



Education Resources

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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back and into 2026 we go!

The school's primary aim of communication is through the School App for Parents, so please make sure you have downloaded the app from Google Play or through the Apple App Store.

This newsletter contains a lot of information, reminders and a calendar of upcoming events.

Updates:

- We are delighted with the feedback and opportunities given to the children over Christmas – the parties sound like a 'hoot,' the Panto was amazing and I hear the Christmas Show was one of the best yet – well done Team Spittal!
- We have launched another Book Vending Machine incentive and our Reading Schools Pupil Group have already decided on what this will look like for the year ahead as we go forward with our action plan to retain our Gold Reading School's Initiative.
- Lots of new clubs have started, with more to follow. Letters have been issued to those classes. We have tried to make it as fair as possible and have a few clubs offered at each stage or planned for each class to have opportunities throughout the year. Thank you to Miss Rennie for organising!
- Our Christmas Fayre was a huge success and with your help and the help of our Friends of Spittal Parent Council we raised a total of £2000 which we are very excited about. We have already 'ringfenced' this money to contribute towards our whole-school (and nursery) school trip later on in the year... details to follow (we are planning this in a consultation with the children).
- All classes have either been or are planning their class excursions. These add value to our learning experiences within the classroom and are usually linked to our topics. Each class will have at least one class excursion each year and this is fully subsidised by the school so there are no additional costs to our families.
- Individual class news, stories and photos have been uploaded to our School App.
- Our P1 enrolments for session 26-27 have opened and it is looking likely that we will have 7 classes next year (fingers crossed), our school roll is increasing and that is very exciting for Spittal Primary and Nursery Class. A testament to the strong sense of community and the reputation that Spittal PS & NC has within their own community (and wider).
- Our Nursery have their next Stay and Play session this week, the last was a huge success. We have also successfully introduced a new drop-off and collection procedure for families, allowing our families to come into the playroom – where the children love showing off all of their play activities.
- Our Rutherglen 900 school events have been planned for a monthly basis – 4 children from our school choir represented our school beautifully at the Rutherglen 900 launch event in January– well done Rosie, Mio, Olivia and Leo (our Spittal Stars).
- South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture have been leading our classes in Expressive Arts input this year with Drama, Music and Felting being some of the many exciting opportunities our nursery→P7 students have experienced. We are grateful for their time and expertise – the children have very much enjoyed these activities – with much more planned!

- We achieved Bronze at Sportshall Athletics – taking part in various activities with schools across the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area. Well done to all of our Sportshall Spittal Stars – amazing result! We are so proud of you all!
- Congratulations to Miss Carroll on the very exciting news that she and her partner Dan are expecting their first baby in May 2026. Exciting times for your family!
- Our school football team, captained by Lennon, is thriving with Spittal hosting a recent Football Roadshow with various teams competing within the Cambuslang/Rutherglen area. Well done!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION/REMINDERS

Parking

The car park can become quite congested, especially at 9am/3pm (drop off and pick-up) – 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 do not block (even temporarily) behind those in allocated bays, please do not park up on grass verges/walkways, ensure school gates and zig-zags are kept clear and please remember to switch off your engine whilst stationary as car idling is illegal and can result in fines.

Parents Portal

Our new paper-less means of communication is called Parents Portal. All schools in South Lanarkshire Council will move to this in-house system very soon.

We are delighted to have the majority of families now registered. If you are not currently registered or are unsure – please contact Mrs. Wright / Mrs. Keenan in the school office. ***If you are not already registered you will potentially miss the opportunity to update you or your child's details, give consent to school trips, and miss vital class information.***

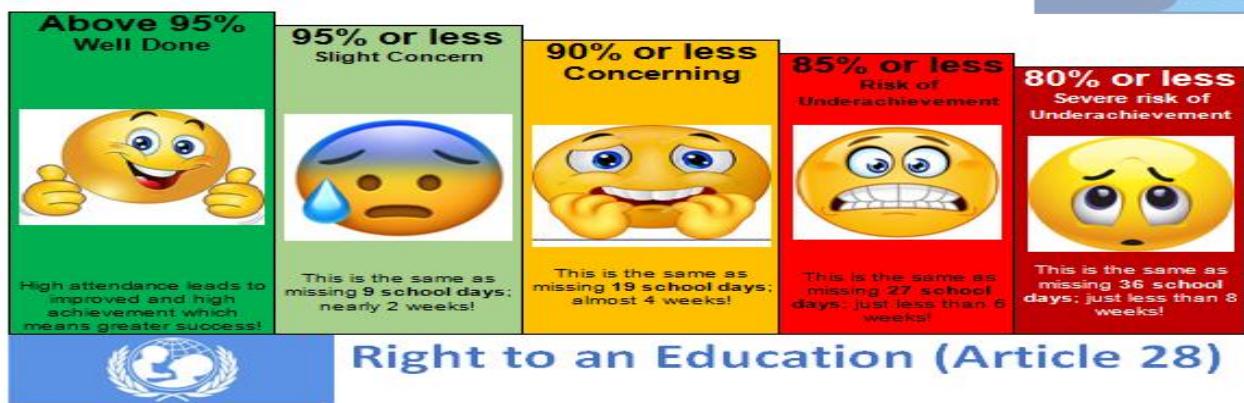
We thank you for your patience and encourage those that have not currently registered to do so – should you require a new letter or advice, please contact the office.

