

Beancross Primary School



Parent Information Booklet

Our Vision

At Beancross Primary School we are a Learning Community committed to creating a **safe**, **happy**, **caring** and **vibrant** environment, where all children are **motivated** to learn and **achieve**, to become **independent**, **ambitious** and **responsible** future citizens.

To achieve this we will:

- *Actively promote an holistic approach to developing every child.
- *Positively engage with our parents in a spirit of mutual partnership.
- *Foster strong reciprocal relationships with our partners and the local community.

Our Core Values

Ambition – **Motivation** – **Nurture** – **Respect**





About Our School



In our school building, we have classrooms for children from Primary 1 through to Primary 7. We also have a separate Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) class, a music room, a library space, and Additional Support for Learning classrooms. All school children have access to our school dining hall and PE hall.

Our School Environment

- The infant classrooms (Primary 1–3) are located along the lower corridor.
- The upper school classrooms (Primary 4–7) are situated upstairs.

We have two halls within the school:

- A large dining hall, used for Physical Education and whole-school assemblies
- An upper hall, also used for PE and other activities

Outdoor Spaces

We are fortunate to have two playgrounds:

- The back playground is for our younger children (Primary 1–3)
- The front playground is for older pupils (Primary 4–7)

Start and End of the School Day

Primary 1 children should enter and exit the school building via the back playground on **Montgomery Street** at the start and end of each day.

Learning in Primary 1

Our Primary 1 classrooms are designed to provide a balanced approach to learning, combining:

- Direct, teacher-led learning
- Active, hands-on experiences
- Play-based learning approaches

This reflects the familiar experiences children have had in nursery, supporting a smooth and positive transition into school.

All classrooms in our school feature a calm breakout space, allowing children a quiet area to relax, reflect, or work in smaller groups.

Our School Day

8.30am Breakfast Club

- ✓ Our Breakfast Club opens at 8:30am.
- ✓ The cost is £2.40 for one child or £4.80 per family.
- ✓ Breakfast Club is free if **you are entitled to free school meals**.
- ✓ For more information, please see:

[Schools: School breakfast clubs - Falkirk Council](#)



9.00am School Begins

Class teachers will bring the children from the playground into the school building.

10:15am Snack and Story

- ✓ Children will have time to eat their snack in the classroom while their teacher reads to them.
- ✓ Children should bring a healthy snack, such as: Cereal bar, Yoghurt, Fruit
- ✓ One snack is enough
- ✓ Please note: Fizzy drinks are not allowed in school. We are a nut-free school due to allergies

10.30am Break Time

Children will go outdoors to play unless there are weather warnings in place.

If the weather is severe, they will remain indoors.

12.00pm Lunch

- ✓ Primary 1 children will be supported by staff to eat their lunch in the dining hall.
- ✓ School lunch menus can be found at: [Schools: School meals - Primary school lunch menus – Falkirk Council](#).
- ✓ You will receive information on how to set up an iPay account to order your child's lunch on their first day.
- ✓ All children from Primary 1 to Primary 5 are entitled to free school meals.
- ✓ Alternatively, children can bring a packed lunch (no fizzy drinks or items containing nuts).

3pm End of School Day

- ✓ Primary 1 children should be collected by a parent/carer from the Montgomery Street playground.
- ✓ Please note that drop-off and collection times can be very busy. Staff are focused on ensuring all children are safely dismissed and may not be able to speak with you at these times.

School Bus

If your child uses the school bus, they will go to the main reception at 3:00pm. A member of staff will walk Primary 1 children to the bus stop.

After School Clubs

After school clubs will be advertised and booked online via Class4Kids.

We expect clubs to begin in September 2026.



First Week in P1

Children will start school on **Wednesday 12th August 2026**.

The First Day

To help make your child's first day as calm and positive as possible, we have made a small adjustment to the start and finish times for Primary 1 on their first day.

Start of the Day

On their first day, we kindly ask that Primary 1 children arrive **after 9:00am**. This will allow the playground to be quieter and help children feel more settled as they enter the school. Class Teachers will bring the children into the school building at **9:10am**.

End of the Day

On their first day, Primary 1 children will finish slightly earlier at **2:50pm**. This will allow more time to ensure everyone is safely collected by a parent/carer.

The rest of the week children will start at 9am and finish at 3pm.

What to bring to school?

For starting Primary 1, children will need:

- School uniform
- A water bottle – filled at home daily with water
- A healthy snack
- A school bag – for carrying letters, homework
- Jacket – weather permitting

Spare clothing

You may wish to provide your child with a bag, **labelled with their name and class**, containing spare old clothes and a change of socks and underwear. This bag can be stored on your child's peg in school.

In Primary 1, children often have wet accidents and regularly engage in outdoor and indoor messy play. Spare clothes are always helpful!

How to prepare your child for school

There are lots of simple things you can do at home to help your child feel confident, independent, and ready to start school. The ideas below will support their learning and development in a fun and natural way (shared by P1 Class Teachers).

