

Parkhead Primary School

Autumn Newsletter

2025



A Warm Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing October break! It was great to see so many refreshed and smiling faces return to the school grounds this week, raring to go. The season is certainly changing, and it's time to fully embrace autumn. We've already noticed those slightly colder mornings creeping in, I had to scrape my car windows this morning! With this in mind, a gentle reminder about the importance of keeping warm and dry. Please make sure your children come to school equipped with jackets or coats every day. For those inevitable rainy days and muddy playground adventures, don't forget those essential welly boots! A little preparation goes a long way in keeping everyone comfortable and ready to learn, no matter the weather.

Now that the October break is behind us, we are officially heading headlong into the Christmas season! There are so many exciting events, activities, and preparations planned for the coming weeks, and we can't wait to share all the details with you soon.

It's going to be a busy, fun-filled few months, and we look forward to making this a wonderful term for all of our pupils.

Mrs Delargy



Validated Self-Evaluation (VSE)

We are delighted to share the excellent results and feedback from our recent Validated Self-Evaluation (VSE) process. The VSE is a crucial exercise where the school and ELC, in collaboration with Local Authority Education Officers and visiting head teachers, rigorously examines its performance and effectiveness. It is a process designed to support and challenge our work, ensuring we are constantly focused on improving the quality of provision and achieving the best outcomes for every learner. We are extremely proud that the external validation team confirmed our own self-evaluation judgements, reflecting the hard work and dedication of our entire school community.

Investing in Every Child: Our PEF Focus for 2025-26

We are committed to providing equal opportunities for all children. Our Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) for the 2025-2026 session is focused on reducing barriers and enhancing wellbeing. Based on parent feedback, we will subsidise the School Camp and actively reduce the cost of other trips to ensure all pupils can participate. We've introduced a 'Bussers Breakfast Club' to ensure every child starts the day with a healthy meal, removing financial barriers. Targeted support funding will provide Additional Staff for nurturing interventions, and specific pupils will benefit from Music Therapy to improve wellbeing and attendance, and Kids Gone Wild sessions to boost resilience.

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School Improvement Plan

We are excited to share our core focus for the 2025-2026 session, guided by our new School Improvement Plan. These priorities represent where we will invest our time and resources to ensure the best possible experience and outcomes for all our pupils.

Priority

Key Focus

Wellbeing

Reviewing and enhancing our curriculum and policy to fully support all aspects Health and Wellbeing.

Engagement

Giving pupils a greater voice in what and how they learn.

Curriculum

Enhancing outdoor learning with Forest Schools and improving Expressive Arts.

Attainment

Improving systems for target setting and ensuring consistent application of standards.

Achievement

Boosting opportunities for celebration and developing pupil meta-skills.



Water Polo Triumph for P7 Girls!

A huge congratulations to our dedicated P7 girls' water polo team who recently competed in a thrilling tournament at WCHS. The team displayed incredible effort, skill, and teamwork throughout the event earning them an outstanding 2nd place overall! We are extremely proud of every girl who took part. Well done on such a fantastic achievement!

Support During the Festive Season



As we approach the festive season, we recognise that this time of year can place significant financial pressure on families.

Please remember that the school is always here to help. We can discreetly offer support with costs that families may incur, both over the holidays and throughout the year.

We also want to highlight River Kids, a local charity that provides vital assistance, including help with purchasing Christmas gifts for children, as well as birthday gifts. If you would like to know more about accessing support, please contact the school office in confidence.

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Lest We Forget: Poppies for Poppy Scotland

We are honoured to announce that we will be selling Poppies starting Monday 3rd November, until Remembrance Day.

Our Primary 7 pupils will be visiting classrooms each day to offer poppies for a small donation. This is a great opportunity for our community to remember those who served.

All proceeds raised will go directly to Poppy Scotland. Please help support this important cause!



Parking and School Carpark

Now that we are moving into winter it is understandable that a lot of our parents and carers want to travel to our school by car. Please remember that our carpark is for staff only and that cars should not be left unattended in the turning circle.

If you are parking in the lane or surrounding area, please be mindful of our neighbours and double check that your car is not blocking access or creating a safety hazard or making it hard for others to move around.

Thanks for being a considerate member of our community.

Important: Nut Allergy Alert & Lunch Reminders

We have children with significant and severe nut allergies in our school. To ensure everyone's safety, please remember that our school must remain nut-free.

Specifically, please be aware that Nutella is a nut-based spread and is not permitted in packed lunches.

We know it's delicious, but for the safety of all pupils, it must not be used as a sandwich option or snack. Thank you!



Parent Information Evening - Health & Wellbeing - Anti-Bullying Thurs 13th November 4-5pm

Our Health and Wellbeing Champ & One of our Family Champions will be working with our newly appointed Anti-Bullying Pupil Ambassadors to create a presentation to share with you. This event will discuss the impact of bullying in schools and how parents/carers can support their children. This will include how to report bullying, what to do when your child is being bullied and what to do if your child has been bullying others. We will discuss the help and support available and where you can seek advice!

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Christmas Jumper - 'New to You' Station!

We want to get ahead of the game this year with our Christmas Jumper Station.

In an effort to reduce the costs for our families of buying new Christmas jumpers every year, we are going to set up a Christmas Jumper Station in school.

We are seeking good quality Christmas jumpers that either no longer fit, or you just fancy a change. This will help us get set up ASAP to enable you all to benefit before the Christmas season begins.

Once our station is set up in school, you'll then be able to come and collect a 'new to you' Christmas jumper.

If you have any good quality Christmas jumpers of any size (child or adult) we'd love to add them to our station. Please send to any jumpers to the school office ASAP.
More info to follow.



Talk Money Week - 3rd November

Please click on the link below to view the Sway. This will explain the purpose of Talk Money Week and how important Financial Education is for our children and young people.

[Talk Money Week 2025: Information and Ideas for Parents & Carers](#)



Halloween - Pupil Fundraiser

Thank you to the pupils and staff who took part in the PPA organised event. Halloween staff dress up votes. What a fun fundraiser! We will find out how much the PPA raised at our meeting on Tuesday evening. Thank you PPA!



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November Highlights

Tues 4 th Nov	Parkhead Parent Association Meeting (PPA)	All parents/carers welcome - 7pm
Mon 10 th Nov	P1 NHS Health Review	Please return NHS form
Thurs 13 th Nov	Parent Info Session - Anti Bullying	Parents/Carers Invited 4-5pm
Mon 17 th Nov	P1-7 Flu Vaccination Day	Please return NHS form
Fri 28 th Nov	Dress Down Day (P1-7)	
Fri 28 th Nov	P4a Class Assembly	Parents/Carers Welcome @ 9:15 AM

December Highlights

Tues 2 nd Dec	Parkhead Parent Association Meeting (PPA)	All parents/carers welcome - 7pm
Tue 9 th Dec	Choir Master Class Performance	7:00 PM
Wed 10 th Dec	Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day	
Thu 11 th Dec	P1-3 Nativity PM	1:45 PM
Fri 12 th Dec	P1-3 Nativity AM	9:30 AM
Mon 15 th Dec	Christmas Party Week	Details to follow
Fri 19 th Dec	Christmas Church Service	@ West Kirk of Calder
Mon 22 nd Dec	School Closed	Start of Christmas Holiday
Wed 31 st Dec	S1 Applications Due	High School Applications