



SANDWOOD NEWS



August 2026

Sandwood Primary School 0141-883-8367
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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all had an opportunity to enjoy the summer holidays.

I am delighted to welcome our pupils and school community back to school for the 2026-2027 session and we look forward to another busy, exciting year at Sandwood Primary.

Welcome to our families of our new P1 pupils and to our new families with pupils starting across the school. We look forward to involving you in the life of Sandwood Primary School.

We have 10 mainstream and 6 LCR classes this session with a roll of 282 pupils in total.

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Flanagan following her maternity leave. We welcome Miss McCrory who is covering Mrs McIntyre's maternity leave, and we welcome Ms. Couper and Ms Ihnatieva our new Support for Learning Workers. In our LCR we welcome two new teachers, Mr Olver and Ms. Morrison.



As always, we welcome input from our families and if you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me via telephone or email in the first instance. If required, appointments can be made, however please note, school staff are committed to meeting pupil need throughout the day, particularly at 9am and 3pm, so therefore are not always immediately available.

Kind Regards
Fiona Donnelly
Head Teacher



HEALTH & SAFETY

In order to ensure the safety of our pupils we remind parents that the **drop off area in front of the school is for school use only** and is to provide safe

access for the transportation of our pupils who attend our Language and Communication Resource.

Gates to the school grounds will be locked at 9.15am until 2.45pm. This is to prevent unknown adults being in the school grounds during the school day.



PLAYGROUND ARRANGEMENTS

P1 - One adult is permitted for morning drop off and for pick up at 3pm. If escorting a P1 child in the mornings, adults should please remain in the P1 playground.

P2 and **P3** pupils should enter the playground independently (9am) from Monday 17th August. **One adult** is permitted at dismissal time (3pm) for P2, P2/3 and P3 pupils.

P4-P7 pupils should enter and leave the playground independently.

Those families who have asked for special permission to accompany their child, please call at the school office to apply for a playground pass.

NO DOGS

As per GCC policy, no dogs are permitted in our playground at any time.



GYM KIT

Children may wear gym kit to school on PE days as part of our updated uniform policy. Our uniform supplier ASPIRE is selling jogging trousers, shorts and T Shirts. Please note, football/badged items are not permitted to be worn for PE. We ask that children wear appropriate colours such as black/white/purple on gym days. A change of shoes is required for indoor P.E.

P.E days and times will be communicated by your child's class teacher.



TOYS

Pupils must **not** bring toys to school, as if lost or broken it is not the school's responsibility to replace.



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Pupils are encouraged to wear school uniform every day. There may be occasions where pupils are encouraged to dress to support a charity fundraiser or for a sporting event. Families will be notified of this in advance. A reminder that our uniform is as follows:

UNIFORM

White Polo Shirt*(with/without school logo)
Purple Sweatshirt/Cardigan * (with school logo)
Black jumper/cardigan
Black Trousers or Skirt
White Shirt
School Tie*
Purple/pink summer dress

Ordering / Delivery

- Online – click and collect - Orders are taken online at www.aspireacademyglasgow.com and can be collected from the store.
- Purchase from shop at
17 Kelvin Avenue, G52 4CT

Website link:

<https://aspireacademyglasgow.com/school/sandwood-primary/>

CLOTHING GRANTS/FREE MEAL ENTITLEMENT



Please note the forms are available on the Glasgow website www.glasgow.gov.uk if eligible. (* Please note, filling the forms online is the only method)

The forms should be returned to **Glasgow City**

DINNER SCHOOL

All pupils are now in receipt of free meals. Parents can order meals in advance through Parent Pay.

Alternatively, pupils select choices on a daily basis at registration.



BREAKFAST CLUB 8-8:45AM

The charge for breakfast is £2 but additional children in the family pay £1 per day. Money will be collected through Parent Pay. If you think your child may be entitled to a free breakfast, please submit an application to Glasgow City Council Grants Section.

Please note, pupils can attend our Breakfast Club, between they **8:00am** and **8:40am**. Children should enter via the front door. Again, we cannot permit parents to accompany their



child into the school building. Children should **NOT** arrive before 8am as there is no catering staff to supervise before then. Children will be supervised in the playground from 8:45am onwards.

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

A reminder of procedures regarding reporting of absence. Families do not contact the school to inform of absence. **Families are to use the absence reporting line on 0141 287 0039.** Text messaging is also very useful when keeping parents informed and up to date with school events and activities.



HOLIDAYS/ATTENDANCE

A list of this year's holidays and in-service days is included for your information. Parents are reminded that children should not be removed from school for family holidays outwith the school year, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please notify the school office if you are going on holiday. Please note that this will be marked as an unauthorised absence.



The expectation of Glasgow City Council is that pupils' attendance should not fall below 95%. Letters from the school will be issued when a child's attendance falls below a certain level highlighting their child's percentage of attendance at school.



LABELS

Please ensure all your child's belongings are labelled. We always have a huge collection of lost property that we cannot return to owners. Although as a school we endeavour to assist the children with looking after their belongings, please note it is not the school's responsibility if items go missing.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs – Friday 6th November.



RAINY DAYS AND OUTDOOR LEARNING

Please ensure your child has warm outdoor clothing i.e. gloves, scarf, hat, waterproof jacket. This will enable Outdoor Learning to take place for our pupils.



PARENTS' NIGHTS / WORKSHOPS



Throughout the school year parents are afforded the opportunity to meet with staff and their child to discuss learning. The dates are Thursday 1/10/26, Wednesday 7/10/26, Wednesday 24/2/27 and Thursday 4/3/27.

