



Newsletter August 2026

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to Craigbank for the start of another school year.

The school has been full of energy, smiles and excitement, and we have loved seeing our children settling back into their classes and routines.

A particularly warm welcome goes to our 24 new Primary 1 children, who have made a fantastic start to life at Craigbank. We are so proud of how well they are settling in and already becoming part of our school community. We are really looking forward to the year ahead and all of the learning, achievements, experiences and special moments it will bring for our children and families.

Our classes and teachers for this session are as follows:

Primary 1 - Miss Eaton

Primary 2 - Mrs Barr & Mrs Burrows

Primary 3/4 - Mrs Forrest & Mrs Marshall (Mrs Doig is currently covering)

Primary 4/5 - Miss Melville & Mrs Burrows

Primary 5/6 - Mrs Farquharson

Primary 6/7 - Miss Craig

We are delighted to have everyone back and look forward to another happy and successful year together at Craigbank.



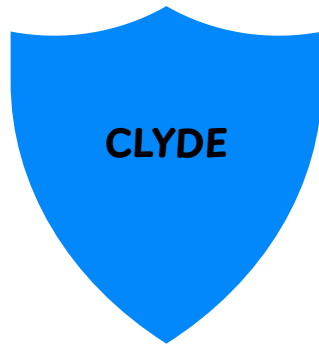
We know how important it is for families to have as much notice as possible about school events, particularly for working parents and carers who may need to arrange time away from work. With this in mind, we have planned and published our key school dates for the full year ahead wherever possible. Please take some time to check ParentsPortal for our key dates for the year ahead and add any important events to your diary.

We also completely understand that work and family commitments mean it simply isn't possible to attend every school event. Please never worry if you can't make it along. Your child will always be cared for, supported and fully included, and our staff will make sure they are able to enjoy the event alongside their friends.

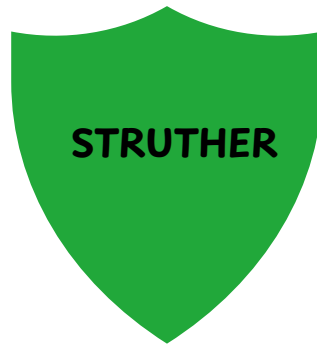
We hope that publishing dates well in advance makes planning that little bit easier for everyone.



AVON



CLYDE



STRUTHER



CANDER

A huge well done to all of our Primary 7 children who put themselves forward to become House Captains and Vice Captains this year. We were incredibly proud of every child who had the confidence to stand in front of their peers and deliver a speech before Friday's vote. It takes courage to put yourself forward for a leadership role and they all did a fantastic job! We are delighted to announce our House Captains and Vice Captains for 2026-2027.

Avon - House Captain - Marley
Vice Captain - Harry

Clyde - House Captain - Elise
Vice Captain - Ellie

Cander - House Captain Walker
Vice Captain - Harley

Struther - House Captain Scarlett
Vice Captain - Sophia

We know they will be fantastic representatives of their houses and of Craigbank. We can't wait to see them take on their new leadership roles throughout the year.



WORK IN PROGRESS

School Improvement

Every year, we identify the areas we want to focus on to continue making Craigbank the very best it can be for our children.

This year we have three key priorities:

Our Craigbank Identity - Working together with our children, families and staff to refresh our school vision, values and aims and make sure they reflect what matters to our community.

Inclusion for Every Child - Strengthening how we support all of our children to be included, engaged in their learning and able to achieve their very best.

Learning & Achievement - Working closely with other schools in our Learning Community to make sure our assessment of children's learning is consistent and helps us plan the right next steps.

We look forward to involving our children and families in this work throughout the year.



Gates and Car Park

You will have noticed that our school and car park gates are closed during the school day. This is an important safety measure to help keep our children safe and our school grounds secure.

At the end of the school day, the car park gates are opened shortly before the 3pm bell. We have noticed that some cars are arriving early and queuing on the road while waiting for the gates to open. Please be mindful of our neighbours and, importantly, ensure that access is kept clear at all times for emergency service vehicles should they be required.

As we have very limited parking space, walking to school or parking a little further away and walking the final part of the journey is strongly encouraged wherever possible.

If you do need to drive to school, please park and drive considerately, avoid blocking roads, driveways or access points, and help us to keep the area around Craighbank safe for our children, families and wider community.

Thank you for your support and understanding.



Attendance & Late Coming

Did you know that a pupil with an average of 90% attendance from P1 onwards could miss the equivalent of an entire school year by the time they reach S3?

What might seem like just a few days of absence can quickly add up. Regular attendance gives children the best opportunity to learn, build friendships, develop confidence and feel that they belong at school.

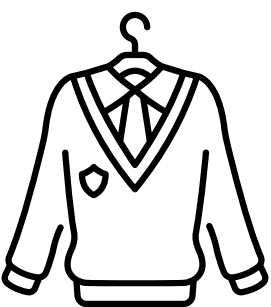
At Craighbank, we want every child to enjoy coming to school, feel supported and have the opportunity to achieve their very best.

If your child is going to be absent, please remember that you must telephone the school to let us know. If we do not hear from you, we will contact you and, if necessary, work through the emergency contacts provided for your child. This is an important part of our safeguarding procedures and helps us to know that every child is safe.

We will continue to monitor attendance and punctuality closely. Attendance and late-coming letters will be issued at the end of each month where there are concerns. In some circumstances, parents or carers may also be invited to meet with the Head Teacher to discuss attendance and how we can work together to improve it.

Some children may require an Attendance Support Plan, which will allow us to work together with families to identify any barriers to attendance and agree the support needed to help their child attend school regularly.

Thank you for working with us to ensure that every school day matters.



Uniform

We have seen a huge improvement in school uniform since returning and our children are looking incredibly smart. Thank you to our families for supporting us in raising our expectations around uniform and helping our children take pride in belonging to Craigbank.

A quick reminder that our school uniform is navy. Please do not send children to school in black or grey uniform items or sportswear/tracksuits. Thank you for continuing to support us in maintaining high standards across our school.

Pupil Committees

This year, every child at Craigbank will be part of a Pupil Committee, giving all of our pupils the opportunity to have a voice, take responsibility and help make a difference to our school.

Children will be involved in one of our Kindness, Nature, JRSO, Reading, Digital or Health & Sport Committees. Across the year they will work on real projects – from spreading kindness and caring for our environment, to promoting road and online safety, developing reading across the school and helping to plan sporting, health and wellbeing activities.

We want our children to know that their ideas matter and they can make positive change happen at Craigbank. We can't wait to see what they achieve!



Thank you

Finally, we simply want to say thank you.

We really appreciate the support our parents and carers give to Craigbank every day. Whether it is getting children to school on time, supporting our uniform expectations, attending events, responding to messages or simply encouraging your child at home – it all makes a difference.

There is lots happening at Craigbank and lots that we want to achieve for our children this year. Having our families behind us makes such a difference, and we are incredibly grateful for the positive support you continue to show our school, our staff and, most importantly, our children.

Thank you for being part of Team Craigbank.