

Wiston Primary School Newsletter August 2025



Welcome back to all staff, parents and pupils as we begin our new session. I hope you have had a lovely summer with time to recharge and relax. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. A special warm welcome to Miss Kayra Bogucu who joins us on a Wednesday and Thursday.

STAFFING 2025-2026

Head Teacher	Mrs Forde
Principal Teacher	Mr O'Donnell
Teaching Staff	Miss Bogucu (Wed Thurs)
School Office	Mrs Alcock (Team Leader)
School Support Assistant	Mrs Littlejohn (Mon Tues Wed Thurs)
Cook/ Caretaker	Mrs Wearden

A few reminders for starting back:

- ParentsPortal is now available as an App and should make access much easier. The vast majority of home school communication comes through this.
- Please inform us of any changes to contact details throughout the year – this can be amended at any time via ParentsPortal
- Breakfast Club is available from 8.15am. No need to book.
- We will have a mix of PE lessons outside and in the gym hall. Please send in a pair of black shorts for this. In addition, we ask for each child to have a pair of gym shoes to change into in class and a pair of wellies to stay in school for wet days. If your child cannot yet tie shoelaces, slip on or Velcro would be recommended. With our unpredictable weather, please ensure your child brings a waterproof jacket each day.
- We have some items of school uniform (polo shirts and sweatshirts) available free of charge. Please pop into the school and have look. If you have any uniform, you no longer need, please send into the school office.
- Each child should bring a filled water bottle to school each day to drink in class. As per SLC policy, these bottles should only be filled with water for use in class
- All children from Primary 1 to Primary 5 are entitled to free school meals. Children in primary 6 and 7 can receive free school meals if their family is also receiving the Scottish Child Payment or other qualifying benefits. Please check your ParentPay details are up to date, and you are in credit

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Homework

Information on homework will be issued in the coming weeks.

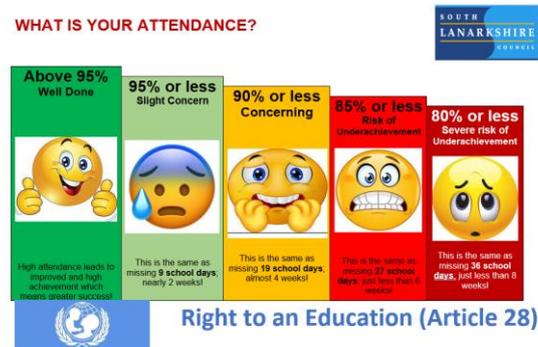
Attendance

Percentages can be misleading. 90% attendance sounds quite good - however, this is what 90% attendance actually looks like for your child. If your child has 90% attendance August - June, they will have the equivalent of:

- ½ a day off per week
- 19 days off per year - almost a month of schooling at 5 days a week

Please do ensure that your child attends school as much as they can and, whilst understanding that holidays are cheaper during term time, your child cannot get that teaching & learning time back.

Please remember you can check your child's attendance via ParentsPortal.



Dates for your diary:

New lunch menu – Starts Monday 25th August

Parent/Community Coffee Morning – Saturday 30th August – 10:30-12.00

September Weekend – Friday 26th and Monday 29th September

Finally, if you have any concerns or question please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Laura Forde

Laura Forde (Head Teacher)