



Bainsford Primary August Newsletter 2025



Dear Parent/Carer

And so a new school year begins. Six weeks of summer seem far behind us and once more we are marching through the new term. From all accounts the children appear to have had a very enjoyable break – hope we can say the same for you too. Anyway it is good to be back and I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome new parents to school and look forward to forming a good working relationship/partnership with you.

End of term

We had a lovely Leavers' Assembly from our P7 pupils full of emotion and love as they moved on to S1



Staffing

We welcome Susy Coupland as our Home School Partner & Andrea Fleming as our Rookie Rockstar's Counsellor

Mrs Graham continues as Acting Principal Teacher this session.

Mrs Leckie remains on secondment at another council school for this session.

We congratulate Miss Prior who got married during the holidays and is now Mrs Howie.

Classes this session are:

P1W	Miss Waugh	P1RMc	Mrs Rankine (Mon-Wed)	Miss McPhie (Wed-Fri)			
P2	Miss Dewar	P3	Mr Liddy	P4	Mrs Howie	P5	Mr Deed
P6/7K	Miss Kemp	P6/7H	Mrs Hooks				

Nursery Mrs Anderson, Miss McKerracher, Mrs Taylor, Miss Welsh, Mrs Allan, Mrs Caldwell, Mrs Britcliffe, Ms Lees & Mrs Carter

EP Mrs Fuentes/Mrs Lenetti (Mon & Tues)

ASNT Miss Buick

PE

Children can come to school in their PE kit for gym days or change in school but this needs to be inline with school uniform guidance—school polo shirt/school t-shirt, dark joggers/shorts/leggings, school sweatshirt. Clothing does not have to have the school logo but it should still be uniform.

Logo

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Dates for the Diary

29th August—Parents are invited in at 2.30pm to Meet the Teacher.

8th September—Holiday—school and nursery closed

19th September—P7 to FHS for forensic event—a.m.

23rd September—Tempest photographer in for individual/family photos

25th September—Open Morning for parents –9.30-10.15—Come and join the learning in class!

30th September—Go Sky Blue for Dyslexia Week—Children wearing light blue.

2nd October—P1-7 trip to Dynamic Earth—details to follow



Buddies

P5 & 6 buddies is going very well for our P1s. They look after the P1s in the dining hall and help them play in the playground.

Nut and Egg Allergies

Parents have been in touch to let us know their children have either nut or egg allergies. As I'm sure you know these can be very dangerous. Please do not send snack or lunch foods containing eggs or nuts to school to help us keep these children safe.

Head Lice

This is an ongoing problem in many communities. We ask that all parents check their children's heads regularly.

We will again this session have 'Bug Busting' days when all parents check their children's heads on the same day, this should help combat re-infestations.

IPAY

Please register for this service, it will allow all online lunch ordering to take place and to pay for upcoming school trips. Even if you don't pay for lunches you should still register your account.

School Lunches

P1-5 are entitled to a universal free school lunch. Families should still register as FME if your child would normally be entitled. Government funding to the school is based on FME so it is really important you continue to register.

Office Hours

The school office is normally manned 8.45-11.45 & 12.15-3.30. Please be patient at the door if there is no-one in the office. If phoning please leave a message on the answering machine.

Treats and gifts

We love celebrating our children's birthdays and making them feel special! However, to ensure a safe, healthy, and inclusive environment for everyone, we kindly ask that families do not send in sweets, cakes, party bags, or birthday invitations to distribute at school.

Many children have dietary needs or allergies, and not all children may be able to enjoy the same treats. Distributing party bags or invitations in class can also unintentionally leave some children feeling excluded or put other families under pressure to reciprocate. Instead, teachers will continue to acknowledge birthdays in a fun and thoughtful way during the school day.

...and finally

And so we settle in for a new term and a new year at school. Good communication between home and school is an important aspect of the education process. We will contact you by email in the first instance so please check we have a current email address.

We will use Groupcall text when it is something important and telephone you if it is an emergency so again please ensure the office has current mobile numbers.

Please ensure your child is at school everyday unless really poorly, please avoid family holidays during term time.

We look forward to a successful 2025-2026 session.

For info

Pastoral Care Nursery-P3—Mrs Sutherland

Pastoral Care P4-7 and EP—Mrs Graham

Thank you as always for your continued support

Mrs McCafferty

Headteacher



T.O.T.S. Talk

(Time, Opportunity, Trust, Space)

The Early Years Staff would like to welcome everyone back to nursery. It's lovely to see all the children settling quickly into the nursery routines and we welcome all our new children. We look forward to a very busy term ahead and are very excited about some of the things we will be doing. We will keep you updated on what's happening in the Nursery through this newsletter, email and telephone. However, we will also update Bluesky frequently so keep an eye on this too! (Please note if we can't identify who you are there will be a delay in accepting your follower request).

Staffing is as follows

Mrs McCafferty	Headteacher
Mrs Sutherland	Depute Headteacher
Mrs Graham	Acting Principal Teacher
Mrs Anderson	Senior Early Years Officer
Mrs Caldwell	Early Years Officer
Mrs Taylor	Early Years Officer
Miss McKerracher	Early Years Officer
Mrs Allan	Early Years Officer
Miss Welsh	Early Years Officer
Mrs Britcliffe	Support for Learning Assistant
Ms Lees	Early Years Assistant
Mrs Carter	Early Years Assistant

Just to remind you the nursery opening times are 8.45-2.45

Everyday we encourage the children to go outside no matter what the weather, only perhaps when it is very heavy rain will outside play not always be available. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor play with jackets, wellingtons (if necessary) and in the colder weather, hats, scarves and gloves.

We do not permit the use of mobile phones in the nursery. If a call is important please step outside.

Could we please remind you to ensure that your child's name is on all items of clothing and on shoes. This saves any confusion or lost items.

Please telephone the school office on 01324 508530 if you need to speak to a member of the team or if you have any questions. We will likely call you back after the nursery day is over.

The Nursery Team



Agreed Term Dates for Session 2025-2026

School Year	Term Dates
Autumn Term Begins	Wednesday 13th August 2025
Autumn Term Ends	Friday 10th October 2025
Winter Term Begins	Monday 27th October 2025
Winter Term Ends	Friday 19th December 2025
Spring Term Begins	Monday 5th January 2026
Spring Term Ends	Thursday 2nd April 2026
Summer Term Begins	Monday 20th April 2026
Summer Term Ends	Friday 26th June 2026

Term Time Public Holidays

Monday 8th September 2025
Friday 13th and Monday 16th February 2026
Monday 4th May 2026

Staff Development Days

Monday/ Tuesday 11th/12th August 2025
Friday 28th November 2025
Tuesday 17th February 2026
Friday 1st May 2026

Holidays are subject to change, check with Council Website
[School terms and holidays - Events \(falkirk.gov.uk\)](https://www.falkirk.gov.uk/schools-and-nursery/school-terms-and-holidays)