



SANDWOOD NEWS



October 2025

Sandwood Primary School 0141-883-8367

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Dear Parent/Carer,

A warm welcome back after the October holidays. We are so pleased to see almost all our staff and pupils returning.

**ENJOY
YOUR
RETIREMENT**

Mr Sorby our school janitor is retiring on Wednesday 29th October. Once Mr Sorby has opened the school he will be finished after working for Glasgow City Council for 25 years.

Mr Sorby joined Sandwood 4 years ago and has been a valued member of the Sandwood family supporting the life of the school and being committed to our pupils.

We wish Mr Sorby every happiness in his retirement and we will miss him very much.

Friday 31st October will be our non-uniform day, and pupils are permitted to dress up. Pupils will take part in a range of fun Halloween based activities as per usual.

Please ensure that:

- Costumes worn are appropriate for the school context.
- Face paint is not gruesome or scary.
- No morph face coverings to be worn.
- No plastic weapons or guns to be brought into school.

If any family has costumes that their children have outgrown, we are happy to receive these to give to any pupils that do not have a costume on the day. We look forward to your support to make this a fun and enjoyable day for all pupils.

As ever, please contact the school if you require further information.



Kind Regards
Fiona Donnelly
Head Teacher



ATTENDANCE



Glasgow City Council launched an **Attendance Matters Every Day** Campaign in March 2025 due to falling attendance rates across Glasgow Schools post-covid.

It is extremely important that our children and Young People attend school.

It will allow them to:

- Have better opportunities in the future
- Develop important life skills
- Build friendships that can last a lifetime

Glasgow City Council aims for all pupils to have a 95% attendance rate or above.

85% might seem like a great percentage, but when it comes to attendance, it means missing almost 2 whole months of school throughout the school year!

We do recognise that at times our children can be unwell. Please ensure that you **contact the absence line** to report this. Any unreported absences are marked '**to be confirmed**'. It is a requirement that schools require to phone to follow up on these unknown absences. This can take a significant amount of school time so we would really appreciate Parents/Carers getting in touch.

You can contact the absence line to report sickness or medical/ dental appointment by:

•Phoning the school - **0141 883 8367** - select **option 1**

•Phoning the absence line – **0141 471 3710** or **0141 287 0039**

•Complete online form - <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/4277/Pupil-Absence-Reporting>

For all other absences, please phone the school - **0141 883 8367** – select **option 3** to speak to a member of staff.

Sometimes, Parents/carers do not realise how a missed day here and there can impact on their child's attendance %. To help Parents / Carers with this, the school will issue attendance % updates throughout the year.

At Sandwood we are keen to support families if there are challenges around getting your child to school. Please contact us to see what we can do to assist.

We will be reaching out to families when we notice a decline in attendance to offer our support.

Going to school every day makes a positive difference to your child's future.



P1 REGISTRATION 2026-2027



Is your child due to start school in August 2025?

Any child who will attain the age of 5 years between **1 March 2026 and 28 February 2027** is eligible to start school in August 2026.

To register you should now complete and submit an "Online" application between **3 - 7 November 2025**.

For "Online" applications visit **Glasgow City Council website - Schools and learning - Enrolment**.

The online enrolment application can be found here.

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/P1Enrolment>

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Is your child due to start school in August 2026?

If your child turns 5 years old between 1 March 2026 and 28 February 2027, they can start school in August 2026.

Register your child by completing an online application no later than 7 November 2025.

If required, paper application forms can be requested by contacting Glasgow City Council on 0141 287 8000.

Scan QR code to apply online or visit our website [glasgow.gov.uk/P1Enrolment](https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/P1Enrolment)

SCAN FOR MORE

EASY FUNDRAISING



You spend; brands donate.

This is a great way for funds to be raised for Sandwood Primary when you are shopping online.

Sign up to easyfundraising and see your favourite brands donate to the cause you care about whenever you shop with them.

How to get started

Become an easyfundraiser.

1. Sign up and choose Sandwood Primary.
2. Download the browser extension.
3. Track your donations. You'll be able to see how much you've raised in your account and easyfundraising will send updates on when your cause (Sandwood Primary) gets paid.

HEALTHY SNACKS

We encourage healthy snacks for playtime as we are a health promoting school.

If you wish to give your child a snack for playtime, please ensure he/she has it in their school bag for 9am. As per the Better Eating Better Learning Policy, pupils are not allowed fizzy drinks and sweets.





sandwood Stars



CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to:

P1: -

Rhys McEwan – won a trophy for scoring at football.

Arianna Crawford – won a medal at dancing for showing kindness.

Maddi Paton – won a trophy for doing a backflip at gymnastics.

P2: -

Ava Henderson – moved up a level in swimming.

Alina Docherty – moved up a level in ballet.

Zara McIntosh – moved up a level in gymnastics.

Cali Thomson – earned an orange belt with a blue tag in Taekwondo.

Sophie Kalkowska – earned a purple belt in Taekwondo.

Nicole He – moved up a level in gymnastics.

Ruby McGregor – earned a brown belt in Taekwondo.

Jamie McMichael – won a medal at football.

P3/2: -

Alfie Felton – won a football medal and his team won by 10 goals.

Cali-Jae Maitland – got a certificate in gymnastics for learning a new skill.

P3: -

Seren Watson – took part in a wrestling show.

Callan McQuade – won a blue card at football training for trying hard and not giving up.

Eilidh McAllister – was star of the week at gymnastics.

Holly Miller – moved up a gymnastics level and did a back flip.

Lucas McConnell – scored a goal at football.

Radvin Jobzari – scored a goal at football.

P4: -

Emily Allan – moved to level 4 in gymnastics.

Elsie Dorrian – moved to level 5 in ice skating.

Oscar Henderson – won a trophy for sparring in Taekwondo.

P5/4: -

Carter O'Donnell – was the winner of the football coach card for good listening and skills.

Leeann McGurk – was player of the week at football.

Charli Team – won a dance trophy for freestyle and lyrical.

Lacey Stewart – can do an 'ariel' cartwheel with no hands.

Alanna Pearson – cleared a new level at rock climbing.

P5: -

Harley Bruff – moved up a swimming level.

Harry Docherty – won Man of the Match three times in a row for Benburb.

Dylan Lee – won first place in a darts competition.

P6: -

Ethan McLeod – earned a brown belt in karate.

Liam Curran – came second place in a lawn bowls tournament.

Ethan MacKay – received a HT Award.

Harper McLelland – competed in her first ever Jiu Jitsu competition.

Orla Carroll – learned how to do a back twist at gymnastics.

P7/6: -

Caleb O'Neill – went to kick boxing.

Steven Hutton – got 60,000 views on TikTok for a review.

Noah Thomson – went to kick boxing.

Teddy Henderson – got an achievement at Taekwondo.

Mikey Gardiner – won Player of the Month at football.

P7: -

Gracie Morley Muir – has been put forward to the Glasgow District Football Team.

Summer Brennan – has been put forward to the Glasgow District Football Team.

Olivia Gordon – has been put forward to the Glasgow District Football Team.

