

Dens Road Primary School and Nursery - Term 1 Newsletter

[Head Teacher Newsletter](#)

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new school and nursery session. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer with family and friends. It has been lovely listening to holiday stories from the children.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new P1 children and families and also to new pupils joining us across the school and nursery. I am confident that this is the beginning of a very strong partnership and we look forward to working with you.

This term we welcome Miss Erin Cooper to our staff. She has joined our Primary 4 team and has already made an excellent start with P4. Miss Cooper worked at Longhaugh Primary School last session with a Primary 4 class and is a wonderful addition to our school.

We also would like to welcome Miss Anna Bluff who has joined us from Victoria Park Primary School. Miss Bluff is a very experienced teacher and is teaching our Primary 7 class. She has loved her first week here at Dens Road and it has been great to welcome her to our school.

Mrs Sarah Shepherd has joined us from Mill of Mains Primary School and is another experienced teacher who we are delighted to have at Dens Road. Mrs Shepherd is teaching our P5/6 class this session and it has been a fantastic first week back for this class.

Mr Blair Kettles has also joined us teaching our P5 class and Miss Phoebe Gill has joined us teaching our P2 class. Again, it is wonderful to have these staff join us for this session.

Finally, I would like to welcome Miss Erin Connor to the Dens Road Nursery who is joining us as an EYE. Erin has been a great addition to our Dens Road Nursery and school community.

Best Wishes,

Mr Albayati

Health and Safety - Important Reminders

Playground Safety

To ensure the safety of all our pupils and families there should be no bikes and scooters used in the school and nursery grounds. Bikes and scooters can be stored in the bike shelter, however this is not locked and the school will not take responsibility for these items. If you wish to use the shelter I would recommend a padlock or chain.

Lining up

I would ask again that parents of older children 'drop and go' to minimise the number of adults outside. This allows staff to ensure all our younger children can find their adult. There are still large numbers of parents in the playground and I would be grateful if you could stand back once your child is safely in the line or stand back when collecting your child at the end of the day.

If you need to chat with the class teacher, please do so via seesaw in the first instance or contact the school rather than in the lines. This can hold up classes going in with children

waiting outside. It is a busy area and too many adults around makes it more challenging to get lines in as quickly as possible.

Drop off and Pick Up

Please note that parents are not to enter the staff car park when arriving at school or nursery to drop off or pick up your child/children. This area is for Dundee City Council employees and visitors only.

Dogs

Dogs are not permitted in school and nursery grounds at anytime.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted in any council grounds.

Mobile Phones

If you allow your child to bring a mobile phone to school it should be handed over to the class teacher for safe keeping until the end of the school day. Mobile phones must not be used in school.

Handwashing

We will continue to emphasise the importance of handwashing for good hygiene to reduce the spread of common colds/viruses.

Thank you for your continued support with all of the above.

School Day

Our school day is 9.00am until 3.15pm. Please aim to ensure your child arrives on time, ready for learning.

I would also ask that where possible you avoid early pick ups and children enjoy the full learning experience. If you do require to pick your child up early, you must contact the school office **before 12.15pm**.

If your child is to be absent from school please contact the main office on 436368 or let us know via parent portal. We will issue another reminder of the sign up process.

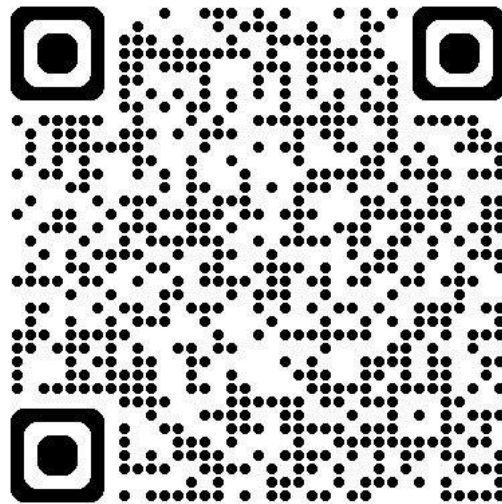
Parent Partnership Events

As we continue to strengthen our partnership with parents there will be opportunities to join us in school, please come along if you can. Our first open doors dates are detailed in this newsletter.

Our Parent Council are always looking for new members, please contact Mrs Lux if you are interested in joining.

Our first Parent Council meeting of the school year will be **Tuesday 16th September at 9am.**

Uniform



Thank you once again for the outstanding efforts with school uniform. All our children are looking extremely smart with a real Dens Road Primary School identity. We hold some uniform in school therefore please get in touch if we can be of any help with additional items.

It is extremely important that the children wear school uniform every day apart from PE days.

