

Bainsford Primary and Nursery

Newsletter February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer, Welcome to our February Newsletter

Burns' Event and poetry winners

The children worked really hard learning their Scottish Poems and the judges had the most difficult time in selecting the winners.

The results of the Burns'/Scots Poetry Competition are:

P1W Mince n Tatties

1st Harper Keltie

P2 Wee Willie Winkie

1st Ava Johnstone

P4 Street Talk

1st Arianna McCroary

P6 To a Mouse

1st Angus Scott

P1RMc Three Crows

1st Mariam Akala

P3 Sair Finger

1st Lewis Stevenson

P5 The Toothache

1st Noah McCue

Well done to all the runners up— Ellis Perrow, Lewis Cass, Eden Sonnenschein, Freya Jardine, Macie Cassidy, Ayla Melvin, Bethany Gourlay, Poppy Miller, Joni Cugerean, Jordan Brown, Alishbah Anwar Shehnaz, Isla Gourlay, Chika Nnamani, & Emily Nelson.

Thanks to Mrs Alp, Mrs Anderson, Abbie & Emmanuel for joining Mrs Graham as part of the judging panel.

Burns' Supper

The Primary 7 pupils put a huge amount of effort into preparing for their Burns' Supper and the children had a fantastic time celebrating. Our VIP guests had a wonderful afternoon's entertainment and highly commended the children. We thank all out VIPs for joining us.

A big thank you to Nicola for preparing a delicious Burns' Supper. Many thanks to the pupils, Miss Kemp, Mrs Hooks, Mrs Warner and Mr Sutherland (our piper).

A special well done to:

Welcome— Aria & Grace

Hosts—Erika & Mathew

Address to Haggis – Ryan, Jay, Declan & Hayden

Immortal Memory— Abbass, Bradley, Oliver, Nelson, Emmanuel & Nimi

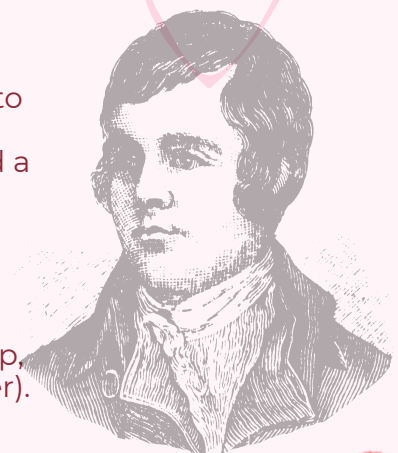
Toast tae the Lassies— Aaron, Oscar & Preston

Reply fae the Lassies— Abbie, Autumn & Alice

Song Introductions - Amelia, Summer & Ross

Vote of Thanks - Bailey & Gabriel

Margaret Meek Award for Burns Recital - Preston & Amelia



Headlice - Be a Bug Buster!!

A common problem in all schools & communities. We would be most grateful if parents/carers could be vigilant and check their children's heads on a regular basis. We would like to have a Bug Busting Day on the 7th March when every parent should check their children's heads. If any lice or nits are found it means every infected head is treated at the same time. This should help prevent the endless circulation.

Absences

It is essential that you phone/email or use the Parent Portal to say why your child is off before or after the absence texts is sent. Please do not text back as we do not receive text messages. Please do not email the Groupcall Messenger email address., we will not see it. You can email us on bainsfordprimaryschool@education.falkirk.sch.uk

Absence notes/emails are still required when your child returns to school. Please note that unexplained absences and absences where you choose to keep your child at home or they refuse to come to school have to be recorded as truanting.

If your child is going to be late you must order their lunch on ipay or provide a packed lunch.

Thank you.

Book Fair

We are delighted to welcome the Book Fair back to our school. The children will all be allowed to browse on the 5th March and will bring home a slip of their preferred book to buy. Payment is by cash or by the Book Fair link that will be issued (not ipay). The Book Fair will be with us until the 9th March.

Uniform

We expect all our pupils to be in school uniform everyday and this includes Gym days. If they are not in uniform they will be reminded by staff.

Staffing

Miss Barrie will be returning to us from her maternity leave in March and is now called Mrs Hourigan. Miss McPhie will remain with us indefinitely and team teach part of the week in P1

Smart Watches

Please be aware that some of the smart watches have cameras, these are not allowed to be worn in school. This ensures all pupil images are safe.

Sharing info and reporting concerns

We would ask that if you have any concerns or info to share you contact the school office. Please avoid catching staff in the morning when they are collecting the children.

Earrings at PE

Ideally earrings should be removed for PE. If covering please use a micro-pore type tape that covers the front and back of the earlobe securely. PE staff have shared concerns for pupil safety due to inadequate covering.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 9th February - FINAL Dalguise 2026 meeting - 5pm

Friday 13th & Monday 16th February— School and nursery closed—holiday

Tuesday 17th—school and nursery closed to pupils—In-service Day

Tuesday 3rd March - Open Afternoon for parents - 2.15-3pm

Wednesday 4th March—Delivery of Book Fair

Wednesday 4th March—P1 & P7 class memento photo

Thursday 5th March - Book Fair browsing

Thursday 5th March—World Book Day

Friday 6th March - Book Fair buying - Vouchers will come home and be used with Book Fair

Monday 9th - Wednesday 11th March - Senior Pupil Residential

Thursday 2nd April - P6 Easter Assembly in school hall - P6 parents/carers invited

THURSDAY 2nd April—School and nursery close to pupils at usual times For Easter Holidays.

Monday 20th April—School and Nursery open at normal times.

1st May—In-service Day—School and Nursery closed

5th May - Holiday - School and Nursery Closed

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

Welcome to our nursery news.

The children enjoyed celebrating Robert Burns by having haggis, neeps and tatties for snack. They learned lots of new Scottish songs and Rhymes and they had fun with Scottish dancing.

Book Fair

Families are permitted to attend the Book Fair to buy a book for their child on Friday 6th March at morning drop off.

Nursery Hours

All children should be in nursery for 8.45. Children arriving at 9.30 and later are disruptive to the nursery day. If your child is going to be late due to an appointment please inform the school office on 01324 508530 and drop them off at the office. All children **MUST** be collected on time. If on the rare occasion that you are going to be late you must notify the school office. Staff are not responsible to keep children until the 3pm school bell or later.