



January 2026 Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We can't believe that's the end of January already. We had a fantastic Scottish Evening at the Cove Burgh Hall. Well done to all who participated and thank you to everyone who came to see our talented children.



Term 3 Curriculum

This term, pupils will be learning about **sustainability and our local land**, supported by **Cove and Kilcreggan Community Resilience Group**. Across all classes, there will be a focus on **Scots Language**, with pupils listening to, reading, and performing Scots poems, songs, and stories. Pupils will also take part in **Scottish Country Dancing**, developing confidence and teamwork, and will have the opportunity to perform in front of an audience. In **Mathematics**, pupils will be focusing on **angles, symmetry, and data analysis**. This will include carrying out surveys, collecting information, and displaying data in a variety of

Term 3 After-School Clubs

After the February holiday, the following school clubs will be on offer:

- Miss Kingaby – Sewing Club (P1–P3)
- Mrs Gibson – Board Games Club (P5–P7)
- Miss Nubour – Arts and Crafts Club (P5–P7)
- Miss Nasim – Drawing Club (P2–P4)

P6/7 Junior Forester Award

P6/7 pupils are working towards achieving their Junior Forester Award with the support of Woodland Wise Forest School. The children have been learning how to **use tools safely, identify different trees**, and are planning to **build dens**. All of these skills contribute towards achieving the Junior Forester Award. The children have enjoyed learning more about the school grounds and spending time outdoors – even in the snow.

Argyll and Bute's Attendance and Lates

Argyll and Bute is highlighting the **impact attendance and late coming** can make on your child's education. The table below highlights how much education is missed at different attendance thresholds across a school session. Classroom learning is only a part of what is missed in a school day; relationships with staff, disrupted routines, friendships and social skills are all impacted.

| Attendance Percentage | Number of school days missed |
|-----------------------|---|
| 100% | 0 days of absence No missed education |
| 95% | 9 days of absence 1 week and 4 days missed education |
| 90% | 19 days of absence 3 weeks and 4 days missed education |
| 85% | 28 days of absence 5 weeks and 3 days missed education |
| 80% | 38 days of absence 7 weeks and 3 days missed education |
| 75% | 46 days of absence 9 weeks and 1 day missed education |

Arriving at school on time and ready to learn is the **best start** to the day for our children and **sustained late coming** will have a **long term impact on pupil's learning**. The table below illustrates how minutes of lateness per day can accumulate into **multiple days of lost learning** over an academic year.

| Minutes late per day | Number of school days missed |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 5 minutes | 3.4 days missed learning |
| 10 minutes | 6.9 days missed learning |
| 15 minutes | 10.3 days missed learning |
| 20 minutes | 13.8 days missed learning |
| 30 minutes | 20.7 days missed learning |



Our Children, Their Future: Thriving Together

We're resharing Argyll & Bute's *Our Children, Their Future – Thriving Together* strategy, which sets out our shared vision for education across the area. It focuses on **Ambition, Resilience and Equity**, and highlights five priorities: *Best Start, Ambitious, Nurtured, Connected and Lifelong Learners*. Please take a moment to read it and see how we're working together to help every child thrive.

School Improvement and Staff Development

Listening and Talking

Over the past few months, teaching and ELC staff have been working collaboratively with colleagues from Rosneath Primary School and ELCC, Arrochar Primary School and ELCC, and Hermitage Academy to develop a shared understanding of listening and talking across Early, First and Second Levels.

Motivation and Engagement

Teaching staff attended a CLPL session on Motivation and Engagement, supporting the development of engaging and motivating learning experiences for pupils. The training highlighted the importance of metacognitive skills and explored how these can be developed to improve pupil attainment.

Lego Coding

Mrs Gibson recently attended Lego Coding training, which combines Lego building with programming skills. Argyll and Bute have provided several Lego coding kits for pupils to use, and P5/6 have already had the opportunity to try them out.

Parent Council:

For the next Parent Council meeting, a link will be sent closer to the time.

Email: Contact with the Parent Council can be made through their email address:

Kilcregganprimarypc@gmail.com

Educational Psychology Workshops

During February, **Parent Workshops** will be available to all Argyll and Bute parents and carers **free of charge**. Most workshops are online and focus on topics parents and carers have identified as areas they are looking for support with. These include **sleep, anxiety, stress management, emotional overload, transition to secondary school, and understanding and supporting neurodiversity**. Further information can be found at: [Online Flipbook](#)

Nurture Room Update

Argyll and Bute architects have visited and are currently preparing the plans for our Nurture space. This will be located in an areas currently our Resource Room We will keep you updated on progress.

Argyll and Bute Children's Allied Health Professionals (AHP)

Do you have a question about the development of a child or young person in Argyll and Bute?

Just Ask Argyll and Bute Children's Allied Health Professionals:

Advice Line Call:: 01546 70 3333

Tuesdays, 9:30am – 11:30am

For children and young people aged 0–18 years
Speak to a friendly therapist for advice on:

- Movement, physical development and play
- Eating, feeding and nutrition
- Talking, communication and understanding
- Everyday routines and building independence
- How your child responds to sensory input (e.g. sound, touch, movement)



This is NOT an emergency service. If you are worried about your child's health, please contact your GP

Library

Our ELCC pupils have begun visiting the **Community Library** and will each receive their own library card. They will enjoy monthly visits, giving them the opportunity to choose and borrow books regularly.



Reminders!

1. Please ensure your child is wearing a **school uniform** every day to school. To order clothing from Smiths of Greenock, please scan the QR code:



2. For days your child has **P.E.**, please ensure your child is **dressed appropriately** wearing **black comfortable trousers**, with a **white or black t-shirt** and **trainers**. To participate safely in PE lessons, please ensure your child can remove any necklaces, earrings, bracelets and can also tie their hair back. Where this is not possible, please send in some micropore tape or remove these items before coming into school in the morning.



Dates for your diary:



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| 6th February | Crazy Hair Day School closes at 3pm |
| 16th February | In-Service Day (staff only) |
| 17th February | School opens at 9am |
| 22nd February | Baden Powell's Birthday - Cubs/Beavers etc uniforms can be worn to school |
| 23rd February | Inter-Schools Football at 3:45pm |
| 5th March | World Book Day |
| 13th March | P7 Day of Dance |
| 16th March | ELCC Parents' Evening Appointments this Week |
| 19th March | Parents' Evening 3.30-8.30pm |
| 20th March | Lots of Socks Day |
| 23rd March | P6/7 Residential |
| 24th March | 9-10am ELCC Stay and Play |
| 31st March | Spring Service at the Church at 10am |
| 1st April | 1:45pm Creativity Inspiring Learning Showcase |
| 2nd April | School closes at 2:30pm |

Where to find us:

Twitter:

If you are not yet following us on X (Twitter), please carry out the following instructions.

1. Go to the app store on your phone or other device.

1. Search and download X.

2. Search for Kilcreggan P.S

3. Click follow

Or scan the QR code to see our Xpage



Website:



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Getting in touch:

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