



September 2025 News

WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

We are delighted to welcome everyone back to Dundonald Primary School & Nursery Unit following the summer break. We are thrilled to also welcome our new Nursery & Primary 1 pupils and their families into our school community. I hope all of the boys and girls have had a very positive start to the new term, have made lots of friends, and are now settled into the routine of school life. School is thriving!! We have happy smiling children in our classrooms, our children are enjoying their learning, and we have a positive, respectful, and supportive environment for everyone within our school family.



NEW PUPILS

In addition to our new pupils in Nursery and Primary 1, we would like to extend this warm welcome to our families who have joined us throughout P2-P7 from further afield.

We welcome 14 new pupils this month,
Isla, Tom & Ivy (P2),
Madhavi, Mahalakshimi, Kira & Katie (P3),
Ella & Ayush (P4),
Safiya (P5)
Adinath & Gareth (P6)
Judah & Skyler (P7)

We are delighted that you have chosen to join us for the new school year and welcome you and your family to your new school family.

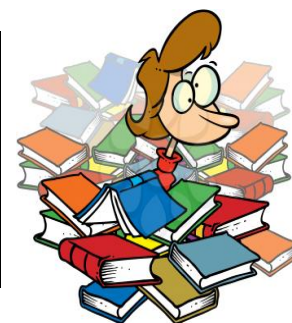


PUPIL ROLES 2025-2026

Congratulations to the following pupils on gaining the important roles within school for this year. We were excited to present the P4-P7 pupils with their badges and really value their contribution to this huge part of our school ethos.

SCHOOL LIBRARIANS 2025-2026

P4	P5	P6	P7
Reece Badanjak Margaux Campbell Arush Agarwal Carrie Rea Kiaan Nigam	Ezra Martin Alex Boyd Florence Hughes Kiaan Jain	Scarlett Harwood Abigail McNaughten Cruz Foster Rory McMullan	Jonas Cesnulevicius Lucy Glover Finn Mohan Jimmy Callacher



SCHOOL DIGITAL LEADERS 2025-2026



P5	P6	P7
Arlo Murphy Samuel Armstrong Lucas Adair-Spence Hetty Ellames	Pippa Spratt Chester Campbell Luke Smyth Isla Robinson	Azra Avan Judah Lavery Hollie Allen Lois Flynn

SCHOOL ECO COUNCIL 2025-2026

P4	P5	P6	P7
Seth Harris Heidi Spratt Mya Erickson Eden Moore	Lucy Weir Amelia Westbury Safiya Reutova Ava Boyce	Freya Thompson Ethan Hamlin Sam Neill Jacob O'Hara	Zeynabi Haji Oscar Marshall Annie Harris Ollie Campbell



SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL 2025-2026








P4	P5	P6	P7
Elijah Ferguson Noah Forsythe Max Spratt Arlo Little	Ben Faulkner Eliana Crymble Autumn Megrath Alex Hay	Koby Anderson Tom Smith Amelia Fargher Dhanvi Rahul	Yaseen Abdelhadi Isaac McMichael Lily Hanna Aimee Hullock

SCHOOL RIGHTS RESPECTING COUNCIL 2025-2026

P4	P5	P6	P7
Ollie Clegg Alex Callacher Zoe Eniola Jack O'Connor	George Dodds Sophie Reynolds Isla Guthrie Abbie Glass	Sam Eadie Alma O'Connor Eliana Thompson Cody Wright	Harry Wilkinson Lily Campbell Hollie McMaster Georgia Gray



HOUSE CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS 2025-2026

Cheetahs	Jaguars	Leopards	Lions	Tigers
				
Captain Eva Corbett Rayyan Ahmed	Captain Gabrielle Wilson Jonas Cesnulevicius	Captain Lucy Glover Seth McCullough	Captain Katie Smyth Alfie Brown	Captain Ella Glass Ben Wilson
Vice-Captain Annabelle Briggs Mason Cairns	Vice-Captain Nandhu Sainath Dylan McMullan	Vice-Captain Zeynab Haji Joshua Little	Vice-Captain Sophia McCune Ollie Filmer	Vice-Captain Mahveen Daptari Chris Ingram

