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Dalserf Primary School

Newsletter – September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Houses and JRSO's

I am delighted to announce and congratulate our new House Captains and Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO's) for 2026-2027. Well done to Macey, Charlotte, Harris, Ella, Emily and Lillie, you will all be great ambassadors for our school!

Avon House – Macey Adam

Cander House – Charlotte McPherson

Clyde House – Harris Williamson

Nethan House – Ella Wyper

JRSO's – Emily Wilson and Lillie Brown



PFA Sponsored Obstacle Race

A huge thank you to all Parents, Carers and Friends of Dalserf Primary who sponsored and donated money to our recent school fundraiser. We are so grateful to everyone for their generosity and are thrilled to announce the fantastic amount of £1261.50 has been raised so far to fund seasonal treats for all the children for the year ahead. Please also see attached PFA Newsletter.



We are planning to have another obstacle race on Friday 9th October for those who missed out. Everyone will have an opportunity to take part, and this will also be a dress down day so a great end to the term!

Parents' Evening

Our first Parents' evening of the session will be on Thursday 1st October, 3.15-7.30pm. If parents are unable to make their appointment, staff will contact you afterwards to organise a telephone call at a mutually agreed time. We look forward to seeing you!



Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair will be in school until Friday 2nd October if you wish to purchase a gift for your child or begin your Christmas shopping. The Book Fair will also be open during our Parents' evening.



Showcases

Our class showcases will be on the following dates this session:

Room 2 – Thursday 29th October at 2pm

Room 4 – Wednesday 11th November at 2pm

Room 3 – Thursday 25th February at 2pm

Room 1 – Wednesday 10th March at 2pm



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Adverse Weather

As the weather starts to change and we head into the Autumn and Winter months, please ensure your child comes to school with a hooded waterproof jacket and accessories to keep warm when out in the playground. In the event of inclement weather before 9.00am, children should access the school via the gym hall door from 8.45am (unless already attending breakfast club).



Curriculum – School Improvement Plan 2026-2027

The 3 main priorities for this session are:

1. Literacy - Raise attainment in listening, talking, reading and writing through fact, story, action approach to improving our literacy.
2. Numeracy and Mathematics - Raise standards in numeracy and mathematics through fact, story, action approach to improving our numeracy.
3. Health and Wellbeing – Embed Attachment principles and strategies and UNCRC rights. Continue to raise awareness of Anti-bullying and Neurodiversity across the school.



Please see attached Standards and Quality Report for session 2025-2026 and School Improvement Plan and Maintenance Agenda for 2026-2027.

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.

Dress Down Day

Just a reminder Friday 9th October is a dress down day. There will be no charge.



Parent Portal

If you haven't already signed up, to receive school communication online which will help keep you up to date with your Childs' school journey and will help reduce our carbon footprint.



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. You can also view dates for your diary in the calendar tab. Please check regularly for updates.

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.

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.



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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.
gw14dalsersfpsht@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.

School Website

School newsletters, updates and other relevant information and documents will also be added to the website. Please search for:
dalsersf-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk



Best wishes,

Ingrid Gardiner.

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Head Teacher

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Dates for Your Diary



September 2026

- ❖ 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 and Book Fair
- ❖ Monday 5th – R4 Class Trip to National Museum of War, Edinburgh Castle
- ❖ Friday 9th – Dress Down Day and Obstacle Course
- ❖ Monday 12th- Friday 16th – October holiday
- ❖ Monday 19th – School re-opens. Breakfast Club at 8.15am
- ❖ Thursday 29th – R2 Showcase, 2.00-2.45pm.
- ❖ Friday 30th – PFA Hallowe'en Disco, 1.00-3.00pm

November 2026

- ❖ Tuesday 3rd – School Photographs, Wilson's Photography 9.00am
- ❖ Monday 9th – In-Service Day 3 (Staff only. Children do not attend school)
- ❖ Wednesday 11th – R4 Showcase, 2.00-2.45pm.

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, 1.00-2.00pm.
- ❖ Tuesday 15th – R2 Christmas Party, 1.00-2.00pm.
- ❖ Wednesday 16th – R3 Christmas Party, 1.00-2.00pm.
- ❖ Thursday 17th – Dalserf Church Service at 10.00am.
- ❖ Thursday 17th – R1 Christmas Party, 1.00-2.00pm.

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- ❖ 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
- ❖ 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.

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