

Downfield Primary School

Weekly News

Friday 7th February 2025



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Don't miss out on the education you deserve.

175 NON-SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

There are 175 non-school days during the year to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments. Days off school add up to lost learning.

190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR (95% attendance)	180 DAYS OF EDUCATION (10 days absence)	171 DAYS OF EDUCATION (19 days absence)	161 DAYS OF EDUCATION (29 days absence)	152 DAYS OF EDUCATION (38 days absence)	143 DAYS OF EDUCATION (47 days absence)
190 days for your education	Over 56 hours of lost learning	95 hours of lost learning	142.5 hours of lost learning	190 hours of lost learning	235 hours of lost learning
100% Attendance	95% Attendance	90% Attendance	85% Attendance	80% Attendance	75% Attendance
GOOD EXCELLENCE ATTENDANCE. Best chance of success. Gets you off to a flying start. WELL DONE!	WORRYING POOR ATTENDANCE. Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress. CONCERNING!	SERIOUS CONCERN VERY POOR ATTENDANCE. Serious impact on education and reduces life chances! EXTREMELY CONCERNING!			

Good attendance means being in school at least 94% of the time or 180-190 days. Did you know? A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.5%.

365 DAYS IN A CALENDAR YEAR

The Downfield Promise

- Partnership
- Respect for all
- Opportunities
- Mindset
- Inclusive
- Safe and nurturing
- Enjoying learning - we can all be successful learners

Star of the Week Awards

- P1/2 Tom & Tucker
- P2/3 Caitlin
- P3 Kai
- P4&4/5 Murren & Sadie
- P5 Jessie
- P5/6 Skye
- P6 Connor
- P7 Alyssa & Phoebe



Well done to all our stars – great learning, behaviour and effort from you all!

- Nurture Megan & Addison

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School Dinner Choices

<https://www.tayside-contracts.co.uk/tc-document?dsid=1721&frm=862>

Attendance: highest attendance this week:

P1 AGAIN! – well done!

94.37%,

2nd P5 92%, 3rd P4 91.76%

Whole School Attendance last week: 90.6%

Whole School Attendance this week: 90.96%



UNCRC RIGHT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Article 1

You have rights and so does every person under the age of 18.



Article 41

You have the right to... extra rights if the country you live in has laws to protect you.



Getting It Right For Every Child



Healthy

WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS 24/25:

- ✓ Attendance
- ✓ Raising Attainment in Literacy
- ✓ Curriculum Review



HEAD TEACHER MESSAGE

Happy Friday everyone! I would like to thank parents and carers for their understanding whilst Mrs Ballie Ferris has been absent. Her absence has meant my diary has been doubly busy so your patience while I get to things has been appreciated! Mrs BF returns to work next week....

We have noticed a gradual increase in parents requesting children early via calls to office during the afternoon. I would like to give you a wee reminder regarding our revised early pick up procedure.... *If you need to collect your child early occasionally or there is a last minute change to pick up arrangements, please let the school office know by 12.15pm. We cannot guarantee being able to action a request taken later in the day as messages are passed to teachers just before the lunch bell, when we have additional staff on duty.*

Our amazing parent council members have organised another disco for the children, here in school on Wednesday evening. Please contact the PC on the number on the flyer if you can help out!

Big thanks to all those who added us into their weekly shop via Cashpot at ASDA....all your help has raised the sum of £1029 for our school! Amazing!

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Upcoming Events: Please check as added to weekly as diaries change!

Wednesday 12 th February	Parent Council pupil discos 5.30pm and 7pm
Friday/Monday 14 th /17 th February	Mid Term holiday – sch closed to pupils and staff
Tuesday 18 th February	Inservice day – school closed to pupils
Friday 21 st February	P6 Assembly – parents invited!
Thursday 27 th February	Parent contact evening 4-6pm
Friday 28 th February	Fit Friday
Wednesday 5 th March	Parent contact evening 4-6pm
Monday 17 th March	Parent Council 6-8pm
Friday 28 th March	Fit Friday and last day of term – 3.15pm finish
Monday 14 th April	Term 4 begins
Friday 18th April	Good Friday holiday – school closed to pupils and staff *
Friday 25 th April	Fit Friday
Monday 5 th May	May day holiday – school closed to pupils and staff
Wednesday 14 th May	School Sports day
Friday 23 rd May	Inservice day – school closed to pupils
Monday 26 th May	Victoria day holiday – school closed to pupils and staff
28/29 th May	Childsmile Nursery, P1 – P4
Friday 30 th May	Fit Friday
Tuesday 10 th June	New P1 parents info evening
Friday 20 th June	Whole school BBQ lunch
Friday 27 th June	Fit Friday and End of term – 12pm finish

***apologies – wrong date given in previous communications! :/**