



## May Newsletter 2026

*Splendeat Lux*

*Let Your Light Shine!*



### May 2026 Staffing Update

We are delighted to introduce some new members to our Eastbank team, as Mr Taylor returned to his own school and Mrs McCafferty headed off to begin her maternity leave, we have a lovely new Principal Teacher, Mrs McDonnell, Acting Principal Teacher, Mrs Brooke and a visiting Depute Head Teacher Mr Keddility.

Mrs McDonnell will be our Senior Lead and work closely with the boys and girls in Primary 6 and 7 supporting their transition to High School and leading the school in our STEM and Digital Learning work. We are thrilled to have her as part of our team bringing with her many years of teaching experience and a wealth of knowledge re all things teaching and learning from her time as a Leader of Learning for the citywide Pedagogy Team.



Mrs Brooke joins us as Infant Acting Principal Teacher, she previously was at Riverbank Primary School with Primary 1 and supporting Additional Support for Learning Needs. Mrs Brooke will be responsible for leading learning in our Infant Department and ensuring all learners joining us in August have a smooth transition. Mrs Brooke will work alongside Mrs Armstrong to support all Additional Support Needs in our Infant Department and work closely with Mrs McDonnell to host a range of family learning events and experiences.

Mr Keddility is with us for Term 4 and brings with him a vast array of experience in supporting learners with Additional Support for Learning Needs. Mr Keddility will also be working closely with Mrs Campbell to continue our journey to becoming a Silver Rights Respecting School and will be re-launching another block of Article 29 Activities for all pupils to select and enjoy.

# Attendance

We know that good attendance and time keeping improve pupil life chances and encourage you to bring your child to school on time every day.

We send letters and arrange a meetings with you if your child's attendance drops below a certain level - we want to work together to make sure that pupils are able to come to school. Please always remember to let us know if your child won't be coming to school. You can do this by calling the absence line on **0141 287 0039** or alternatively you can call the school on **0141 778 6659**.



P1	95%	P3	92%	P5	94%	P7a	91%
P2/1	95%	P4/3	90%	P6/5	89%	P7b	91%
P2	99.4%	P4	91%	P6	90%		

Overall school attendance is 92%



## Future Me Week



A huge thanks to Mrs McDonnell our lovely new Principal Teacher, for all of her hard work organising the visits and events for Future Me Week. We had representatives from a range of industries and careers visit the school to share experiences with our pupils. Thanks also to parents and friends of Eastbank Primary who volunteered to come and talk to our pupils about their jobs. Please see our video on bluesky for some of our pupils' future plans!

<https://bsky.app/profile/eastbankprimary.bsky.social/post/3mkuhi37lu22b>

## Family Engagement - Parents As Partners

We are looking forward to welcoming our new entrants to Eastbank who are due to start primary 1 in August. We have been out and about visiting nurseries and are looking forward to welcoming our new entrants very soon for some play sessions and our Induction Afternoons.






## House Point Challenge

Every month we have a house point challenge where children can earn tokens for their house by working together to show our school values and our focus this month is **Magic May** -

### Magic May - Safety



1. Be Sun Safe – Appropriate clothes, sunscreen and hat. 
2. Bring a water bottle – a reusable one is best! 
3. Tidy up – make sure to tidy up after lunch 

## Staying Safe Focus—Sun Safety

As the weather gets warmer can we ask that you send pupils to school each day wearing sunscreen, a hat and or sunglasses and a water bottle.



## Parent Council Free Fun Day/Tombola Thursday!

Our Parent Council have an exciting fun day planned for Thursday 21st of May. The Parent Council are funding all activities including inflatables, games and prizes - all at absolutely NO CHARGE to our pupils. All children are invited to wear non-



uniform and if possible bring items for our Summer Raffle held during our Sports Afternoons.

## P7 PROM - Wednesday, 17th June - 6-7:30pm

Our P7 prom theme this year is....Red Carpet....We cannot wait for the glamour and the excitement of the event of the year!

## P7 Information

Our primary 7 pupils are looking smart in their leavers hoodies and are taking part in different activities to prepare them for moving up to high school. Please see below for transition dates for different high school choices.



