



Education Resources
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Dear parent/ carer,

Festive Wishes 2025

The staff team at Burnside Primary would like to wish our friends and families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2026. As this year draws to a close, I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support of the life and work of the school.

2025 has been another successful year here at Burnside, and some of the highlights have included fun discos and events organised by our wonderful Parent Council, author visits from Simon Lamb and Clare Leonard, fantastic school shows, House treats, exciting school trips, the school library, working in partnership with the Nature Rangers to improve our playground and celebrating the success of our sports teams throughout the year. Thank you to all our parents and carers who volunteer and help us with everything, all year round.

We are excited about 2026 already, with our plans to make it our most creative year yet! January kicks off the Rutherglen 900 celebrations, with a launch in the town hall. Items have started arriving for our new sensory room which will open early in 2026, and we look forward to launching a brand-new reading book scheme, starting in P1.

Dates for the diary for 2026

Please find below a list of dates for 2026, which we hope you will find useful. We will add to these dates, as and when we know more.

Monday 5 th January	School reopens at 9am
Monday 19 th January	Flu vaccination catch-up
Last Friday of the month (where possible)	Buddy lunches
Thursday 29 th January	Rutherglen 900 launch night @ Rutherglen Town Hall
Wednesday 4 th February	Parent Council @ 7:10
Thursday 12 th February	Discos- times TBC (Parent Council)
16 th and 17 th February	Holiday- school closed

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18 th February	In-service day
Wednesday 4 th March	P7 'Cracking the Easter Code' event (Chaplaincy Team)
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Monday 9 th March	Parent Council @ 7:10
Friday 13 th March	P1 and P7 dental inspections
Thursday 26 th March	Parents' Evenings
Thursday 2 nd April	Close for the holidays at 2:30 Reopen on Monday 20 th April at 9am
Monday 4 th May	Holiday- school closed
Tuesday 5 th May	P7 residential- Lockerbie Manor
Wednesday 6 th May	Parent Council @ 7:10
Thursday 7 th May	In-service day
22 nd and 25 th May	Holiday- school closed
Wednesday 27 th May	P7 transition event (chaplaincy team) P6 buddy training (chaplaincy team)
Saturday 30 th May	Car Boot Sale
Monday 8 th June	Parent Council @ 7:10
Wednesday 10 th June	Outdoor Classroom Day
Dates TBC	Stonelaw new S1 induction days
Friday 12 th June	Reports issued to parents
Thursday 25 th June	Close for summer holidays @ 1pm

We close today at 2:30 for the festive break and reopen on Monday 5th January 2026 at 9am. I wish you all a restful, relaxing, fun and safe break, and I look forward to welcoming 2026 together with all of you.

Warmest wishes,



Ms. Gayle McDonald
Head Teacher