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# Dalsersf Primary School

## Newsletter – November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Anti-Bullying Week (10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> November)

The Respect Me Anti-Bullying and Digital Schools Pupil Leadership groups presented information at a recent Assembly about the upcoming Anti-Bullying week. As a school, Dalsersf is committed to helping to create a positive and inclusive environment where everyone has the right to be treated with dignity and respect whether in school or online. All classes will take part in various activities to promote the message that everyone has 'The Power of One' and that we can all work together to prevent bullying or cyberbullying. Remember-Bullying is never forever! You have the power to make a change!



*Mrs Barber and Respect Me Pupil Leadership Team  
Mrs Kelly-Kerr and Digital Schools Pupil Leadership Team*

### Poppy Appeal

Room 4 and Room 2 have been selling Poppies to support Poppy Scotland. Thank you for all your generous donations. We will be observing a 2 minute silence on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11am to remember those who served and have fallen during the World Wars and other conflicts.



### Children in Need

This year we are proud to support BBC Children in Need by dressing down (Pudsey spots are optional) on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> November. We are not collecting donations this year but If you would like to make a donation, please click on the link below.

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



### Book Week Scotland (17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> November)

We will be taking part in Book Week Scotland week beginning the 17th of November. During this time, each class will be celebrating reading for enjoyment and engaging in book related activities. Primary 1 will be presented with their Book Bug bag, and Primary 2 and 3 will receive their Read, Write, Count bag on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Parent/Carers of children in Primary 1, 2 and 3 are invited to join us between 2.00 and 2.45pm. Please enter via main gates and gym hall door.



*Mrs Murray and Reading Schools Pupil Leadership Team*

### Road Safety Week (17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> November)

The Road Safety Pupil Leadership Team will be launching their "Be Bright, Be Seen, Don't Cross In Between" awareness raising campaign to highlight the importance of being visible and making safe choices when crossing roads now the clocks have been changed and the days become darker much quicker. The team will be organising a poster competition and the winning entries will be displayed around the school to remind everyone how to stay safe when walking to and from school.



*Miss Church and Road Safety Pupil Leadership Team*

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### Football Festival

Primary 6 and 7 have been enjoying attending this year's football festivals. We have been to two so far and have had great success in each. The team have been working together to plan each game strategically and ensure all players strengths are used across a jam packed line up! As a new team they are continuing to work on communicating on the pitch.



*Mrs Speirs and R4 Football Team*

### Athletics

Primary 6 and 7 Athletics team have been competing against four other Larkhall schools at the Athletics event held at Larkhall Academy. We have been to two sessions so far with another due to take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> November. The event is based on track events including obstacle courses and relay races as well as field events including, long jump, javelin, speed bounce and chest push. The team have shown outstanding commitment, determination, and teamwork. They have been supporting each other in all events and discussing ways to improve in every race or event.



*Mrs Speirs and R4 Athletics Team*

### Tall Ship

On 29<sup>th</sup> October, the whole of Room 3 went to the Tall Ship called the SS Glenlee! First, we were challenged to discover ancient artefacts in a big bowl of sand. We had to carefully brush away the sand and I discovered a pipe and old photographs. I also discovered a wooden ball game that survived the Titanic that the Victorians and Edwardians used to play. We also learnt how to do SOS in Morse Code from a kind, old man. It was so much fun and we all enjoyed it. We are looking forward to sharing our learning with you on the 20<sup>th</sup> November at our showcase.



*Annabel, R3*

### Dynamic Earth

Room 4 enjoyed their class trip to Dynamic Earth to support their learning about Natural Disasters. There were lots of interactive learning opportunities and a firm favourite was experiencing the effects of a volcanic eruption! We also enjoyed a visit to the rainforest and our workshop where we learned more about earthquakes, volcanoes, tornadoes, and tsunamis. We are looking forward to sharing our learning with you on the 4<sup>th</sup> December at our showcase.



*Mrs Speirs and Mrs Murray, R4*

### Christmas Lunch

Our annual Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Please complete and return your order by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

**Roast Turkey with gravy**  
**or**  
**Steakpie**  
**or**  
**Creamy vegetable pie (v)**  
**All served with potato croquettes and vegetable medley**  
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**Sweet Treat**



### Christmas Fayre

Our annual Christmas Fayre is on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 4.30-6.30pm with stalls selling a variety of goods including: Christmas crafts, cakes, tombola, guess the sweets in the jar, Christmas hampers, refreshments and much more. Entry for adults is £2 (including tea/coffee), children are free. Please pay at the door. If you would like to book a stall, please contact the office on 01698 882680. We look forward to seeing you there!



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### **Nativity**

Our Nativity performances by P1-3 'It's a Baby' will be on Thursday 11th December at 1.30pm and Friday 12th December at 9.45am. P4-7 will also be entertaining us with Christmas songs. Tickets will be issued on a first come, first served basis. There will be no charge in keeping with our updated Cost of the School Day Policy. More information to follow.



### **Parent Council**

The Parent Council meeting arranged for Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November has been rescheduled. The next meeting will be held in the staffroom on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm, new members welcome. If you are interested and would like to join, please email the address below, thank you.



[gw14dalserspsht@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw14dalserspsht@glow.sch.uk)

### **Nut Free School**

We are a nut-free school so do not allow nut products to be consumed on our premises. Hazelnuts fall under the nut-allergy umbrella, therefore Nutella, peanut butter or chocolate spread containing nuts is not allowed. Can you please check your child's snack/packed lunch contents beforehand to help us to protect those children and staff with nut allergies who attend our school. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Best wishes,

*Ingrid Gardiner*

Mrs Ingrid Gardiner  
Head Teacher

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## Dates for Your Diary



### November 2025

- ❖ Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – In-Service Day 3 (Staff only. Children do not attend school)
- ❖ Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need (Dress down day)
- ❖ Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Gifting of books to P1, P2 and P3 (Please enter via main gates and gym hall door)
- ❖ Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – R3 Showcase at 2pm (Please enter via the top gate)
- ❖ Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – P6/7 Athletics 3
- ❖ Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Fayre, 4-30-6.30pm

### December 2025

- ❖ Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> – R4 Showcase at 2pm (Please enter via the top gate)
- ❖ Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch Menu (Wear something Festive)
- ❖ Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> – Nativity at 1.30pm
- ❖ Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Nativity at 9.45am
- ❖ Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Room 2 Christmas Party at 1pm (Home lunch at 12pm)
- ❖ Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Room 3 Christmas Party at 1pm (Home lunch at 12pm)
- ❖ Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Room 4 Christmas Party at 1pm (Home lunch at 12pm)
- ❖ Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – Church Visit at 10.00am (All welcome)
- ❖ Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – Room 1 Christmas Party at 1pm (Home lunch at 12pm)
- ❖ Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Close at 2.30pm for Christmas Holidays (Dress down day)

### January 2026

- ❖ Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – School re-opens at 9am. Breakfast Club at 8.15am

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