



Education Resources
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Dear Parent/Carer.

A very warm welcome back to a new session in Spittal Primary and Nursery Class and a special welcome to all who are new in our school community. Our Primary One children, new-to-our-school children and Nursery new starts have settled very quickly to our school/nursery routines, thank you for your support and patience.

This newsletter contains a lot of information and a few of the usual reminders, so apologies in advance.

A few reminders first:

School Uniform

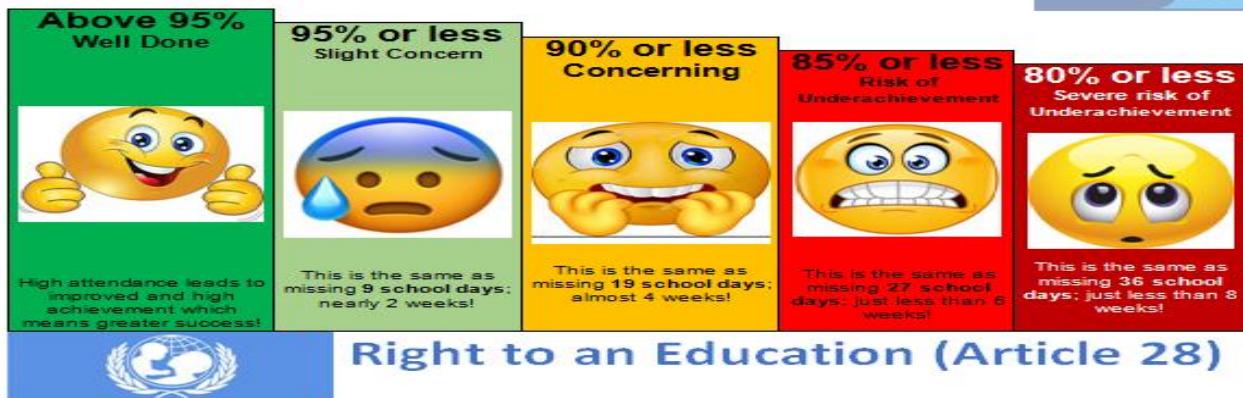
The children are looking very smart in their school uniforms. Thank you for your continued support in encouraging the children to wear their Spittal uniform with pride. Please ensure your child is sent with **FULL** school uniform, should you be missing a few items or need some help, we have our **FREE** uniform rack that can be found within the school office ‘bubble’, can be requested at the school office or why not pop along to one of our Swap Shop events where not only will you be able to pick up some extra school uniform, but may also see something that you like for yourself/partner – our next **Swap Shop will be held in our school dining hall at 9.15-10.15am on 6th October 2025**.

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 9am. Additionally, holidays during term should be discouraged, are unauthorised and this will count as an absence.

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

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



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Parents Portal

We are using Parents Portal this year to issue our data forms – please have a look at our school app for helpful guides and videos to support registration. You should have received a letter in your child's bag and if you have tried to register/log-in and been unable to link with your child/children – a member of our office team will contact you shortly to resolve as soon as they can.

Further details about the data/admin forms will be made available over the coming weeks. Furthermore, consent letters for class trips that are planned for this term will be uploaded to Parents Portal.

Breakfast Club

We have a Breakfast Club which provides a **free** breakfast of toast, cereal and juice in our dinner hall between 8.15 and 8.45am every morning. This is available to **all** children in school and there is no need to register. The children are supervised by school staff in the Breakfast Club. The children go into the playground at 8.45am for a short play before the bell rings at 9am.

Class P.E times and Gym Kit

Individual class teachers will inform you about each class's PE times and this will be communicated through the School App 'School App for Parents' and also in your child's class newsletter which will be out shortly. Shorts and change of shoes are required. Pupils can leave a P.E kit in school or can wear a polo shirt and shorts under skirt/trousers on the day. Please **NO FOOTBALL COLOURS OR LOGOs!** All **jewellery** should be left at home on gym days, be removed in school or taped prior to coming to school. Otherwise, for their own health and safety they will be unable to take part – this is a council-wide measure to mitigate any risk/harm to your child. Please see South Lanarkshire Council for more information.

Indoor Shoes – Just a reminder that all children change from their outdoor shoes into indoor shoes when they come inside. Can you please ensure that your child has indoor shoes which can also be used for P.E (Crocs or similar are not suitable for running in our gym hall). We have plenty of spares left from last year and are able to donate these should you require a pair.

Please ensure all personal items are clearly labelled.

Healthy Snack and Water

We are trying to encourage healthy eating in school and ask for your support in this. Please provide fruit/veg or crisps and water for snack. Please leave the sugary, fizzy drinks and other snacks at home. The school has water fountains that children can refill empty water bottles throughout the day.

Allergens and choking risks!!! Please do not send into school any snacks/lunches that contain nuts, due to members of the school community that have severe allergies – this includes most chocolate spreads, Nutella products and Kinder Bueno. Lollipops are not allowed in school due to being a choking hazard!!!

