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Dalserf Primary School

Newsletter – October 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all parent and carers who attended our recent Parents' evening. I am pleased to report we had a 85% turn out and raised £277.82 of rewards from the book fair which helps to top up reading books for our classes.



PFA Hallowe'en Discos

Our PFA Hallowe'en discos will be on Friday 30th October. Rooms 1 and 2 will be 1.00-2.00pm and Rooms 3 & 4 will be 2.00-3.00pm. All children will receive treats and goodies to take home courtesy of the PFA. Many thanks in advance for organising this fun filled afternoon for the whole school. Everyone is looking forward to dressing up and having a fun end to the week. (Dressing up is optional, your child may wish to dress down instead. No scary masks or clowns please).



Children who would like to go home at lunchtime to get changed can be collected at 12pm for an early lunch. Please let us know in advance if you would like to collect your child/children early. Children who are staying in school should bring their costumes and can get changed at lunchtime.

Equity – Participatory Budget

Equity – Participatory Budget Thank you to everyone who voted. The most popular choice to spend 6% of our Pupil Equity Funding was zero cost to school trips at 76% of the votes. We look forward to sharing photographs of the classes on their school trips on the Equity display board and future newsletters. Thank you to everyone who voted.



Bonfire Theme Lunch Day – Thursday 5th November



Blue Meal - Firecracker pizza with a side of mac and cheese (v)

or

Red meal - Sausage pastry with rosti bites

or

Sandwich Selection

Cheese / Tuna or Ham sandwich

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All served with sweetcorn or beans

Fresh fruit

Salad

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Dessert
Butterscotch cookie (v)

Infant Enrolment (16th - 22nd November)

Infant enrolment week is changing. If your child is due to start school in August 2027 and will turn 5 between the 1st March 2027 to 28th February 2028 they are required to register for school to start August 2027.

You can enrol your child online at South Lanarkshire Councils website link when it goes live between **16th-22nd November**. Simply click on it and it will take you to the enrolment form. Please be patient as high usage in the first few days is expected. If you experience difficulties, try at a different time of the day. www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/enrol-school



Poppy Appeal

Room 4 will be selling Poppies to support Poppy Scotland beginning Monday 26th October for a minimum donation of 50p. Thank you in advance for contributing to this worthwhile cause. We will also be observing a 2-minute silence on Wednesday 11th November at 11am to remember those who served and have fallen during both World Wars and other more recent conflicts.



Showcase

The children in Room 2 are looking forward to sharing their learning about France on Thursday 29th October. Please make your way through the main gates and someone will let you in the classroom door once everyone is ready at 2.00pm. We look forward to seeing you!

Monthly Mantra, Right and Wellbeing Indicator of the Month

At assembly we have been discussing the importance of the 'Mantra of the Month' for October which is 'A brain is like a muscle that grows' as well as how to be 'Healthy' for our

OCTOBER'S MANTRA:

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Wellbeing



Indicator. Our UNCRC Right of the month is 24, 'I have the right to good quality health care, to clean water and good food'.

Pupil Leadership Teams

7 th Eco Award	Mrs Robb
Equity & Pupil Council	Mrs Gardiner
Reading Schools Gold Award	Mrs Murray
Respect Me Award	Mrs Barber
Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award	Mrs Speirs
Road Safety & JRSO	Miss Church
Sports Scotland Gold Award	Mrs Middleton



Adverse Weather

As the weather begins to get colder and periods of wind, rain and frost become more frequent, can you please ensure your child comes to school with a hooded warm waterproof jacket, hat, scarf, and gloves.

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Clock Change

Just a reminder to adjust your clocks this weekend and put them back 1 hour on Sunday 25th October to mark the end of British summer time.



Best wishes,

Ingrid Gardiner.

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Head Teacher

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Dates for Your Diary

October 2026

- ❖ Monday 19th – School re-opens. Breakfast Club at 8.15am
- ❖ Thursday 29th – R2 Showcase, 2.00-2.45pm.
- ❖ Friday 30th – PFA Hallowe'en Discos, R1 & R2 1.00-2.00pm, R3 & 4 2.00-3.00pm

November 2026

- ❖ Tuesday 3rd – School Photographs, Wilson's Photography 9.00am
- ❖ Thursday 5th – Bonfire Theme Lunch Day
- ❖ Monday 9th – In-Service Day 3 (Staff only. Children do not attend school)
- ❖ Wednesday 11th – R4 Showcase, 2.00-2.45pm.
- ❖ Friday 13th – Children in Need, Dress Down Day
- ❖ Friday 27th – Homework stops for the term.

December 2026

- ❖ Wednesday 9th – Nativity performance 1 at 1.30pm
- ❖ Thursday 10th – Nativity performance 2 at 9.45am
- ❖ Friday 11th – HWB Workshop, Saint Phnx, 9.15am
- ❖ Friday 11th – Pantomime, 'Alice in Scottieland', 1.30pm.
- ❖ Monday 14th – R4 Christmas Party, 1.00-3.00pm.
- ❖ Tuesday 15th – R2 Christmas Party, 1.00-3.00pm.
- ❖ Wednesday 16th – R3 Christmas Party, 1.00-3.00pm.
- ❖ Thursday 17th – Dalserf Church Service at 10.00am.
- ❖ Thursday 17th – R1 Christmas Party, 1.00-3.00pm.
- ❖ Tuesday 22nd – Close at 2.30pm for Christmas Holidays

January 2027

- ❖ Wednesday 6th – School re-opens. Breakfast Club at 8.15am
- ❖ Monday 11th – Homework re-starts.

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- ❖ Thursday 28th – R2 Class Trip to Stirling Castle

February 2027

- ❖ Friday 5th – PFA Meeting at 9.15am
- ❖ Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th & Friday 12th – P7 Residential to Inverclyde
- ❖ Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th – Holiday
- ❖ Wednesday 17th – In-Service Day
- ❖ Thursday 25th – R3 Showcase, 2.00-2.45pm

March 2027

- ❖ Wednesday 10th – R1 Showcase, 2.00-2.45pm
- ❖ Thursday 18th – Parents' Evening
- ❖ Friday 26th – Good Friday Holiday
- ❖ Monday 29th – Easter Monday Holiday

April 2027

- ❖ Friday 2nd – School closes at 2.30pm for Easter Holiday.
- ❖ Monday 19th – School re-opens.

May 2027

- ❖ Monday 3rd – May Day Holiday
- ❖ Wednesday 5th – Dance Festival, Hamilton
- ❖ Thursday 6th – In- Service Day
- ❖ Friday 7th – Sports Day
- ❖ Thursday 27th – Homework stops.
- ❖ Friday 28th & Monday 31st – May Weekend Holiday

June 2027

- ❖ Friday 25th – Dress Down Day. School closes at 1.00pm for Summer. P7 Farewell.

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