

Education Resources
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Tuesday 12th May 2026

Subject: Term 3 Newsletter April → June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

A very warm welcome back to term 3 (the final term of academic session 2025-26), is it just me or does the school year get quicker with each year? Firstly, I wish to 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 '26). Please do not hesitate to contact me or the school office should you have any questions or concerns.

Official Welcome

A huge big welcome to our new families that have joined Spittal Primary and Nursery, we look forward to working in partnership with you and hope that you and your child will be happy here!

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

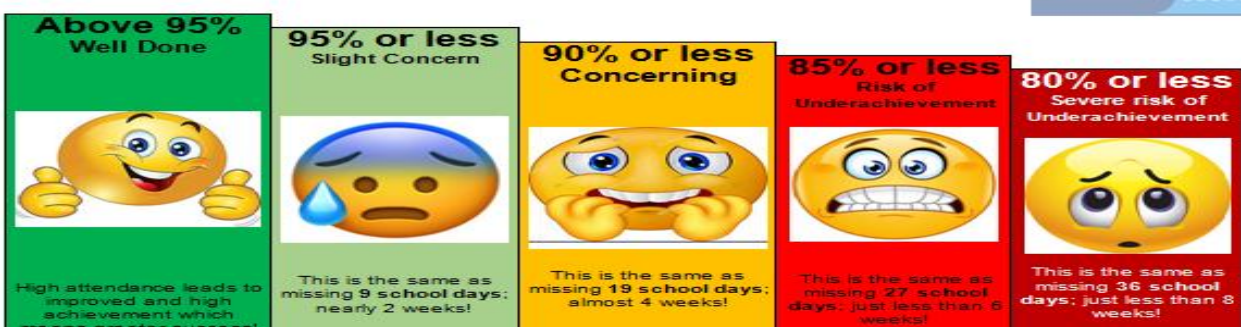
March and April attendance rate was below the national average/expectation, sitting at 89% – this is predominantly due to family holidays, not genuine illness.

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, updates/letters are sent out regularly!

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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Admin Forms/Parents Portal/School App for Parents

Parents Portal - We have 99% of the school registered for Parents Portal – thank you. All permission slips for class/whole school trips will go on to Parents Portal, we encourage sign-up if you have not already done so. Additionally, we need you to click that you consent to your child on school trips – if you need any support – please have a look at our school app for helpful guides and videos to support registration. Should you require any additional help, please speak to Mrs Wright or Mrs Keenan in the school office who will support you (please don't worry, we are all learning together).

School App for Parents - We have had news that the School App for Parents platform is closing from July 2026. We use the School App for Parents (not Parents Portal or Parent Pay) on a daily basis for sharing news, pictures of our children engaged in learning, class updates etc... we have sourced an alternative that does the same/similar and are trialling this as a Senior Leadership Team, to make sure it is suitable. We hope to share this information with you soon, so keep your eyes peeled.

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 4 years and Marie Battersby for 3 years – valuable additions to Team Spittal.

School News!!!

A baby boom – the news is out and can be finally shared. We are excited to announce that Miss Carroll, Miss Thomson, Miss Rennie and Mrs Lyon are all pregnant. Miss Carroll started her maternity leave on Friday 8th May and we welcome Miss Livingstone to our P7 class for the final 6 weeks of term. A huge congratulations to Miss Thomson, Miss Rennie and Mrs Lyon whose maternity leaves will start over the summer holidays – we cannot wait to welcome our new additions to Team Spittal. We will keep everyone updated on any staff updates for session 2026-27. After a rigorous process to recruit a new Acting Principal Teacher whilst Miss Thomson will be off, I am pleased to say that Miss Elliott has been successful and is looking forward to the exciting opportunity ahead.

Primary 1 induction (new entrant) information

We have 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 14th May @ 1.30-2.30pm – welcome event with **parents and children**.

Induction Day 2 – Thursday 21st May @ 1.30-2.30pm – **children only** session with class activity.

Induction Day 3 – Thursday 28th May @ 11.30-12.15pm – school lunch taster session with **parents and children**.

Induction Day 4 – Wednesday 3rd June @ 9.30am – 10.30am – **children only** session with class activity.

Induction Day 5 – Wednesday 17th June @ 9.30-10.30am – Tour of school and Meet P7 buddy session with **parents and children**.

