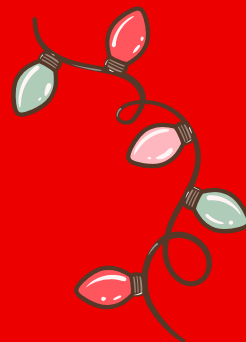




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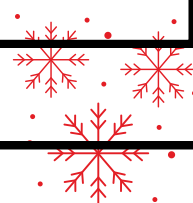
December 2025

A note from the Headteacher:

It has been a very busy term at Dunipace Primary School and we have lots of exciting news to share with you in our December newsletter. A big thank you to all of the staff for their continued hard work during this very busy term to offer lots of great learning experiences for our pupils.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for your continued support throughout 2025. From all of the staff here we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to welcoming you all back in 2026.

Kind Regards,
Stacey Collier-West



We are a Reading School!!



Last week we received the very exciting news that we have achieved our Reading School Core Accreditation. This achievement would not have been possible without the work carried out in school by Miss Nicol, Mrs Guidori and our Reading Ambassadors. We are absolutely delighted to share this news and cannot wait to continue our journey to achieving Silver.

What is Reading Schools?

The Reading Schools programme, developed by Scottish Book Trust, is an accreditation programme for schools that are committed to building a reading culture for their learners and communities. The programme supports schools to build a reading culture, where every pupil is encouraged to feed their imagination through books. There are three levels of accreditation – Core, Silver and Gold.

Mrs Donnelly

We would like to share the news that our Principal Teacher, Mrs Donnelly, will be retiring in June 2026. Mrs Donnelly began her teaching career in 1997 and joined Dunipace Primary School in 1999. Over the years, she has been a dedicated and valued member of our school community, making a significant contribution to the learning and wellbeing of our pupils. We look forward to creating lots more lasting memories with Mrs Donnelly during the last 6 months of her very successful career.



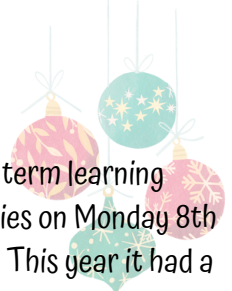
Christmas

There has been lots of festive fun over the last few weeks of term!



Nativity

Primary 1, Primary 2 and Primary 3 have been working very hard this term learning their songs and lines for their Nativity. They performed for our families on Monday 8th December and Tuesday 9th December and were absolutely fantastic. This year it had a bit of a different twist as the children used IT to share their performance which was well received by our families. A big thank you to Mrs McKechnie, Miss Craig, Mrs Dowds, Mrs Sigurdsson and Mrs Crerar for supporting our young children in this experience and to all of the parents and carers for helping the children to learn their lines and songs.



Carol Concert

Primary 4, Primary 5, Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils held their annual Christmas Carol Concert in school on Wednesday 10th December and Thursday 11th December. The children's singing was outstanding as always and put everyone in the festive spirit. Thank you to the children and staff for making this happen.

Christmas Tree

Our Christmas Tree was donated to us once more by the Davidson-Mains family for which we are extremely grateful. Some of our nursery children took great pride in decorating it.

Christmas Lunch

On Thursday 11th December staff and pupils enjoyed our annual Christmas Lunch. There were lots of Christmas songs and jumpers to get everyone in the festive mood. Thank you to our catering staff for organising this.

Christmas Fayre

Our annual Christmas Fayre, organised by our Parent Council, was held on Thursday 27th November and was very well attended by our families and the local community. We raised a massive £1550 which will go back into the school to provide resources for our children! Thank you to our Parent Council for organising this once again and to all of the staff who helped to make this a success.



Community Singing

For 26 years we have been singing at our local care home, Tygetshaugh. As Mrs Donnelly hangs up her retirement hat in June 2026, we are reminded about the generations that have attended Dunipace Primary School. Victoria Kirkwood was in the first class 26 years ago, starting our school tradition of spreading Christmas cheer in our local community. Victoria's son, Kaison is now in Primary 6 and was full of a singing heart last week. This picture is a warm reminder of the generations who have passed through our school and symbolise the importance of partnership between Dunipace Primary and our children and families.



Adopt a Teddy

Primary 7 organised an 'Adopt a Teddy' stall in school to raise funds for the school. We raised a fantastic £140 Well done P7!

Miss Craig

Miss Craig has been working with us on supply this term. She has been a very valuable member of our staff team. We wish her all the best as she continues with her career.

Clothing

As the weather can be unpredictable, we kindly remind parents and carers to ensure children come to school dressed appropriately for the conditions each day. Waterproof jackets, warm layers, and suitable footwear are especially important for outdoor learning and play. It may also be helpful for children to have a spare change of clothes and socks in their school bag, so they can remain comfortable and dry throughout the day. Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for your Diary



School reopens - Monday 5th January at 9am



February Holiday - Friday 13th February and Monday 16th February



Staff Development Day - Tuesday 17th February. Children return to school on Wednesday 18th February.

Dunipace Primary School Community

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Kind Regards,

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