

Education Resources
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Wednesday 29th April 2025

Subject: Term 3 Newsletter April → June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

A very warm welcome back to term 3 (the final term of academic session 2024-25), this feels like the quickest year yet. Firstly, I hope all our families had a lovely Spring Break and are looking forward to a busy term ahead. Secondly, personally – I want to express my sincere thanks for your support since my return to work.

I will summarise a few important messages/achievements/updates within this newsletter but will highlight future ‘dates for your diary’ as it is a very busy last term – especially for our Primary 7 leavers and our new Primary 1 entrants (Aug ‘25). Please do not hesitate to contact me or the school office should you have any questions or concerns.

School Uniform

The children are looking very smart in their school uniforms. Thank you for your continued support in encouraging the children to wear their Spittal uniform with pride. Please ensure your child is sent with **FULL** school uniform, should you be missing a few items or need some help, we have our **FREE** uniform rack that can be found within the school office ‘bubble’ or please phone/email the school with sizes and we will secure what we can. Please note, if your child loses anything throughout the day it will be on our Lost Property rack at 3pm, at the GP Room door beside Room 2.

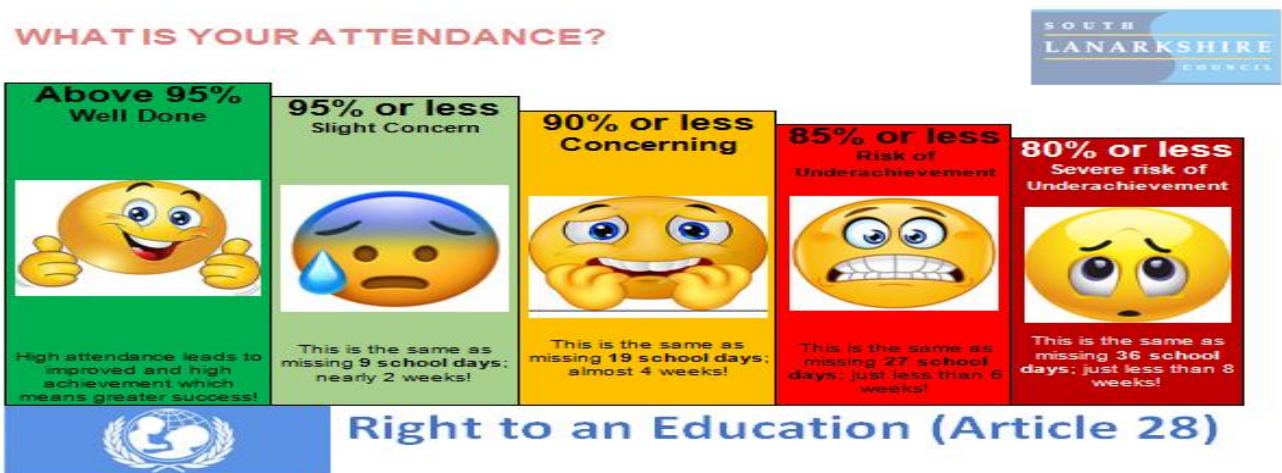
Attendance and Time Keeping






Good attendance at school is vital for your child to reach their full potential (our school vision). If they are not at school, they are missing valuable learning experiences. Punctuality is also crucial as every minute in school is “Learning Time.” Please try to get your child here on time to come into school with their line at 9.00am. If your child is late, they will be able to come into the school via their class door up until 9.05.am. After this time, they will have to sign in at the School Office. We appreciate your support with this. ***A wee five minutes late every day adds up to over 16 hours of missed learning over a school year!***

As always, regular updates/letters are sent out specific to families... so please look out for these and respond as stated on the letter.

Please maximise attendance: aiming for 95% or more will minimise the impact on your child's learning.

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



<p>Above 95% Well Done</p>  <p>High attendance leads to improved and high achievement which means greater success!</p>	<p>95% or less Slight Concern</p>  <p>This is the same as missing 9 school days: nearly 2 weeks!</p>	<p>90% or less Concerning</p>  <p>This is the same as missing 19 school days: almost 4 weeks!</p>	<p>85% or less Risk of Underachievement</p>  <p>This is the same as missing 27 school days: just less than 6 weeks!</p>	<p>80% or less Severe risk of Underachievement</p>  <p>This is the same as missing 36 school days: just less than 8 weeks!</p>
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Right to an Education (Article 28)

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Admin Forms/Parents Portal

We will be using Parents Portal this year to issue our data forms (August) and in the new session all permission slips for class/whole school trips will go on to Parents Portal, we encourage sign-up now – please have a look at our school app for helpful guides and videos to support registration. Should you require help, please speak to Mrs Wright in the school office who will support.

