



Bainsford Primary Newsletter September 2025



Dear Parent/Carer, welcome to our September Newsletter

We are already marching through a very busy term! We have lots of exciting events planned!

Bluesky

You can follow us on Bluesky

@Bainsfordprimary.

You will find lots of posts relevant to our school, nursery, community and town.



Lates

If your child arrives late. Please report to the main office. It is in everyone's best interest that children arrive on time for school and receive their magic breakfast.

Toilet

Staff will allow pupils to use the toilet before the home time bell, There will be no access to toilets once the children have been dismissed

Absence Notes

Just a reminder to all parents of the procedures if your child is absent.

Please telephone/email the school to notify the office that your child is absent, if you receive a text please **phone** the school. Do not text back as we will not pick it up.

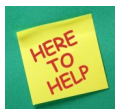
If phoning in an absence please provide your child with a note on their return. No need to provide a further note if you have emailed in. Sickness or diarrhoea needs 48 hours clear before they return to school



Home School Partner

Susy is our new Home School Partner. Susy's remit is removing barriers to learning. Not only does she support children who are for whatever reason struggling with school but she can help you with housing, benefits, food etc. She will be following up absences as this is part of the School Improvement Plan.

If you would like to chat to her about any issues you are facing please call her at the school.



Contact

Please use the Bainsford Primary email address for contacting staff. bainsfordprimaryschool@education.falkirk.sch.uk

Drop off/pick up

It is getting too difficult for P1 and P2 staff to see grownups at the end of the day. We would ask that moving on P3-7 parents wait outside the school playground/carpark area. Thank you for your cooperation.

Headlice

The new term will bring the issue of headlice, perhaps children's heads have not been checked over the summer. Could all parents please be vigilant and regularly check their child's head. It has been suggested that parents might find a Nitty Gritty comb useful. Where re-infestations regularly occur we will refer to the school nurse.

Students

We value and welcome students to the Bainsford Community. You may hear your children talk about a new adult in their classroom.

Medication

Could all parent/carers please ensure that the school has up to date information on medications their child requires.

School records need to be kept updated and parents are required to sign these. If you are unsure please contact the school. The school can only assist with prescribed medicine which can be handed in after 9.30am. Pupils are **NOT** permitted to be responsible for medication (except for self administering asthma inhalers).



Dates for the Diary

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

9th October—P5 Harvest Service—School Hall—P5 parents only (max 2 per child)

10th October—End of Autumn Term. School and nursery close at normal times

27th October—Winter Term begins—School and nursery open at normal times.





T.O.T.S. Talk (Time, Opportunity, Trust, Space)



We are enjoying a very busy term 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.

Staffing

We congratulate Mrs Rennie on the birth of her beautiful baby boy Jack!



We welcome Mrs Caldwell who is covering Mrs Rennie's maternity leave.



Medications Policy

Please update the staff if your child's medical needs change. The nursery follows Falkirk Council Medications Policy. Some key information from this is:

Any medication must have a full pharmacy label and be signed in and out of nursery.

The first dose of any medicine must be given at home.



We will keep medication securely and return it to you at the end of the course or before its expiry date.

We may need additional training from health colleagues and a care plan before we can accept medication into nursery.

If you need any further information, please ask to speak to a member of staff.

Toothbrushing

Children brush their teeth after lunch to encourage good oral hygiene habits for life. This is in addition to the brushing they do with you at home in the morning and evening. Each child has their own brush and they are fully supervised whilst brushing.



We strongly recommend this daily practice however, if you have any other questions or would like to opt-out of toothbrushing, please ask to speak to Mrs Anderson about it.



Food allergies and intolerances and religious observance

If your child is new to our nursery or if you have had any change to the foods they can and cannot eat, please ask for an appointment to discuss this fully with us. Food allergies require medical confirmation however we will try very hard to support your child to eat a diet that is suitable to their needs, with your advice.

Forth Valley Health Partners

From time to time our School Nursing Team attend for routine checks and immunisations. They may also request to visit a specific child. You will be given the consent forms and dates for these visits in advance, if we have them.

Handwashing

Handwashing remains the best way we have to stop the spread of germs in our homes, our nursery and the wider community. You can support this by encouraging handwashing at home. Here is a link to a short video to share as a family:



https://youtu.be/uSvtMCweiSk?si=waPBXakiE_PFcPE

Nursery Safety

We will only answer the nursery door at the beginning and end of your session and only to adults we recognise. At any other time, please contact the school's main office. You will be asked to tell us who is picking your child up at their drop off time. If this changes, please contact the school office. The adults picking up must be on your approved contacts list. Any new adult will be delayed from picking up children until we have confirmed their identity with you. Please also be aware that as the nursery is exceptionally busy at drop off and pick up times, school aged children will be asked to wait outside.



The Nursery Team