



Caerlaverock News



3rd September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome Back!



We hope that you have had a wonderful summer break and the sunshine gave you a chance to relax and spend some time outdoors. We are delighted to welcome our new P1 families into Caerlaverock Primary School and our five new entrants, Bradley, Isabelle, Rudi, Fallon and Finn, are looking happy as they settle into their P1-3 class. We extend a warm welcome back to all the children at Caerlaverock. We are also delighted to welcome back Mrs McGinley following her maternity leave.



Staffing:

Headteacher	Mrs Scriven
Principal Teachers:	
Mrs Thomson (M/T/W/Th) and Mrs Caprani (F)	
Class Teachers:	
P1-3 = Mrs Thomson (M/T/W/T) Mrs McGinley (F)	
P4-7 = Mrs McGinley (M) and Mrs Caprani (T/W/Th/F)	
RICCT Teacher	Mrs McGinley
Support for Learning Teacher	Mrs White
Learning Assistant	Mrs Scott
Senior Clerical Assistant	Mrs Spence (M/T/W)
Playground Supervisor	Mrs Jackson
Catering Manager	Mrs Bonar
Janitor	Mr McQueen

Learning and Teaching – Right's Respecting School (RRS) – Silver Award

Since last session the children have been learning about different Articles found in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Each fortnight, the whole school will work towards a new article within the UNCRC. This week, they have been developing their Class Charter / Playground Charter / Dining Hall Charter. This will help all children to understand that relationships are positive and founded on dignity and a mutual respect for rights.

Parental Engagement on our RRS Charter Work – invitation to visit the school...

We are having an informal drop-in session for parents/carers to come into school so that the children can share their Class, Playground and Dining Hall Charters. It will also give parents/carers the opportunity to meet with the teaching staff that work with your child over the course of the week. This event will take place on: Wednesday 17th September at 2.30pm-3.00pm.

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Communication with parents / carers:

1. 'Mail Drop' - information for new parents

Each child will bring their mail drop wallet home from school, as and when required. We hope that this will provide an effective form of communication between school and home, allowing returns and monies to be sent safely to and from the school office. Newsletters (fortnightly) will be sent home on Wednesdays, via email, once all addresses are up and running. This will be sent from the school office account, thus allowing parents to respond if they have any questions or information to be sent in to share with the school staff.

2. Class Dojo

The class teachers correspond directly with parents / carers via this platform. This is a quick and efficient way of sharing learning that is taking place in school with photos and comments. Please make sure that you check these messages as sometimes the teacher informs you of something that may require a response.

Menu and Lunch Money

- P1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 children receive free school meals.
- All other children pay for lunches, unless your family has applied for Free School Meal Entitlement
- All lunches must be ordered in advance using the online ordering and payment system.
- If you need any support with these arrangements, please contact the School Office.



School day arrangements:

School starts – 9.00am

Morning interval - 10.35 – 10.55 am

****Please remember to provide your child with a snack for break time****

Lunch - 12.30 – 1.20 pm

School day ends - 3.10 pm

*****Can we take this opportunity to remind you to label all items of clothing*****

Physical Education

Our children will continue with the experience of changing into/out of their PE kit at school for the following reasons:

- a) P1-3 pupils are learning to dress and undress independently and learning to manage their belongings responsibly
 - b) P4-7 pupils are addressing hygiene and building their confidence to change in privacy
- PE days will be: P4-7 = Monday and Friday and P1-3 = Tuesday and Friday
 - All children to please bring their PE kit to school on a Monday morning.
 - Their PE kit will remain in school and will be sent home on a Friday afternoon.
 - This will allow all children to participate in PE with their Class Teacher during the week as and when the opportunity arises – if weather changes
 - Trainers are required for outdoor PE. If required, these can be brought in or worn on the respective days.
 - Ensure your child brings a coat to school daily for both play times and PE as we will continue to have PE outside as long as the weather permits.



A reminder that under the Dumfries and Galloway 'School Dress' policy, the wearing of football colours in school is unacceptable. Your support is appreciated with this matter.

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Parent Council Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 9th September at 6pm in school

All parents and families from P1-7 are most welcome to come along so that your voice is heard and you are part of decisions that are made on behalf of your child/ren.

P5/7 Excursion to Tongland Power Station

A busy term is already underway with a visit arranged for the P5/7 classes to visit Tongland Power Station on Thursday 18th September. A letter giving details of the excursion has been e-mailed home to P5/7 families. This promises to be an exciting educational trip which we are sure the children will enjoy.

Active Schools Lunch Club

Active Schools Lunch Club are up and running and will take place on Friday 5th, 12th and 19th September. The activities are always great fun, giving the children the chance to be active while enjoying working together as part of a team.



P7 Play in a Day at Dumfries High School

A letter has already been sent home with full details of this exciting day at Dumfries High School, when the P7 pupils get to collaborate with their fellow P7 cohort. Please contact the school office if any P7 parents/guardians would like to attend the performance at the end of the day (2.30 pm) at the High School.



Dates for your diary:

- Parent Council AGM – Tuesday 9th September at 6 pm in the school hall
- P7 Play in a Day at Dumfries High School - Monday 15th September. P7 pupils to be dropped off at the High School at 8.40 am. Performance for parents/guardians at 2.30 pm.
- P5/7 excursion to Tongland Power Station - Thursday 18th September. Packed lunch and waterproof clothing please.
- P7 Open Evening at Dumfries High School – Monday 29th September at 7 pm. Hear, see and experience the successful secondary education available at Dumfries High School
- P7 H&W Day at Dumfries High School – Tuesday 30th September. Parents to drop off/pick up – details to follow.
- Caerlaverock Chatter – Thursday 2nd October at 2pm – 3 pm. All parents/guardians are invited into school for an informal chat with Mrs Scriven over coffee/tea and cake!

All staff are looking forward to another busy year with the children and working with you this session. Any contacts or queries, feel free to contact me through the school office:

Telephone – 01387 – 770237 or email – gw08officecaerlaverock@ea.dumgal.sch.uk

Kind regards

Mrs Karen Scriven and Caerlaverock Staff

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