Barnardos Worker / Supporting Young Families Project

We have two fantastic workers who help support our families and children with a wide range of supports from financial, personal, employment, access to support groups, health planning, routes to work/further education etc... should you be interested and/or want to know more, please do not hesitate to contact our school office. Theresa (Barnardos) has worked with the school for almost 3 years and Marie Battersby for 2 years – valuable additions to Team Spittal.

Parent Council – ‘Friends of Spittal’ – 8th Meeting

Our active and busy Parent Council group ‘Friends of Spittal’ will reconvene again on **Wednesday 7th May @ 2pm** in our school meeting room. We welcome new members with open arms. Our Parent Council discuss the life of the school, its impact on the community and are involved in fundraising activities, enriching experiences for our Spittal children plus lots, lots more... we are incredibly grateful for the work and support they give to improve our school. The next meeting will be organised and managed by our new office bearers as voted at the recent AGM:

Chairperson - Susan McGeever

Vice Chairpersons (joint) – Ashley Massey and Danielle Shaw

Treasurer – Lindsay McPhee

Secretary – Michelle Welford

School News!!!

Mrs Dolan is retiring – After nearly 31 years at Spittal PS our wonderful Mrs Dolan (school office) retires on the last day of the school session on Wednesday 25th June ‘25. Mrs Dolan has supported many children during her time at Spittal PS including some of our parents/carers who are former pupils. She has had a huge impact on many lives. Mrs. Dolan is a very popular member of our team who will be missed greatly by everyone! We would like to say a big ‘thank you’ to Mrs. Dolan for all of her hard work, support and the dedication she has shown towards our school over the years. We wish her a very happy, healthy retirement and hope she enjoys making new memories without the need for any alarm clocks!! Thank you, Mrs. Dolan, for everything, from all at TEAM SPITTAL!

New members of Team Spittal - Nursery – We welcome 2 full-time permanent members of staff to Spittal Nursery Class. Both, successful at interview. Miss Evans as Early Years Practitioner and Mrs Haddow as Early Years Support Assistant. We also welcome (officially) Miss Maria Sherry (Early Years Excellence and Equity Lead) to our nursery who is focussed on nursery improvement ideas. All have already made a valued contribution to Team Spittal, welcome and thank you.

Placing Requests / Primary 1 induction (new entrant) information – Placing request outcomes are due to parents on 28th April, if you have not received this – please check your emails and/or contact the nursery/school for more information.

We have re-launched our Primary 1 induction programme and the details are (as below), parents will receive a letter and phone call from Miss Rennie to confirm dates and times:

Induction Day 1 - Thursday 15th May @ 1.30-2.30pm – welcome event with parents and children.

Induction Day 2 – Tuesday 20th May @ 9.30-10.30am – children only session with class activity.

Induction Day 3 – Thursday 29th May @ 11.30-12.15pm – school lunch taster session with parents and children.

Induction Day 4 – Wednesday 4th June @ 1.30-2.30pm – children only session with class activity.

Induction Day 5 – Tuesday 10th June @ 9.30-10.30am – Tour of school and Meet P7 buddy session with parents and children.

Class configurations for session 2025-26 – this will not be known until much later in the session. We do know that we will have 7 classes and a nursery class next year. Some years we only have 6 classes and a nursery class, but our numbers are strong for the forthcoming session, however we often do not find out about staffing/teachers until the last few weeks of term as staffing entitlement and allocation (to the school) is decided upon by South Lanarkshire Council, not the school.

Our School and Nursery Summer Show – Spittal PS and NC will be performing a school summer show on 3rd June 2025 at 9.30am and 1.30pm (***dates and time subject to change***). The chosen theme is musicals/songs from TV/film and plans are underway already with class songs being heard throughout the corridors already – it looks to be a sell-out, so keep an eye on

the school app for more information – tickets are not on sale yet.

School Closures/Holidays – Our final Inservice Day will be held on Thursday 1st May and as this is a staff training day, the school will be closed to all pupils across the school and nursery. School re-opens on Friday 2nd May 2025. The May Day Bank Holiday on Monday 5th May means the school is closed to all students and school re-opens on Tuesday 6th May.

School Communication

Our primary source of providing information and updates is through the ‘School App for Parents’ available on Android or IOS. Class teachers upload photos of learning, notify parents of gym days, class newsletters and we use the App for all urgent/essential reminders. School Calendar showing upcoming events will be live by the end of the week. **If you have not downloaded the App yet, please do so or you will miss lots of useful information for you and your child!**

On the app search for: Spittal

The username is: spittalprimary (all one word, all lowercase)

Password: 1957

Remember you can find out lots of useful information at Spittal Primary and Nursery by checking out our website at: www.spittal-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

We now no longer use X/Twitter.