HOUSE PROGRESS AWARDS, BEHAVIOUR & UNIFORM – SEPTEMBER 2025

Lions 1110	Tigers 980	Cheetahs 1020	Jaguars 1120	Leopards 1250
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ATTENDANCE AWARDS - SEPTEMBER 2025

P1-P2	Mrs K Glassey	99.6%
P3-P4	Mrs A Best & Mrs M Savage	98.0%
P5-P7	Mr M Beattie	98.5%

WHO TO CONTACT

If you need to contact us regarding your son/daughter, please do not hesitate to do so in the following order:

1. Initial contact with your child's teacher
2. Your child's head of Key Stage:

Head of Foundation Stage (Nursery, P1 & P2)	Mrs McGonigle
Head of Key Stage 1 (P3 & P4)	Mrs Dodds
Head of Key Stage 2 (P5, P6 & P7)	Miss Ellis
3. SENCo **Mrs Savage**
4. Vice Principal **Mrs Burns**
5. Principal **Mr Massey**



SAFEGUARDING

Please remember, if you have any concerns about your child, or another child inside or outside school, you should share these concerns with us. When a child is in school, we are responsible for keeping them safe from harm and abuse. In Dundonald Primary School & Nursery Unit we strive to create a safe learning environment, identify children who are suffering from or may be at risk of harm and take suitable action.

If you have any concerns, please share them with:

Mrs S Burns (Designated Teacher for Child Protection & Safeguarding)

Mrs M Savage (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection & Safeguarding)

Mr D Massey (Safeguarding Team)



SAFE SPACE SCHOOL



Dundonald Primary School is a Safe Space School. If anyone is experiencing Domestic Violence or requires support, we can provide a safe space to talk and signpost to relevant services. You can come to school to speak to Mrs Burns, Vice Principal or alternatively cards will be left at reception with a QR code to direct you to support services.

SAFE SCHOOL

PUPIL & TRAFFIC SAFETY

The safety of our pupils is paramount within our school setting from the moment they enter the school grounds in the morning until they leave the grounds in the afternoon.

It is equally important that this safety extends to our surrounding roads and the role parents and grandparents have in helping us in supporting a safe environment for children, their families, residents, and other road users.



Always exercise extreme caution when parking near any of our three entrances. Please also be courteous of our residents and their driveways. Please always be cautious of our children and don't always assume our very young children are as aware of traffic as our older children!!!

If you see any cars parking dangerously without care in the neighbouring streets, please report their registration to the local PSNI immediately.

NUT ALLERGIES

Please remember when making your child's packed lunch, we have lots of serious nut allergies in school and request you avoid sending peanut butter, Nutella, Snickers etc. With an increasing number of pupils with Epi Pens for anaphylactic shock, we would ask you to help us by being vigilant when sending in packed lunches. We would also request that Birthday Cakes are not sent in as we cannot give an absolute nut free guarantee, and instead if you wish, send in individual treats that can be safely distributed at the end of the school day.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have a lovely school uniform that we are very proud of and hope your children are very proud of too. It is important that we maintain our high standards of school uniform from P1 right through to P7, as the vast majority of pupils do.

Already at the end of the first month of term, some children are coming to school without their tie or wearing trainers and not the black shoes they wore at the start of the year. Pupils should only wear trainers to school when wearing their school PE kit on their PE or swimming days. Pupils should not come to school in tracksuits or trainers for afterschool clubs, and provision will be made in the afternoons for changing.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain our uniform standards.





PTA

Thank you to everyone who came along to any of the PTA events last year. Whether you bought a coffee, a hot dog, or raised £100 in sponsorship at the colour run, your contribution was greatly appreciated. Last year the PTA made another huge impact within school, and we look forward to the exciting year ahead, knowing it will be filled with wonderful events and lasting memories, all made possible by your hard work.