If you are struggling in sourcing uniform in any way, please contact our School and Family Development Worker, Denise. Her mobile number is - 07985874320

Important Dates - Term 1

Please see below important dates to be aware of:

Parent Contact Evenings

Tuesday 23rd September

Wednesday 24th September

Further information about this and how to book an appointment will be sent out in the coming weeks. Please ensure you are signed up to the Parent Portal which will allow you to book a slot when available. If you are unsure how to do this please contact the school office.

Parent Council Meeting - AGM

Tuesday 16th September at 9am

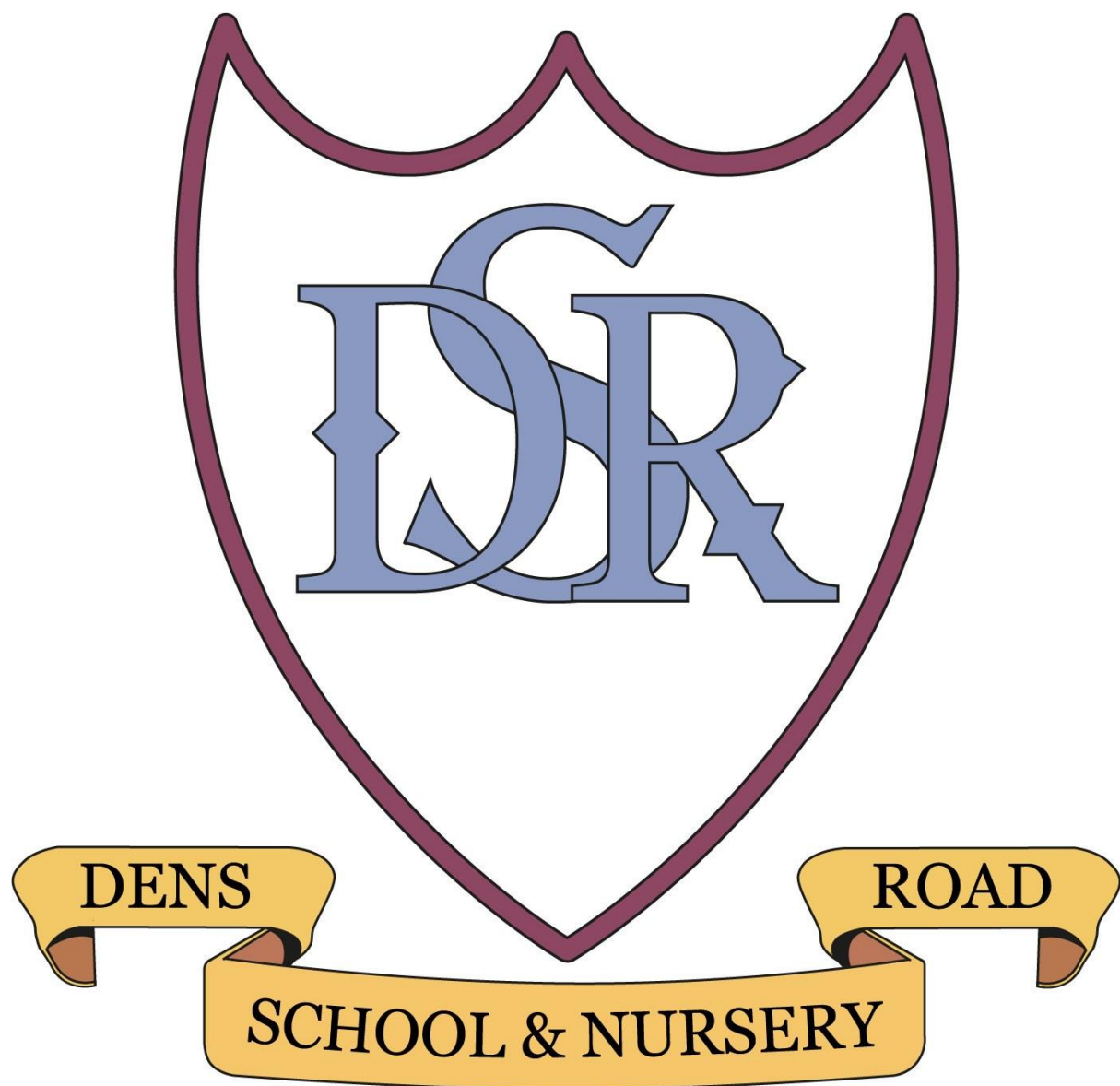
Open Doors Events

P1a, P1b and P2 - Thursday 18th September at 2pm

P3 - P7 - Friday 19th September at 2pm

Friday 3 October 2025 - **Term ends**

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