Appointment times are to be made using the Parent Portal App. More information regarding this will follow.

Additionally, we will hold a 'Meet the Teacher' workshop for each class. Dates and times are shown below and will also be communicated via the School App.

Day	Classes		Time
Mon 7/9	P4, P6 & P7		3:15pm – 4pm
Tues 8/9	P2 & P3		3:15pm – 4pm
Wed 9/9	P4, P5 & P7/6		3:15pm – 4pm
Thurs 10/9	P1 Owls & P1 Squirrels		3:15pm – 4pm

NUT AWARE SCHOOL

We strive to provide a safe learning environment for all our pupils. We have a growing number of pupils who have allergies to specific foods and due to this we are a **NUT AWARE SCHOOL**. We are asking all members of the school community for their help in minimising the risk to these children by:

- Avoiding giving children nuts or nut products in their packed lunches (Please note that some chocolate spread contains nuts).
- Avoiding giving nuts or nut products or snacks/bars containing nuts for break time snacks.
- Avoiding supplying the school with cakes or food items containing nuts for sales or events.
- Avoiding sending containers such as cereal boxes for Design & Technology / Art lessons into school which may have contained produce made with nuts.



HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOL



We would be grateful if parents could support us by not sending fizzy juice or sweets/sugary snacks for break or lunch; this is in line with Glasgow City Council's policy on 'Better

Eating, Better Learning Policy'.

Pupils are permitted to drink water as required throughout the day. They should **bring a water bottle** filled each morning.



MOBILE PHONES AND SMARTWATCHES

Pupil mobile phones and smartwatches **must be switched off** during the school day. Mobile phones and smartwatches that are not switched off will be kept in the school office. These will be returned at the end of the day. Please note, the school cannot be held responsible for the loss or damage of mobile phones. In addition, pupils must not use their mobile phones to record or take photographs while on school grounds.



SESSION 2026-27 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES

- Progress – Reading, Writing, Assessment
- Wellbeing – P.E., Attendance, Digital Learning
- Inclusion – Meta Skills, Makaton, Drama

Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Donnelly - Head Teacher

Mrs Wallis - Depute Head Teacher

Mrs Hamilton/Mrs Deans - Principal Teachers (LCR)

Mr Wilson - Principal Teacher

Mrs McDade - Principal Teacher (Acting DHT on Mondays)

Mr Strain - Principal Teacher

Teaching Staff & Classes

P1 Owls Mrs Devine

P1 Squirrels Mrs Shennan/Miss Anderson

P2 Mrs Brydon/Mr Strain

P3 Mrs Brierley

P4 Mrs Smith

P5/4 Mrs Gavan/Ms McCrory

P5 Mrs Lidstone/Mrs Flanagan

P6 Mrs Leeann Scott

P7/6 Mrs Hanif/ Mrs Beck

P7b Mrs Lynne Scott

Nurture Miss Young

Clyde Mrs Deans/Mrs Forbes

Iona Ms Morrison

Islay Ms Hislop/Ms Howarth

Lomond Mr Brady

Nevis Ms Doull

Thistle Miss Connell/ Ms Howarth

Barra Mr Olver

Support Staff

Ms Baillie

Mrs Begg

Ms Caldwell (LCR)

Mrs Cambell

Ms Cargill (LCR)

Ms Couper

Miss Duncan

Mrs Easson

Ms Harris (LCR)

Mrs Hunter

Ms Jenorowska

Ms Ihnatieva

Ms McDonald (LCR)

Ms McGrath (LCR)

Miss McLellan (LCR)

Mrs McKnight (LCR)

Miss Nicol (LCR)

Ms Paterson

Miss Pitt (LCR)

Mr Samuelson (LCR)

Mrs Thomson (Clerical)

Ms Lauder (Clerical)

Mr Hutton (Janitor)

CLASSES/STAFF FOR THIS SESSION



PARENT PORTAL

All information regarding your child/ren will now be held electronically on Parent Portal. In order for us to have the most up to date personal information including medical records on this platform. Parents' Night appointments will be made using this portal.

Please sign up today
using this QR code.



August

- Monday, 10 August 2026 (Return date for Teachers & In-Service Day)
- Tuesday, 11 August 2026 (In-Service Day)
- Wednesday, 12 August 2026 (Return date for Pupils)

September

- Friday, 25 September and Monday, 28 September 2026 (September weekend holiday)

October

- Friday, 9 October 2026 (In-Service Day)
- Monday, 12 to Friday, 16 October 2026 (October Week)

December - Christmas and New Year

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 18 December 2026
- Monday, 21 December 2026 - Monday, 4 January 2027 (Christmas holidays)

January

- Schools return on Tuesday, 5 January 2027

February mid-term break

- Monday, 15 February 2027
- Tuesday, 16 February 2027
- Wednesday, 17 February 2027 (In-service day)

March

- Friday, 26 March 2027 (Good Friday)
- Monday, 29 March 2027 (Easter Monday)

April - Spring Holiday

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 2 April 2027
- Monday, 5 April - Friday, 16 April 2027 (Spring Break)
- Schools return on Monday, 19 April 2027

May

- Monday, 3 May 2027 (May Holiday)
- Thursday, 6 May 2027 (In-service day to coincide with elections, but may be subject to change)
- Friday, 28 May 2027 and Monday, 31 May 2027 (May Weekend)

June

- Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Friday, 25 June 2027.