

SANDWOOD NEWS

October 2026

Sandwood Primary School 0141-883-8367

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Dear Parent/Carer,

A warm welcome back after the October holidays.

Friday 30th 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

Dream
Believe
Achieve Together

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 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 2027-2028



Is your child due to start school in August 2027?
Any child who will attain the age of 5 years between **1 March 2027 and 28 February 2028** is eligible to start school in August 2028**.**

To register you should now complete and submit an "Online" application between **2 - 6 November 2026**.

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



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 to:

P1 Owls: -

Euan McCabe – can tie his shoelaces.
Payton Hosie – met the pilot in the flight deck on a flight she was on.
Hallie Fairley – earned her first Rainbows Badge.

P1 Squirrels: -

Tahila Rose Kernachan – won a dance trophy.
Cuillin Closs – scored 10 goals at football.

P2: -

Freya Watt – won a dance trophy.
Jessica Henderson – received a football medal.
Ajwa Qurashee – received a dance medal.
Ariana Crawford – moved up to an orange belt at Taekwondo.

P3: -

Cillian Shearer – won a football trophy.
Nicolas Dani- won a medal at a Taekwondo competition.
Jamie McMichael - moved up a group in swimming.
Ava Henderson - learned how to do a backflip in the water at swimming.
Logan Campbell- coaches said he had really improved at football
Sophie Kalkowska - won a medal at Taekwondo
Ruby Bhandari - moved up to level 4 in swimming.
Rayden Bhandari - moved up to level 4 in swimming.
Cali Thomson- got a medal at a Taekwondo competition.
Oscar Will - moved up a level and swam to the deep end at swimming
Razan Elbanna- moved up a level in gymnastics
Christabel Opoku Tweneboah- moved up a level at swimming lessons

P4: -

Eilidh McAllister – learned how to go from a handstand to a bridge in gymnastics.
Holly Miller – can now do a front flip on a trampoline.

P5/4: -

Cian Gallacher – won a football match.
Areeba Amjad – won a running competition.
Kayden Watt – learned a new scooter skill.
Isabella Bruce – learned a new gymnastic skill.

P5: -

Elsie Dorrian –won an acting medal.
Emily Mallaney – joined a wrestling class.
Arran Sharp – moved up to a new tier in football.
Ellie-Grace Gray – learned how to do a headstand.
Ella Wright – won a dance trophy.

P6: -

Cora Barclay – won a silver medal at a Taekwondo competition.
Daryl Robertson – is taking part in a grading at karate.
Owen Mullen – won 'player of the camp' at a football camp.
Lacey Stewart – won 'Dancer of the Week'..
Sham Shanin – performed two cartwheels at dancing.
Muntaha Fatima – achieved level 6 at swimming.

P7: -

Noah Thomson- Moved up a level in his MMA (Mixed Martial Arts).
Brodie Band - joined a new football team.
Max Robinson - Came 2nd in the boys P7 cross country race last Thursday.
Mason Moody - Came 3rd in the boys P7 cross country race last Thursday.
Olivia Rose Brown - Joined a trampolining club.
Breagha Quigley- got a part in this year's SECC Panto Jack and the Beanstalk.