In advance of your hard work and dedication in organising this year's events. Your efforts not only bring our school community together, but they also play a vital role in supporting the school through your fundraising initiatives. Your contributions enable us to provide enriched opportunities for our pupils, and we are truly grateful for the positive impact you have on the school.

A huge thankyou to Mr Andrew Cousins our PTA chairperson, and the PTA committee, and the team of parents who have played a key part in our recent success & fundraising.

**PTA
MEETING**

**Tuesday,
30th September
7 PM**

**All parents and
carers welcome!**

Refreshments will be provided

**Your voice matters — we'd
love to hear your ideas!**



DATES & COMMUNICATION

Please continue to check your ClassDojo and please follow the school Facebook Page and Synced Website Calendar for updates on the exciting events happening in school throughout the very busy year ahead.

SEPTEMBER 2025

T	23	P7 PTC Resilience Workshop 1
W	24	P7 PTC
T	25	P7 PTC Equipple goes live for P1-P6 parents @ 8am
F	26	Staff Development Day 1 – School closed for pupils
M	29	School Photos Parkway
T	30	School Photos Parkway PTA Meeting 7pm Resilience Workshop 2

OCTOBER 2025

W	1	P2 baby visit School Photos Parkway
T	2	Football 2:30pm: Dundonald vs Millisle, Dundonald vs Model, Dundonald vs Castle Gardens
F	3	Forest School afternoon for parents 1:50pm & 2:30pm
S	5	P1-P6 Equipple booking closes at midnight
M	6	ECO week
T	7	P5 @ Castle Espie HC & SM Resilience Workshop 3
W	8	P6 @ Viking Museum P5 @ Castle Espie KS & TS
T	9	P6 @ Viking Museum
F	10	
M	13	P5 stairwell painting
T	14	Resilience Workshop 4
W	15	P7 Learning Community @ Brooklands Gaming Bus and PSNI
T	16	
F	17	
M	20	P1-P6 Parent Teacher Interviews (school stops at lunchtime P1-P6)
T	21	P1-P6 Parent Teacher Interviews (school stops at lunchtime P1-P6)
W	22	P1-P6 Parent Teacher Interviews (school stops at lunchtime P1-P6)
T	23	P1-P6 Parent Teacher Interviews (school stops at lunchtime P1-P6) Football 2:30pm: Abbey vs Dundonald
F	24	P1-P6 Parent Teacher Interviews (school stops at lunchtime P1-P6 & P7)
M	27	half term break
T	28	half term break
W	29	half term break
T	30	half term break
F	31	half term break

NOVEMBER 2025

M	3	
T	4	
W	5	
T	6	P2 @ Castle Espie
F	7	P2 @ Castle Espie
M	10	
T	11	Nursery Parent Interviews in School Boardroom
W	12	Nursery Parent Interviews in School Boardroom
T	13	Football 2:30pm: Ballywalter vs Dundonald; Brooklands vs Dundonald
F	14	
SA	15	SEAG 1
M	17	
T	18	
W	19	P7 DLC @ at Longstone School
T	20	Football 3:00pm: Comber vs Dundonald; Portavogie vs Dundonald
F	21	P7 DLC @ at Longstone School
SA	22	SEAG 2
M	24	Wee critters in Nursery
T	25	
W	26	
T	27	
F	28	Choir singing @ Crosspoint senior citizens

DECEMBER 2025

M	1	FLU Vaccine for P1-P7
T	2	
W	3	Kinedale Donkeys in Nursery NURSERY & P1 OPEN NIGHT
T	4	Football 2:30pm: Donaghadee vs Dundonald; Dundonald vs Andrews
F	5	
M	8	Show auditions in the Library
T	9	Show auditions in the Library
W	10	P1-P4 Nativity in Hall
T	11	P1-P4 Nativity in Hall
F	12	
M	15	7pm Carol Service in Dundonald Presbyterian Church
T	16	
W	17	
T	18	
F	19	Lunchtime finish for holidays & end of Term 1
M	22	Christmas Holidays
T	23	Christmas Holidays
W	24	Christmas Holidays
T	25	Christmas Holidays
F	26	Christmas Holidays
M	29	Christmas Holidays
T	30	Christmas Holidays
W	31	Christmas Holidays

