



Bankton Primary School

March 2026 Newsletter



We would like to start off by saying a hug THANK YOU to all of our parent helpers who have made our outings possible this session! We have lots of outings so far and the rest are planned for the coming weeks.

Our P7 children had a wonderful time at their school camp, challenging themselves and supporting each other along the way. Many thanks to Miss Dyet, Mrs Linejs, Mr Melville and Mrs Herman for giving up their own time to accompany our children.

P6 parents/carers, you will receive a form soon to fill in for your preferences for school camp for your child next session.

Young Leaders of Learning:

We have been taking part in a pilot project led by Education Scotland which involves some of our children visiting other schools with school improvement priorities identified. Our children have been commended for their listening and talking skills as well as their pride in their school. Mrs Murdoch has been leading this for our school and was asked to present at a recent meeting to share with other schools in the council.

You asked – we did...

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| Our Participatory Budget consultation sent to you had the majority vote to use funding to keep the cost of school outings down. | This was used to subsidise all school outings by paying for buses. |
| To have the opportunity to see your child's work and speak to them about it more. | We introduced our 'Bankton Blether' as part of our PATPAL termly event. You also receive 2 progress reports within the year and an end of session formal report. |
| To ensure all children have access to uniform | We have always had our uniform bank at the front door which we have reorganised. Our 'Cost of the School Day' groups have also been involved in a cluster project to ensure all local schools have the same. |

Dates for your diary:

19/3/26 – P7 at The JYHS for annual Science Fayre at 6pm

25/3/26 and 26/3/26 – Parent/Carer consultations with our usual Book Fayre

30/3/26 – School holiday, children return on Tuesday 14th April

4/5/26 – May holiday

6/5/26 – PATPAL and Bankton Blether (all welcome in school)

7/5/26 – Inset Day (no children in school)

8/5/26 – P1 and P7 Class Photos

18/5/26 – May holiday

Home learning:

Through consultation with parents/carers, we actioned that home learning would mainly involve reading at home. Preparing your child at home means that they are ready to read confidently with their peers in class and can then complete the relevant activity attached to this. In the upper school, the children are given longer to complete as they have larger sections to read, this also starts to build good routines for when they move to secondary school. Teachers then offer Sumdog as an addition if you wish.

Class Assemblies:

You are invited to come along to your child's class Assembly again this session, these are on a Friday and begin at 11.50am, you enter through the bottom door near the nursery. We look forward to seeing you at these to share in your child's learning success.

The dates for these are as follows:

24/4/26 – P6b – Mrs Wood

15/5/26 – P3b – Mrs Dickson and Miss Edmond

29/5/26 – P1a – Mrs Lloyd

12/6/26 – P4b – Mrs Peebles

Communication:

- Our **School App** is where we will communicate dates and messages to our families
- After the holidays, Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Evans, Mrs Murdoch and our Pupil Support team will be at the doors each morning
- There will also be a Newsletter each month with updates and important dates included
- The school email address is wbankton-ps@westlothian.org.uk where you can leave a message and someone will get back to you
- School phone number is 01506 283800

Kind regards,

Mrs Yvonne Ferguson and Team Bankton



Respect

Inclusion

Co-operation

Kindness

Perseverance