Class configurations for session 2026-27 – 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 Trip – Spittal PS and NC are pleased to share that we will be going to Heads of Ayr Farm and Adventure Park on **Friday 5th June 2026**. We are looking for volunteers to help with supporting our classes during the whole-school trip – please let Mrs. Wright know in the office if you are available to help. This is a FREE whole-school and nursery trip – with big thanks to our Parent Council fundraising the whole amount. This is why we need an active parent council, or opportunities like this are at risk.

School Sports Day

Unfortunately, due to last year's unfortunate weather and the last-minute cancellation to Sports Day, and with health and safety concerns, we have decided to have a child's only traditional Sports Day. This allows the school the flexibility in deciding what day will be the best (weather dependent– without unpopular last minute cancellations). Traditional Sports Day was preferred by our pupils following last year's trial and we unfortunately do not have the space on the pitch to allow for approx. 200 family and friends. Additionally, parent feedback last year was that there was already a parent-heavy commitment with our class showcases, annual class prize-giving, nursery graduation, and P7 Leavers Assembly (as well as some other possible additions this year e.g. volunteering for the summer trip). We have not taken this decision lightly and will continue to evaluate for future years, thank you for your support.

School Closures/Holidays –The school will be closed to all staff and pupils on **Friday 22nd May and Monday 25th May 2026**, additionally the school will be closed on **Monday 15th June** due to the additional bank holiday for Scotland’s historic participation at the World Cup. The summer term draws to a close on **Thursday 25th June @ 1pm**.

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

Term Three (3)			
May-June	PE/PI/ FL	P1 Induction / Transition Programme (weekly) Induction Day 1 - Thursday 14th May @ 1.30-2.30pm – welcome event with parents and children. Induction Day 2 – Tuesday 21st May @ 1.30-2.30pm – children only session with class activity. Induction Day 3 – Thursday 28th May @ 11.30-12.15pm – school lunch taster session with parents and children. Induction Day 4 – Wednesday 3rd June @ 9.30am – 10.30am – children only session with class activity. Induction Day 5 – Wednesday 17th June @ 9.30-10.30am – Tour of school and Meet P7 buddy session with parents and children.	<i>Parents lettered with details</i>
14.5.26	PE	Nursery Parents' Night	<i>3-5pm</i>
19.5.26	PI	Outdoor Classroom Day	<i>All Day</i>
21.5.26	PI	Dress as you please day – school fundraiser	<i>£1 donation</i>
22.5.26-25.5.26		May Weekend Holiday – School Closed	<i>School re-opens 9am 26.5.26</i>
w/c 25.5.26	PE/FL	Health and Activity week incl. Sport's Day (primary and nursery)	
25.5.26	PI	Initial deposit due for next year's P7 Residential	
29.5.26	PE/PI	P7 Leavers Prom (organised by P7 parents)	<i>Legends Bar 7-11pm</i>
5.6.26	PI/PE	Whole school and nursery class trip to Heads of Ayr Farm and Adventure Park (free)	
8.6.26-12.6.26	PI/PE	Stonelaw HS transitions days Wed and Thurs 10 th and 11 th June Calderside transition visit Wed and Thurs 10 th and 11 th June Trinity HS transition visit Thur 11 th June and Friday 12 th June	<i>TBC – subject to change</i>
10.6.26	PE/PI	Prizegiving Achievement Certificate Presentations (parents welcome)	<i>9.30am – P1-P3 11.15am – P4-6</i>
11.6.26	PI/PE/FL	Nursery Bookbug – final session	<i>2.15-2.45pm (dinner hall)</i>
15.6.26		Bank Holiday (Good luck Scotland)	<i>School re-opens Tuesday 16th @ 9am</i>
17.6.26	PE/PI	P6 Class Showcase 'Trash to Trend' and overview of class learning	<i>Details tbc</i>
17.6.26	PE / PI	Parent Council Meeting 8 (school and nursery)	<i>2-3pm</i>
18.6.26	PE/PI	Nursery Graduation	<i>1.30pm</i>
19.6.26	PI	Report Card and New Classes letters (nursery and school)	
19.6.26	PE/PI	P7 Leavers Assembly	<i>9.30am</i>
22.6.26	PI	Meet the Teacher (pupils)	<i>9.30am</i>
25.6.26	PI	Dress as you please day	<i>FREE</i>
25.6.26		School Closes at 1pm on 25.6.26	<i>School re-opens Thurs 13th Aug 2026</i>

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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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: _____

Thank you!
Team Spittal

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