Asthma - If your child requires an inhaler for asthma, we ask that they carry their inhaler with them at all times (A good life skill!) Please send a spare inhaler, clearly marked with your child's name and dosage details into the school office and we will keep that as a spare in case of loss/emergency.

Safer Travel

As we prepare for the wetter weather and more people choose to bring the car to school, the car park can become quite congested, especially at 9am/3pm – **this can be potentially dangerous for all users**. Can I remind all car park users to be considerate of others and to **think of the safety of the children**. Please park in available allocated bays and use the Drop Off Zone for dropping off only.

Additionally, can we ask that parent/carers/children travelling to school on electric scooters, scooters or bikes dismount at the outer-perimeter gates. The law on the use of electric scooters can be found here:

<https://roadtrafficaccidentlaw.co.uk/cycle-law/legal-information-centre/e-scooters/>

Our Digital NEWS!!!

With the world going digital, we too plan to embrace it to be more environmentally friendly. As a result, this will be our last paper based newsletter – these will be assigned through Parents Portal (see above) and will be uploaded to the school app and school website.

Nursery – drop off!

We are now inviting parents to come into the nursery playroom to drop their children off at nursery. Come in, have a look and see where your children play and learn. To ease congestion, we ask parents to stagger drop-off anytime between 8.50-9am,

don't be scared, we don't bite (although it is nearly Halloween 😊). We still ask that you allow your child to register, self-select their lunch and follow their morning routine as normal – we encourage the children to be as independent as possible.

Parent Council – ‘Friends of Spittal’ – 2nd Meeting

Our active and busy Parent Council group ‘Friends of Spittal’ will reconvene again on **8th October @ 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. Did you know that without our parent council fundraising and parent helpers we wouldn't be able to: afford buses for most of our school/class trips, top up reading books in the school library, fund our book vending machine, and so much more. If you can help (even ½ an hour) at any of our parent council events E.g. we have a FOS Halloween Disco on 28th October '25, our FOS Christmas Fayre on the 29th November '25, to name a few. Please notify the parent council by emailing friendsospittal@gmail.com.

Beat the Street

Find your nearest Beat Box using the paper or digital map issued and hover your card at the contactless Beat Box until it beeps or flashes. If playing with the app, tap the Beat Box icon on the map and swipe when prompted to collect points.

Visit two Beat Boxes within an hour and collect 10 points for each Box - that's 20 points for the journey.

We encourage parent/carers to register their cards and complete the required survey for 100 bonus points.

RSHP – Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood

Each year, as part of the Curriculum for Excellence, children are taught a series of lessons in Health and Wellbeing around Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood – also known as RSHP. This curricular strand is extremely important in ensuring children know how to foster positive relationships, keep themselves and others safe and understand how their bodies grow and change over time.

Over the forthcoming weeks, all children will be taking part in RSHP lessons taught by their teacher. The content covered is provided via a national RSHP resource which is used in schools across Scotland. Please see the app for further details and web links regarding the national standard around the teaching of RSHP within schools in Scotland.

IQ Christmas Card/Personal Greeting Cards

We are fast approaching that special time of year in school and already our children have been busy with winter themed designs to help raise money for our school fund through the use of IQ Cards. For every sale / purchase the school (because it is so early) not only receives commission but receives an extra 20-30% bonus top-up.

The order form has your child's chosen design on the back. On the front of the form there is information to be filled out including which greeting you would like, if any, and which items you would like to order. The form states that any orders must be returned to the school office by Wednesday **1st October 2025** which will allow us to complete the process in plenty of time for production and delivery. **The IQ cards design sheet states by Friday 26th September, but this is incorrect.**

Your payment may be made using ParentPay ‘IQ Cards’ or by cash. Payment must be made at the time of returning your form and all forms should be returned to school where they will be sent off together via a courier. Orders should then be produced ready for distribution by the middle of November.

Queries/Concerns

At this point any class related queries can be raised with the class teacher in the first instance (at the end of the day), please avoid this at the start of the school day as the teacher has responsibility for the whole class and this may delay teaching opportunities. Teacher's email addresses can be found below also. If you would like to speak with a member of the leadership team, please do not hesitate to get in touch via our school office/emails as below. Mr Miller has overall responsibility and strategic leadership for the Nursery and the Primary classes. However, Miss Thomson (Principal Teacher), Miss Rennie and Miss Elliott (Acting Principal Teachers) should be the first port of call for any issue/concern. Miss Rennie has pastoral responsibility for our Nursery and Room 1; Miss Thomson will be available for Rooms 2-6 and Miss Elliott has pastoral responsibility for Room 7. Mrs. O’Kane (Early Years Team Leader) has pastoral responsibility for the Nursery Class alongside the other group’s Early Years Practitioners.