Follow our Parent Council “Friends of Spittal” on their Facebook pages/groups – NEW: ‘Friends of Spittal – Parent Council’ Page and ‘Friends of Spittal’ group.

Some dates for your diary: [Subject to change, more to be added* PTO →](#)

I hope you have found the above useful, I appreciate this is a lengthy update, there is a lot of fantastic work happening across the school – so please keep a keen eye on the news/messages section of the School App for Parents (as above) for our many celebrations, achievements and class updates.

Yours sincerely



Mr Miller (Head Teacher)

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Term Three (3)

1.5.25		School Closed to Pupils (Inservice Day)	School re-opens 9am 2.5.25
5.5.25		May Day Holiday – School Closed	School re-opens 9am 6.5.25
6.5.25	PE	Parent Council ‘Friends of Spittal’ Breakfast Morning (all welcome) NEW!	9am
7.5.25	PE / PI	Parent Council Meeting 8 (school and nursery)	2-3pm
8.5.25	PE	Nursery Parents’ Night	3-5pm
9.5.25	PI/PE/FL	P5/6 (Room 6) Class Assembly – Showcase of Learning	Room 6 parents 9.30am-10.15am
15.5.25	PI/PE/FL	Nursery BookBug Session 2 with Mrs O’Donnell	2.15-2.45pm
15.5.25	PI/PE/FL	New P1 Induction Day 1 - welcome event with parents and children.	1.30-2.30pm
16.5.25	PI	P5/6 Class Visit to Sky Academy (letter to follow)	
19.5.25- 22.5.25	PI/PE/FL	Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) and STEM (Science, Engineering, Engineering and Maths) Themed Week	Home-school activities
20.5.25	PI	New P1 Induction Day 2 – children only!	9.30-10.30am
22.5.25	PI	Dress as you please day – school fundraiser	£1 donation
23.5.25- 26.5.25		May Weekend Holiday – School Closed	School re-opens 9am 27.5.25
27.5.25	PI	P6/7 Class Trip to Scottish Parliament (letter to follow)	Early departure
28.5.25 and 29.5.25	PI/PE	Kings Park Transition Visit Days 1+2.	
28.5.25	PE/FL	Sport’s Day (nursery only)	1.45pm
29.5.25	PI/PE	New P1 Induction Day 3 – children and parents (lunch taster)	11.30-12.15pm
30.5.25	PE/FL	Sport’s Day (school only)	9.40am – children can wear house colours or sports clothing
3.6.25	PI	Summer Show (nursery and school) – fundraiser (ticketed event)	AM show 9.30am PM show 1.30pm
4.6.25	PI	New P1 Induction Day 4 – children only	tbc
5.6.25	FL	Nursery BookBug session 3 with Mrs O’Donnell	2.15-2.45pm
7.6.25	PI	Friends of Spittal Summer Fayre	10.30-1.30pm
9.6.25- 13.6.25	PI	P7 Leavers’ Week and will include a range of P7 related activities (some out-of-school) Stonelaw P7 visits 11.6.25 and 12.6.25, P7 parent information session 12.6.25 PM	TBC – subject to change
10.6.25	PE/PI	New P1 Final Induction Day 5 – Tour of school and Meet P7 buddy session with parents and children.	9.30-10.30am
11.6.25	PE/PI	Prizegiving Achievement Certificate Presentations	9.30am – P1, P1/2 and P2/3 11.15am – P3/4, P4/5, P5/6 and all P6 children
11.6.25	PE / PI	Parent Council Meeting 9 (school and nursery)	6.30-7.30pm
13.6.25	PI	Spittal’s Got Talent #2	Pupils only
19.6.25	PE/PI	Nursery Graduation	1.30-2.45pm
20.6.25	PI	Report Card and New Classes letters (nursery and school)	

20.6.25	PE/PI	P7 Leavers Assembly	11am
23.6.25	PI	Meet the Teacher (pupils)	9.30am
25.6.25	PI	Dress as you please day	FREE
25.6.25		School Closes at 1pm on 25.6.25	School re-opens Aug (date tbc)

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Comment Slip

Please return to school for your chance to be entered into a prize draw where your child/children may win a golden token for the Book Vending Machine, comments will be chosen at random (7 prizes up for grabs) and announced at our next Assembly.

Should you have any compliments, comments or suggestions – please return the slips below, thank you:

My view, comment/concern/suggestion/compliment (delete where appropriate) – we always welcome compliments 😊

Your child/children's names/class(es): _____

Name: _____

Details should you wish us to contact you: _____

Thank you!
Team Spittal

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