pastry with mash and beans

Red Tray – Beans on toast

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. gw14dalserspsht@glow.sch.uk



The school shares information via two main channels of communication; the Parent Portal, and the School Website. The 'School App for Parents' is now no longer in use for schools.

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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.



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 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



PFA AGM Meeting

Our first Parent Council Meeting of the session will be held in the school staffroom on Friday 4th September 9.30am – 10.30am. We look forward to seeing you then.



Best wishes,

Ingrid Gardiner.

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Head Teacher

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Dates for Your Diary

August 2026

- ❖ Tuesday 11th – In-Service Day 1 (Staff only. Children do not attend school)
- ❖ Wednesday 12th – In-Service Day 2 (Staff only. Children do not attend school)
P1 Enhanced Transition at 1.30pm.
- ❖ Thursday 13th – School re-opens. Breakfast Club at 8.15am
- ❖ Wednesday 19th – Meet the Teacher Afternoon 2.00-2.45pm
- ❖ Thursday 20th – P6 Swimming begins L1, 9.30am (12 week block)

September 2026

- ❖ Friday 4th – PFA Meeting, 9.30m-10.30am
- ❖ Friday 25th-28th – September weekend
- ❖ Tuesday 29th – School re-opens. Breakfast Club at 8.15am

October 2026

- ❖ Thursday 1st – Parents' Evening (Gym Hall) at 3.15pm
- ❖ Monday 12th- Friday 16th – October holiday
- ❖ Monday 19th – School re-opens. Breakfast Club at 8.15am

November 2026

- ❖ Tuesday 3rd – School Photographs, Wilson's Photography 9.00am
- ❖ Monday 9th – In-Service Day 3 (Staff only. Children do not attend school)

December 2026

- ❖ Tuesday 22nd – Close at 2.30pm for Christmas Holidays

January 2027

- ❖ Wednesday 6th – School re-opens. Breakfast Club at 8.15am

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