

Libberton Primary School Newsletter

August 2026



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, relax and enjoy some sunshine! We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. The children have returned full of enthusiasm and are already following our routines very well.

A very warm welcome to our new learners joining the school this session. We are delighted to welcome Zander to Primary 1 and Jack to Primary 7, and we hope they will both be very happy at our school. We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Alison Molloy to our teaching team. Mrs Molloy will be covering Mrs McKenzie's maternity leave, and we look forward to having her as part of our school community.

STAFFING 2026-2027

Head Teacher
Principal Teacher & P1-4 Class Teacher
P5-7 Class Teacher
Mrs Molloy will support across both classes

Mrs Forde
Mrs Sheridan
Miss Watson

School Office
School Support Assistants

Mrs Forster (Team Leader)
Mrs Barron (Mon & Tue – breakfast club only)
Ms Ross (Mon & Tues)
Ms Macdonald (Wed, Thu, Fri)

Cook
Cleaner/Caretaker

Mrs Hodge
Mrs Jefferson

School App

In Term 4, we informed you that the school app we had been using would no longer be available from August 2026. We explored an alternative platform, but we are not yet in a position to confirm whether this will be introduced.

In the meantime, all school communication will be sent via ParentsPortal and, where appropriate, by text message. We will keep you updated and provide further information as soon as it becomes available.

A few reminders for starting back:

- ParentsPortal is available as an App and should make access easier. All home school communication will come through this. On occasion a text will be sent
- 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, and in addition, toast will be available from 8.45am in the playground – pupils should come to the main entrance for this
- 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

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Velcro would be recommended. With our unpredictable weather, please ensure your child brings a waterproof jacket each day. Names should be on all items of clothing and footwear

- We still have some items of school uniform (polo shirts, sweatshirts, trousers, skirts and jackets) available free of charge. Please pop into the school and have a 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 that you are in credit
- Please note that for health and safety, the school car park is only for staff parking and bus drop offs. Parents should continue to drop children off at the pavement to the front of the school

Homework

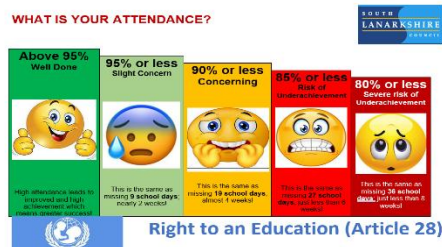
Information on homework will be issued in the coming weeks

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



Parent Open Evening

We will be holding a parent open evening on Wednesday 3rd September at 6pm. This is a great opportunity for you to come along and meet new staff and find out our plans for the year ahead. We look forward to seeing you then

Dates for your diary:

New lunch menu – Starts Monday 24th August

Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 1st September 6.30pm

Parent Open Evening – Wednesday 2nd September 6pm

Parent Council Family Night – Friday 11th September

September Weekend – Friday 25th and Monday 28th September

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

Laura Forde

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Head Teacher