Contact details are:

Mr Miller (Head Teacher): gw14spittalpsht@glow.sch.uk

Miss Thomson (Principal Teacher): gw14thomsonsarah2@glow.sch.uk (Tuesday - Friday)

Miss Elliott (Acting Principal Teacher): gw07elliottgillian@glow.sch.uk (Monday - Wednesday)

Miss Rennie (Acting Principal Teacher): gw14renniehazel@glow.sch.uk (Wednesday - Friday)

Mrs O’Kane (Nursery Team Leader): gw14okaneleigh@glow.sch.uk

School office: gw14spittalpoffice@glow.sch.uk

Mrs Houston (Room 1, Primary 1): gw11houstonheather2@glow.sch.uk

Miss Dowling (Room 2, Primary 2): gw15dowlingrachael@glow.sch.uk

Miss Black and Miss Rennie (Room 3, Primary 3): gw25blackcaitlinann@glow.sch.uk and gw14renniehazel@glow.sch.uk

Mrs Lyon (Room 4, Primary 4): gw17lyonsamantha@glow.sch.uk

Mr Houston (Room 5, Primary 5): gw14houstonneil@glow.sch.uk

Mrs Gold and Mrs Brown (Room 6, Primary 6): gw15goldnatalie@glow.sch.uk and gw15brownjade@glow.sch.uk

Miss Carroll (Room 7, Primary 7): gw17carrollamanda@glow.sch.uk

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 and share class newsletters this way as well as communicate all urgent/essential reminders. The School Calendar section shows upcoming events and this

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!**

To find the app on Android or IOS: search for ‘School App for Parents’

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

Follow our Parent Council “Friends of Spittal” on their Facebook page – NEW: ‘Friends of Spittal – Parent Council’

Some dates for your diary: Subject to change, more to be added* PTO→

Date	Type	Event	Additional Info
Term One (1a)			
26.9.25- 29.9.25		School Closed (September Weekend)	<i>School re-opens 9am 30.09.25</i>
1.10.25	FL	Nursery Book Bug – Session 2	<i>Nursery 2.15-2.45pm dining Room</i>
2.10.25	PE / FL	Stay and Play session 1 (nursery)	<i>1.30-2.30pm</i>
3.10.25	PI/PE	Pupils’ Jotters sent home to parents	<i>Return 6.10.25</i>
6.10.25	PE	Swap Shop #2	<i>9.15-10.15am</i>
8.10.25	PE / PI	Parent Council Meeting 2 (school and nursery)	<i>2-3pm</i>
10.10.25	PI	Wear Something Yellow for World Mental Health Day	<i>Donation to charity</i>
10.10.25	PI	Spittal’s Got Talent - 1	
13.10.25- 19.10.25		School Closed (October Week)	<i>School re-opens 9am 20.10.25</i>

Term One (1b)

23.10.25	FL	Nursery Book Bug – Session 3	Nursery 2.15-2.45pm dining Room
23.10.25	PE	School Parent Consultations/Parents' Night #1 (Book Fair / Swap Fundraiser) – pupils' jotter sampling	3-5.30pm / 6.30-8.30pm
28.10.25	PI/PE	FOS/ Parent Council Hallowe'en Disco	Volunteers needed! Time/details TBC
31.10.25	PI	Hallowe'en Sponsored Dance Afternoon (pupils only)	Sponsor Sheet / donation
3.11.25	PI	Flu Vaccine Spray P1 to P7 (nasal spray)	
10.11.25		School Closed to Pupils (Inservice Day)	School re-opens 9am 11.11.25
10.11.25-14.11.25	PI/PE/FL	Antibullying / Friendship / Kindness Themed Week	Home-school activities
11.11.25	PI	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week	Wear odd socks to school
13.11.25	PI/E/FL	Nursery Book Bug – Session 4	Nursery 2.15-2.45pm dining Room
14.11.25	PI/PE	P7 class trip to Forth road Bridges (STEM)	Details tbc!
19.11.25	PE / PI	Parent Council Meeting 3 (school and nursery)	6.30-7.30pm
27.11.25	PI	P7 Swimming (12 weeks)	Ends 5.3.26 £1 coin for locker
27.11.25	PI/PE	P7 Stonelaw Open Evening	Time tbc
29.11.25	PI	Christmas Fayre	Volunteers needed!
2.12.25	PIPE	Volunteers – Thank You Tea	All school volunteers and parent council invited
4.12.25	PI	Toy Sale (pupils only)	Donations welcome
4.12.25	PI/PE/FL	Nursery Book Bug – Session 5	Nursery 2.15-2.45pm dining Room
9.12.25	PI	P4+5 Christmas Party	
10.12.25	PI	P6+7 Christmas Party	
11.12.25	PI	Christmas Jumper Day	
16.12.25	PI	Christmas Show + Nativity	Morning and afternoon performances 9.30am/1.30pm performances
17.12.25	PI	Nursery and P1-P3 Christmas Parties	
19.12.25	PI	Dress as you please day	FREE
20.12.25-4.1.26		School Closes at 2.30pm on 19.12.25	School re-opens 9am 5.1.26

I look forward to working in partnership with you.
Yours sincerely



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