JANUARY 2026

T	1	Christmas Holidays
F	2	Christmas Holidays
M	5	Term 2 begins for all pupils
T	6	
W	7	
T	8	
F	9	
M	12	
T	13	
W	14	P7FE & P7AS @ Titanic Belfast
T	15	
F	16	P7JH & P7TB @ Titanic Belfast
M	19	Gathering drum in Nursery
T	20	
W	21	
T	22	Post Primary Transfer Interviews Football 3:00pm: Dundonald vs Londonderry; Victoria vs Dundonald
F	23	Post Primary Transfer Interviews
SA	24	SEAG Results
M	26	Post Primary Transfer Interviews
T	27	Post Primary Transfer Interviews
W	28	Post Primary Transfer Interviews
T	29	Post Primary Transfer Interviews
F	30	Post Primary Transfer Interviews

FEBRUARY 2026

M	2	
T	3	
W	4	
T	5	
F	6	
M	9	SDD2 School Closed for pupils
T	10	Half term Holiday
W	11	Half term Holiday
T	12	Half term Holiday
F	13	Half term Holiday
M	16	SDD3 School Closed for pupils
T	17	Susie Millar- P7 Titanic Talk
W	18	
T	19	
F	20	
M	23	Parent Teacher Interview Week Gathering drum in Nursery
T	24	
W	25	
T	26	
F	27	

MARCH 2026

M	2	Literacy Week
T	3	Literacy Week & Book Fair
W	4	Literacy Week & Book Fair
T	5	Literacy Week & Book Fair WORLD BOOK DAY
F	6	Literacy Week
M	9	Science Week Ark farm visiting Nursery
T	10	Science Week
W	11	Science Week
T	12	Science Week Football 2:30pm: Dundonald vs Killinchy; Dundonald vs West Winds
F	13	Science Week
M	16	Gathering Drum in Nursery
T	17	Pupils stop at Lunchtime – No EA meals or transport
W	18	
T	19	
F	20	
M	23	
T	24	
W	25	
T	26	
F	27	
M	30	Easter Holidays
T	31	Easter Holidays

APRIL 2026

W	1	Easter Holidays
T	2	Easter Holidays
F	3	Easter Holidays
M	6	Easter Holidays
T	7	Easter Holidays
W	8	Easter Holidays
T	9	Easter Holidays
F	10	Easter Holidays
M	13	Term 3 begins for all pupils
T	14	
W	15	
T	16	
F	17	
M	20	Gathering drum in Nursery
T	21	SCHOOL SHOW
W	22	SCHOOL SHOW Mr Hullabaloo in Nursery
T	23	SCHOOL SHOW
F	24	
M	25	
T	28	

W	29	
T	30	

MAY 2026

F	1	SDD4 School Closed for pupils
M	4	Bank Holiday
T	5	P7 in Edinburgh
W	6	P7 in Edinburgh
T	7	P7 in Edinburgh
F	8	P7 in Edinburgh
M	11	
T	12	
W	13	
T	14	
F	15	
M	18	
T	19	
W	20	P7 love for life workshop
T	21	
F	22	
M	25	Bank Holiday
T	26	SDD5 - School Closed for pupils
W	27	Wee Critters in P3
T	28	
F	29	

JUNE 2026

M	1	P3 in Mount Stewart
T	2	
W	3	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 1 P3 in Mount Stewart
T	4	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 1
F	5	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 1
M	8	
T	9	
W	10	
T	11	
F	12	P6 Birds of Prey
M	15	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 2
T	16	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 2
W	17	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 2
T	18	
F	19	
M	22	
T	23	
W	24	Fizz Wizz Pop magician in nursery
T	25	Whole school final assembly & house awards
F	26	School stops at lunchtime - P7 Farewell Assembly (Staff & P7 Parents)
M	29	
T	30	Last Day of Term 3



Inspire. Believe. Achieve

"Through nurture we Inspire a love of learning, Believe in our abilities, and empower each other to Achieve our personal best within a supportive school community."