Attendance, Time Keeping and Term-Time Holidays

Attendance and Time Keeping letters are sent monthly (we are required to send regular updates to parents), these are sent at specific thresholds – this is not personal. Good attendance at school is vital for your child to reach their full potential. 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 9.05am. 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!***

Please note that as per South Lanarkshire Council policy – family term-time holidays are very rarely approved and therefore this is marked as an unauthorised absence which will affect your child's attendance rate. Currently, this is one of the main reasons for school absence.

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



Friends of Spittal Parent Council/Spittal Community Meeting

Please note a change to the next two Parent Council meetings on the diary dates on the back page. There is also an opportunity prior to this year's AGM to find out a little bit more about the Parent Council – are you interested in finding out how to get more involved? Why not come along on Friday 6th February between 2-3pm.

Additionally, members of the school community are holding an initial meeting to set up a brand new community group – come and have your say on future events at Leap Community Hall on Wednesday 4th February 6-7pm.

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 can be collected at the school office.

Winter is HERE!

As always, please keep a keen eye on the School App for Parents. This is where we will send any early alerts to parents to advise of any alterations to our morning start for example: closed playgrounds due to ice/snow and any alterations to entry/exports or school closures due to inclement weather.

Indoor Shoes

Indoor Shoes – Just a reminder that all children change from their outdoor shoes into indoor shoes when we come inside. Can you please ensure that your child **has indoor shoes which can also be used for P.E.** We are receiving brand new carpets for much of the school so indoor shoes is more important than ever in keeping our school to a high standard.

Lost Property

Please ensure all personal items are clearly labelled. We have many items of uncollected clothes/belongings from school – now in lost property. Your child can reclaim these in school and/or parents can come up at the end of the school day and have a rummage.

E-Scooters

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/>

Healthy Snack and Water

We are trying to encourage healthy eating in school and ask for your support in this. Please provide fruit or crisps and water for snack. Please leave the sugary, fizzy drinks and other snacks at home as we know this can

have a detrimental impact on children's behaviour and physical health. 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!!!

Please turn over for a list of term 2 diary dates!

More exciting things to follow... should you have any compliments, comments or suggestions – please do not hesitate to contact the school on: gw14spittalpsoffice@glow.sch.uk, thank you.

Yours sincerely



Stephen Miller
Head Teacher

Some dates for your diary (term 2): (subject to change)

Lots to look forward to... details in bold reflect new additions or changes...

The below dates are the most up-to-date at this moment. Please note the School App is updated regularly.

Term Two (2)			
4.2.26	PE / FL	Stay and Play session 2 (nursery)	1.30-2.30pm
6.2.26	PI	Come and speak with our Parent Council to find out more about how to get involved in our Friends of Spittal PC group (school's meeting room)	2-3pm
11.2.26	PE / PI	Parent Council Meeting 5 (school and nursery)	2-3pm new time*
11.2.26	PI	Miss Thomson and 4 P7 children representing Spittal PS at The Rotary Quiz (last year's winners)	
13.2.26	PI	P5 class trip to Whitelee's Windfarm	9.30-2.30pm
13.2.26	PI	Dress as you please day – fundraiser	£1 donation
16.2.26-18.2.26	PI	School Closed to Pupils (February Weekend) and Inservice Day	<i>School re-opens 9am 19.2.26</i>
26.2.26	PI/PE/F L	Nursery Book Bug – Session 8	<i>Nursery 2.15-2.45pm dining Room</i>
2.3.26-6.3.26	PI/PE/F L	Literacy Themed Week	<i>Home-school activities</i>
4.3.26	PI/PE/FL	P2 Dinosaurs Showcase – parents invited	*more to follow!
5.3.26	PI	World Book Day	Dress up TBC!
6.3.26	PI/PE	Macmillan Coffee Morning (fundraiser)	11am
12.3.26	PE	School Parent Consultations/Parents' Night #2 (Book Fair / Swap Fundraiser) – pupils' jotter sampling	<i>3-5.30pm / 6.30-8.30pm</i>
16.3.26-18.3.26	PI/PE	P7 Residential Trip with Miss Dowling, Miss Johnston and Mr Miller	
26.3.26	PI	P1 and P2 class visit to Museum of Rural Life (East Kilbride)	All day
25.3.26	PE / PI	Parent Council Meeting 6 (school and nursery)	6.30-7.30pm, new time*
26.2.26	PI/PE/F L	Nursery Book Bug – Session 9	<i>Nursery 2.15-2.45pm dining Room</i>
26.3.26	PI	P7 Takeover Spring Disco (Parent Council) – school pupils only!	<i>Pay on door. 6.30-8pm</i>
2.4.26	PI	Spittal's Got Talent #2	<i>Pupils only</i>
2.4.26	PI	Dress as you please day – fundraiser	£1 donation
3.4.26-19.4.26		School Closes at 2.30pm on 2.4.26	<i>School re-opens 9am 20.4.26</i>