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Dear Parents / A Charaidean Choir,

Welcome back to session 2025-26. Thanks to everyone for settling back so well and a special thank you to all of our new pupils who have settled in so quickly.

Staffing and Pupils / Luchd Obraich: The following staff will be working in Dunvegan Primary School and Sgoil Araich this session:

Ms S Muir ~ Head Teacher (Cluster with Carbost)
Ms J MacLeod ~ Principal Teacher & GM1-3 teacher
Mrs R MacInnes ~ Teacher GM4-7
Mrs M MacGregor ~ Teacher EM 5-7 & Forest Schools Teacher
Miss L Kater ~ Teacher EM1-4
Mrs J Allan ~ Teacher EM1-4
Mrs A MacVicar ~ Non-Class Contact Teacher
Mrs J Tyronney ~ Additional Support Teacher
Mrs L Coull ~ Clerical Assistant
Miss M MacGregor ~ Pupil Support Assistant
Mrs M Morrison ~ Pupil Support Assistant
Mrs M Munro ~ Pupil Support Assistant (GM)
Mrs C Matheson ~ Early Years Practitioner (GM)
Mrs J Slater ~ Early Years Practitioner (GM)
Mr H McCallum ~ Visiting Pipe Band Drumming Instructor
Mrs R Llewellyn Porter ~ Visiting Fiddle Instructor
Mr IR Finlayson ~ Visiting Chanter Instructor
Mrs F MacAskill ~ School Cook
Miss A Blair ~ Cleaning Operative
Mrs L Crainet ~ Cleaning Operative

Our English roll is 25 and our Gaelic roll is 29. Our sgoil araich roll is 5.

School Day / Latha sgoile: Sgoil araich starts each morning at 9am and school starts at 9.15am. Can parents please note that there is NO PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION until 9am, and that if children are dropped off earlier than that they will not be supervised. Some of the school transport arrives early as it has subsequent journeys to make. The time before school starts is NOT a break time.

School Dinner Money / Airgead Dinneir: School lunches are available to all children in full time education, and are FREE up until they reach P6 & 7 when the cost is £2.40 per day. Please can lunch money be handed to the canteen by Thursday each week.

2 days - £4.80

3 days - £7.20

4 days - £9.60

5 days - £12.00

Homework / Obair Dachaigh: Reading/homework journals will be given to all learners again this year and daily reading remains a priority. We would be very grateful if you could regularly add your comments to these records too. Please can you listen to your children read as often as you can and discuss the stories / events etc. afterwards. Please also continue reading to your child, this is so important at all ages.

In addition to regular reading and book talk, class teachers will send home spelling and time tables/number practice along with additional games and website recommendations for you to use. Older children may bring home project work.

Visitors / Neach-tadhail: If you are visiting the school for any reason, please sign in and report to the office on arrival.

Absences / Neo-Lathaireachdean: If your child is going to be absent from nursery or school, please can you give this information to the school in advance. If your child is absent unexpectedly on any given day, please phone the school on 01470 521307 or email dunvegan.primary@highland.gov.uk before 09.30am.

Forest School / Sgoil na Coille: Forest School sessions will take place again this term. Letters and consent forms were handed out this week to all pupils, please can you make sure to return completed forms. It is advised that all pupils leave waterproofs and wellies in the school at all times.

Mobile Library / Leabhar-lann: The mobile library will visit the school every 3 weeks. We are unsure of when the first visit will be. Please make sure that you keep these books separate from books that are borrowed from our own school library.

Clothing / Aodach: Please can you write your child's name on their clothing, especially school jumpers. This helps us so much when we are trying to return 'lost items'. Please could we ask all children to bring in a pair of indoor crocs, trainers or shoes (NOT SLIPPERS) that will only be worn inside the school building. This will help to keep our carpets, cushions, rugs etc. clean and dry. If you prefer, wellies for outside play are a great alternative. It is also a good idea to make sure that ALL children have a spare change of clothes in school.

Snack / Biadh beag: Please can you send your child to school daily with a healthy morning snack. We do not operate a tuck bar at the moment.

