

Antonine Primary School

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Welcome Back

Happy New Year! It has been a cold, wintery but positive start to Term 3. The children have been very settled and returned to school ready and eager to engage in new learning.

Developing the Young Workforce

We have started the term with a whole school focus of "Future Me" which has given all children the opportunity to learn more about the world of work. Learning about the world of work from a young age enables children to connect to real life and understand the importance in learning and developing new skills.

Our "Future Me" focus has brought a real buzz of excitement across the whole school this week, with the children showing great enthusiasm towards exploring their personal skills and the different jobs which may be of interest to them in the future. Through a variety of learning opportunities, all learners have explored a wide range of careers and learned about the skills linked to different jobs. They also discovered their own interests, strengths and dreams, whilst learning that effort, resilience, and a positive attitude can help them achieve their personal goals.

We are delighted to be hosting our first ever Career Fair on Tuesday 13th January and would like to express sincere thanks to all of our families and community links who have made this event possible. This will be a fantastic opportunity for learners to ask questions and reflect on how people's strengths and passions can shape their future pathways. We will also welcome colleagues from Forth Valley College to speak to upper school pupils about possible career paths they can support.

Health Fortnight

The 2nd February 2026 marks the start of Health Fortnight, with our 'Fit and Fabulous' launch day. Children are invited to come to school looking fit and fabulous to kick start the fun. Throughout Health Fortnight, children are welcome to come to school in their P.E uniform every day.

Through this whole school health focus, children will engage in a range of activities which promotes physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. They will learn about healthy eating, the importance of staying active, managing feelings and making positive choices. Through discussion, games, and creative tasks our aim is to support children with understanding how to look after their bodies and minds, build resilience and develop healthy habits that will support them now and in the future. Jammin Fitness, The School Food Show, Fischy music and AJ Dance are just some of the planned visitors who will be sure to bring fun and excitement across the whole school.

During Health Fortnight, we will also begin our Relationships and Sexual Health program. Please see attached letter for further information.



On Thursday 12th February 2026, 1.25pm to 2.45pm, we will be opening our doors to all parents and carers, inviting you to engage in health and wellbeing activities with your child. Further information regarding this will be emailed in due course.

Changes to Staffing

Mrs Young will be returning from maternity leave to join Primary 2 on 27th January 2026. To ensure a positive transition, Mrs Young and Miss Douglas have worked collegiately over the past few weeks to plan and team teach. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Douglas for all her hard work this session, we will be sorry to see her leave and wish her all the best in her new setting.

Student Placements

We are delighted to welcome 3 student teachers to join our team this term. Miss Jackson (Primary 1), Miss Campbell (Primary 4) and Miss Clark (Primary 5) will be working closely with school staff to support teaching and learning.

Car Park

With our team growing this term we are having to now enforce changes to our school car park. The top section next to the playground will be reserved for Antonine Primary School staff only. All families are welcome to continue using the drop off system at the main double gates or park in any available spaces located in the other main section of the car park.

Similarly, we have been made aware that car park spaces are being limited due to members of the public using the school car park during the school day to visit local businesses. We have worked with the children to create windscreen wiper signs as a deterrent for this, alongside signs to promote parking safely. As always the safety of all our school community is paramount and we thank everyone in advance for your co-operation and consideration.

School Uniform

With the start of the New Year, we would like to give a gentle reminder around the importance of school uniform. All schools have a dress code, which includes the school's policy on uniform. The wearing of uniform is encouraged as it helps to:

- develop a school community spirit
- improves school security by making non-pupils more easily identifiable
- allows pupils to be easily identified when out of the school, e.g. on trips
- enhances the school's reputation within the community; and minimises rivalry and bullying amongst pupils that can arise from, for example, the wearing of designer clothing.

We have a wide range of pre-loved school uniform in all different sizes available within school, some of which still have the labels on. Please see the school office if there are any items you require.

Primary 7 learners were super excited to receive their school leavers' hoodies last week and are welcome to wear these to school on a daily basis.





Transition

Preparation for transition to both Primary 1 and Denny High School are well underway to ensure positive experiences for all.

In ELC, Primary 6 learners have been visiting the ELC on a rota basis to interact and play with their younger peers. Staff observe and reflect on all interactions, using this information to match up buddies for Primary 1. Since October 2025, ELC children have also been engaging in regular visits to the Primary 1 class and wider school environment. Further information regarding arrangements for transition to Primary 1 will be emailed to all families this term.

Similarly, staff from Denny High School have been regularly visiting Primary 7 and meeting with Antonine staff to plan ahead for August 2026. On Tuesday 10th February 2026 at 6.30pm, there is a family information evening at Denny High School for all Primary 7 parents and carers.



Parents evening

At the end of February and the start of March there is another opportunity for you to speak to teaching staff about your child's progress in their learning. This will be in the school and you will be notified in February when you can book your appointment. We were delighted at the turn out of families earlier in the session for the first round of parent appointments.

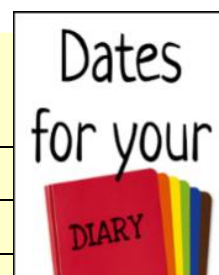
Dates for your Diary

At the end of this newsletter there is list of event dates coming up over the next two terms. If you haven't already done so, please subscribe to our school app. All dates for the full session are on the app and we continue to add to this as the session progresses. We also share relevant, up to date events in every newsletter. We try to be as organised as possible and rarely change any dates, however sometimes we are impacted by events out with our control. Any changes will be highlighted through email and the app.



Term 3

13 th January 2026	Future Me Day
2 nd February 2026	Health Focus Fortnight
11 th February 2026	Parent Council Meeting
12 th February 2026	Open Afternoon – Health Heroes
13 th February 2026	Local Holiday – School closed for all
16 th February 2026	Local Holiday – School closed for all
17 th February 2026	In-Service Day – School closed for all learners
26 th February 2026	Parents Evening (3.30pm – 6.30pm)
4 th March 2026	Parents Evening (4.00pm – 7.00pm)
10 th March 2026	Primary 4 Sharing the Learning Assembly
10 th March 2026	P5 – 7 Cross Country Event (Calendar Park)
22 nd March – 25 th March 2026	Primary 7 Residential to Dalguise



1 st April 2026	Easter End of Term Service
2 nd April 2026	End of Term 3