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Term 3 Reflection

Term 3 has been a busy but successful one. We kicked off the term with Future Me Week, which proved to be a great success for all and generated a real buzz across the whole school. Our aim was to inspire our learners to think about their dreams, ambitions, and the many possibilities open to them. All learners engaged in a variety of learning experiences in class to learn about careers, build aspirations and challenge stereotypes. For the first time in Antonine history, we also held our very first Career Fair with the help of many of our parents and local businesses. Your support was much appreciated. Evaluation of the event highlighted this being a favourite aspect of the week for many of our learners. They loved being able to interact with real people, have their questions answered and learn more about the world of work. Forth Valley College also visited Primary 6 and 7 pupils to share the career pathways on offer at college. The whole week was a huge success, and as a school we intend to build on this and embed developing the young workforce into our curriculum.

Health Fortnight was also a big focus this term. We kickstarted this with Fit and Fabulous day with Miss Fountain and provided all learners with a range of opportunities to learn more about all aspects of health and wellbeing. All learners were given the opportunity to engage in a variety of learning experiences within class, including a focus on internet safety, emotional regulation and relationships. We also worked with a variety of community partners and local businesses to provide learners with a range of different learning experiences. This included Jammin Fitness, Fischy Music, a range of sport taster sessions, Forth Valley health specialists and a firm favourite, visiting show "Food Showdown".

This term, we are also working with ROOTs to introduce a new initiative to Antonine, Antonine Little Cooks. This is a cooking programme that provides learners with the opportunity to engage in cooking experiences with their parents/grandparents. We did not anticipate having such a big interest and are pleased to now be running this programme 3 times thanks to a grant awarded from Tesco.

World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5th March 2026. The theme this year is, "You are a Reader". As a Gold accredited Reading School, we are committed to encouraging our learners to become life-long readers and promote reading for pleasure on a daily basis. Throughout the week, we will be engaging in various additional reading activities in both our ELC and school classes. Just ten minutes of sharing stories daily makes a huge difference to a child's future success.

On World Book Day, learners are invited to come to ELC and school wearing their PJs and bring with them their favourite book / story. We would also like to encourage learners to get creative and transform a potato into a story





friend (a famous character /character they have designed). This was a firm favourite with learners previously.

This year we will also have another **Family Challenge** for everyone to get involved with. The Library Improvement Team would like to add to our Family Reading Display in our Reading Forest. For this they have set all families the challenge of designing a Family Story Flag to show all the stories/books they enjoy as a family. There are prizes for everyone who takes part. Flag templates can be provided if they so wish.

School Book Fair

The Book Fair is due to arrive in school on Wednesday 4th March. We have timetabled slots for every class and ELC to visit the Book Club and share stories. Learners will have the opportunity to either buy or order a book on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th March. Parents can now pay for books while they're at the Fair using the QR code. Parents will be able to scan the code on their phone to easily access our parent pay website.

Your child's class will be able to buy books at the following times. The Book Fair will also be open during Parents Evening from 4.00pm to 6.30pm on Wednesday 4th March.



	Monday 9th March	Tuesday 10th March
9.30-10.30am	P1	
10.45-11.30am	P5	P4
11.30-12.15		P2
1-1.45pm	P6	P3
1.45-2pm		P7
2.30-3pm	ELC	ELC



Cross Country Race

Cross Country is well underway with a strong team of budding runners from Primary 5 to 7 preparing for their next race on Tuesday 10th March at Callendar Park. All are welcome to meet us there to spectate and cheer on our team.

Antonine's All Stars

We are excited that our GLEE choir will be performing in the school competition in the Albert Halls in Stirling on Thursday 12th March. We have been practising every week with Ms Bell and can't wait for our chance to showcase our talent.

Sharing the Learning assemblies – Save the Date

There are a few classes preparing for Sharing the Learning sessions. These are in the hall where classes will choose to share something to present to you.

P1/2 have already presented their nativity.

P4 – Tuesday 10th March 2.00pm

P5 – Friday 20th March 2.00pm

P3 – Tuesday 12th May 2.00pm

P6 – Tuesday 19th May 2.00pm





P7 Residential

P7 are gearing up for their most anticipated event: Dalguise. Learners will be challenging themselves with a variety of outdoor adventures and we will be sharing lots of photos. P7 families – look out for an email from Mrs Casey with information on joining a special P7 Dalguise Blue Sky account and link to Photo Circle to allow us to share daily messages and photos.



Easter Celebrations

On Wednesday 1st April we will be hosting our end of term assembly in Bonnybridge St Helens at 1.30pm. All are welcome to join us.

Our GLEE club are also singing at the Church Spring Tea on the morning of the 31st March.

There is a Spring disco planned for Thursday 2nd April. P1-3 is 5.45-6.45pm and P4-7 is 7.00 to 8.15pm.

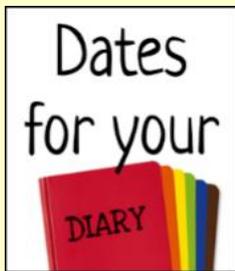
Last year we had the most fun during our whole school Easter egg hunt – we are definitely planning on doing this again at some point week beginning 30th March.

Staffing

We are delighted to share that Miss Douglas will be returning to support learning across the school until the end of term.

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

4 th March 2026	Parents Evening (4.00pm – 7.00pm)
10 th March 2026	Primary 4 Sharing the Learning Assembly
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

Term 4

20 th April 2026	Term 4 begins.
1 st May 2026	Staff Development Day – ELC and school closed for children.
4 th May 2026	Public Holiday – ELC and school closed
8 th May 2026	P6 and ELC buddies get together
12 th May 2026	P3 Sharing the Learning Event
19 th May 2026	P6 Sharing the Learning Event

1 st June 2026	P1 – P3 Sports Day
2 nd June 2026	P6 and ELC buddies meet for lunch in the dinner hall
10 th June 2026	
16 th June 2026	
24 th June 2026	
5 th June 2026	ELC Sports Day PM
8 th June 2026	P4 – 7 Sports Day
9 th June 2026	P1 Induction Information Event (parents only)
12 th June 2026	Whole School Trip to Glasgow Science Centre
16 th June 2026	P6 and ELC buddies Games Afternoon
17 th June 2026	P6 and ELC buddies Morning Picnic
17 th June 2026	Meet My New Teacher Event
22 nd June 2026	ELC Celebration Event
23 rd June 2026	P7 Leavers Assembly
26 th June 2026	Term 4 ends