Breakfast club / Club Braicist: Breakfast club will continue to run(helpers dependant). There are a few days now where we could do with an extra pair of hands, please get in touch with Leona in the office if you would like to help out and she will arrange your PVG application.

PE/ Sports: Please can you send in a PE kit with your child - including trainers, shorts and a t-shirt. This can be left at school on their hanger or tray in class.

Music /Ceol: We continue to have music tuition for Chanter on a Tuesday morning and Pipe Band Drumming on a Thursday morning, virtually and in school lessons. If you would like your child to start either of these, please have a look online here:
<https://www.myhighlife.co.uk/music-tuition/login/>

Annual data checks / Sgrùdadh dàta bliadhnaile: Copies of the Annual Data Check will be going home for you to complete in the next few weeks. Please could you update any changes and add new information. Please can they be handed back to school by Friday 5th September.

Flu Vaccinations: The vaccination team will be in school on Tuesday 30th September to administer the vaccine to school aged pupils. Consent packs will be arriving in school in the next week or so, please make sure that you send these back to the school office, whether you wish your child to have the vaccine or not.

School Photographer / Dealbhan Sgoile: The photographer will be in school on the morning of Wednesday 8th October.

Term Dates 2025/26

Highland School calendar 2025/26

Please note - Dates may be subject to change

August 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
32					1	2	3
33	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
34	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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36	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
37	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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41	29	30					

October 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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November 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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December 2025							
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January 2026							
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February 2026							
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March 2026							
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April 2026							
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May 2026							
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June 2026							
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July 2026							
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School holidays
In-service days

School days

Afterschool Clubs / Club na Sgoile

Jaggy Thistles: Nan continues to run her Jaggy Thistles music group (For age 6 +) on a Monday from 3.15pm – 4.15pm. If your child would be interested in learning the Tin Whistle or Recorder, please let us know and come along and join in.

Shinty / Iomain: North End Shinty continues on a Thursday evening for P2-7 pupils, between 6 & 7pm. Currently being held at MacDiarmid pitch. Please remember to bring your shin guards and £1 subs. Skye Shinty Academy runs on a Saturday morning at Pairc nan Laoch. Find out more about this on Facebook - Skye Shinty Academy.

Swimming / Snamh: Swimming lessons take place at The Fingal Centre in Portree. Please contact the office in the pool to sign your child up for lessons - 01478 614819.

Nursery / Sgoil Araich: Our nursery is open full time hours, from 9am – 3pm each day.

- Please can children have a pair of indoor shoes (NOT slippers), a change of clothes and a waterproof jacket each day.
- If you have any issues or queries about the nursery, then please feel free to email Catherine or Jeanette on catherine.matheson@highland.gov.uk or jeanette.slater@portreehigh.org.uk

In-service Days / Latha Trianadh: Sgoil Araich & School will be closed on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th September for staff training.

Headlice / Mialan: Head Lice are a common problem in school aged children. They can't be prevented, but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment if necessary. Parents and carers should check their children's head once a week during hair washing. You need your usual shampoo, conditioner, and a detection comb – ask your local pharmacist to recommend a suitable one. Remember that you are looking for living moving lice, the only evidence that your child is infected. If you find a living louse, ask your local pharmacist, school nurse, health visitor or GP for advice regarding treatment.

End of Term / Deireadh an teirm: School & Sgoil Araich will close on Friday 10th October for the October break, and will reopen on Monday 27th.

End of the School Day / Deireadh an latha sgoile : Please can all parents / carers that are collecting children at the end of the school day please adhere to the following protocol:

1. Nursery children leave at 3pm
2. Taxis leave
3. Bus leaves
4. Children being collected are sent out to cars
5. Cars leave

This is to make sure that the end of day traffic is handled in as safe a way as possible and we do appreciate your help.

Please call or email any time. Your support makes an incredible difference to our school and we consider you all a part of our team.

I look forward to seeing everyone over the course of the term.

Tapadh Leibh / Thank you,

Samantha Muir

Head Teacher / Ceannard
Dunvegan Primary School / Bun Sgoil Dhun Bheagain