Eastbank Academy – 3rd & 4th June

Lochend – 5th & 6th June

Whitehill—11th & 12th June

Smithycroft – 19th & 20th May

St Andrews - 11th & 12th May

Bannerman – 20th & 21st May



## Allergy Aware School

Please do not bring nuts or products containing nut traces into school as all schools are nut free zones. This includes Kinder and Nutella products.

**Dates for your Diary—Please note additional dates have been added in bold since the calendar being shared in August...**

### May

Whole school	Thursday 7th	In-Service Day (5)
Primary 6 & P6/5	Tuesday 12th	STEM Workshops
Primary 2/1 & P2	Wednesday 13th	Class Trip to Burrell Collection
Upper Strings	Wednesday 13th	Upper Strings Play Date—City Halls 9:30-12pm
Primary 1-4	Wednesday 13th	P1-P4 STEM Fayre—parent/child—3:15-4:15pm
Primar6 Reps	Thursday 14th	P6 Pupil Reps and Mrs Fraser Sustainability Conference
New P1 Year Group	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	New P1 Induction Day (1) 1.45pm-2.45pm
Brass Group	Tuesday 19th	Upper Brass Group—City Halls 9-2:30pm
Whole School	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Council Fun Day & P6 Fun Run
Whole school	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	School closed for May Weekend Holiday
Encanto Group	Thursday 28th	Encanto! Parents welcomed—4pm

### June

New P1 Year Group	Monday 1st	New P1 Induction Day (2) 1.45pm-2.45pm
Primary 6 & P6/5	Wednesday 3rd	French Café—2:15pm—parents welcomed
Whole School	Thursday 4th	Parent Council AGM 6pm, FUSE– new parents welcomed
Primary 7	Wed & Thur 3 <sup>d</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup>	Eastbank Academy 2 Day induction visit
Whole School	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Health Week - full details to follow
Primary 1-3	Tuesday 9 <sup>h</sup>	P1-3 Sports Day 9.30am. Parents welcome - Outdoor Event
Primary 7	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers Assembly – P7 parents – 9:30am
Whole School	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	School Report Cards issued to parents
Primary 4-7	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	P4-7 Sports Day 9.30am. Parents welcome - Outdoor Event
Whole School	<b>Monday 15th</b>	<b>Additional National Bank Holiday</b>
Primary 7	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Prom 6.00-7.30pm
Whole School	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Service –P7 & Award Winners Parents invited—9:30am
Winning House	Monday 22nd	House Treat Day!
Whole school	Thursday 25th	Non-Uniform Day/Fun Morning!
Whole school	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	School closes 1pm

### August 2026

Whole School	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	In-Service Day - (1)
Whole School	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	In-Service Day - (2)
Whole School	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Children return for session 2026/2027 – 8:50am.

## Final Remarks

We are looking forward to summer term with our fun day, sports days and other end of term activities. Our vision at Eastbank is '*growing together to empower, learn, thrive and be ambitious*,' and we welcome parent help and feedback. If you have any comments or suggestions for improvement then please contact us by phone or email at [headteacher@eastbank-pri.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@eastbank-pri.glasgow.sch.uk) .

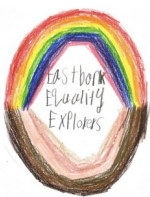
Gayle Minnis	Trish Walker	Sinead Armstrong	Sarah McDonnell	Karen Brooke	Richard Keddilty
Head Teacher	Acting Head	Depute Head	Principal Teacher	Acting PT	Visiting DHT

Best wishes,

And the rest of the Eastbank TEAM!

Please remember we have moved from X to Bluesky. Bluesky is a nice way of sharing photos and videos of different things happening in our school. Please download the app and follow us on:

<http://www.eastbank-pri.glasgow.sch.uk/>



### Good News!

We are delighted to share that our Eastbank Explorers Group represented Eastbank Primary at the citywide Trades House Citizenship Competition. The programme recognises the work schools and communities do to raise effective contributors and confident individuals who work together to improve an aspect of school life. Our Eastbank Explorers accompanied by Mr Cairns shared our journey to becoming a school which celebrates diversity and inclusion and our work around anti-racism, anti-bullying and our *Could This Be Me* novel studies. Our group will be attending the prestigious award ceremony held at Trades