Listening and Concentration - You can help build your child's attention and listening skills through play.

Try:

- Repetition games (e.g. copying sounds or patterns)
- Simple games like 'Chinese whispers'
- Board games and card games

These activities help children learn to listen carefully, sustain attention, follow instructions, and take turns.

Recognising and Writing Their Name

Encourage your child to say, recognise, read, and write their name.

This helps build confidence and supports early reading and writing skills.

Self-Help Skills

Developing independence will really help your child feel settled in school. Encourage them to:

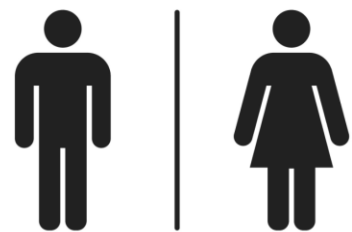
- Dress themselves
- Put on and take off shoes and jackets
- Open their snack
- Pour a drink into a cup
- Use cutlery



These small skills make a big difference in helping children manage their day.

Personal Care

- Support your child to practise independent toilet routines, including washing and drying hands properly.
- Practise using the male and female toilets when out and about.



Talking About School

- Have lots of positive conversations about school.
- Talking about what school will be like can help your child feel excited and reassured.

Enjoy a Story with Your Child

Sharing stories together is one of the most important things you can do to support your child's learning. Reading or telling stories regularly helps to develop:

- Language and vocabulary
- Listening skills
- Imagination
- Understanding of the world



Even a short story each day can make a big difference and help your child develop a love of reading.

Screen Time

- It is recommended to limit screen time to around 1 hour per day.
- Try to reduce time spent watching YouTube or short videos, as these can make it harder for children to focus for longer periods.



How you can help us

- **Please be mindful of other children and families.** Some may feel excited, while others may feel a little anxious. Thank you for being patient and understanding.
- **Please be patient at collection time.** Staff need to ensure that all children are safely handed over to the correct adult.
- **Please label all clothing and belongings.** Items will get lost, and it is much easier to return them if they are clearly named.
- **Please return all letters and consent forms sent home promptly.** School lunches are ordered through iPay, and we require photo and permission consent forms to be completed each year.
 - **Please make sure the school is informed of any changes to your contact details.** Most communication is sent via email, so it is important that your details are up to date.



Communication

School Attendance

It is important that pupils maintain a high attendance at school and are on time everyday so that they are ready to learn and get the most out of their education.

Absences

If a pupil is unable to attend school, the school office should be notified of this by 8.45am. If a pupil is absent and the school has not been contacted concerning this, a text message will be sent to the pupil's main contact from the school regarding the pupil's whereabouts.

Please report absences via email – beancrossprimaryschool@education.falkirk.sch.uk

Our phone lines can be very busy in the morning.

Lateness

If a pupil arrives at school after 9am, they should enter school via the main reception. A member of staff will welcome them and take their lunch choice for the day before taking them to class. The school playground gates are locked at 9am.

Holidays

Holidays taken during school term-time are recorded as unauthorised absences. If a child is taken out of school on holiday, their learning and their peer relationships may be affected. Class teachers will not provide work to be completed on holiday.

Keeping You Informed

Reporting to Parents

We report progress to parents formally and informally throughout the school session. There are opportunities for parents to get involved in the learning that takes place in class through Open Afternoons, Showcases, Meet the Teacher and Family Learning events. Parents' Nights and an end of session progress report are our formal means of reporting.

Beancross.falkirk.sch.uk

Our school website is updated regularly, and our school newsletters are added to our website: [Beancross Primary School Grangemouth - Home Page](#).



Bluesky

We recently moved over from Twitter to an online platform called Bluesky. Class Teachers will update BlueSky with photographs of what the class have been learning about. If you do not wish for your child's photograph to be shared online please contact us via email.



Email

Our school uses email to share important information and letters. We would ask that you check your email regularly. Emails from the school may come from GroupCall or Beancross Primary School.

Our School Uniform



The wearing of uniform is encouraged as it helps to:

- develop a school community spirit
- improve school security by making non-pupils more easily identifiable
- enhances the school's reputation within the community;
- minimises rivalry and bullying amongst pupils that can arise from, for example, the wearing of designer clothing.

School Uniform

- Beancross sweatshirt/ purple sweatshirt
- Beancross polo shirt/ white polo shirt
- White shirt with Beancross tie
- Black/ grey trousers, or black/ grey skirt
- Black shoes

In summer, children are welcome to wear black/grey shorts or a purple school summer dress.

Please Note:

Black sweatshirts are not part of our school uniform.

Physical Education

Indoor PE kit

- T-shirt (no football colours)
- Shorts
- Gym shoes or clean indoor trainers

In Primary 1, children can wear shorts underneath their uniform or can wear jogging trouser/ leggings on P.E days to make changing as easy as possible.



Our uniform can be purchased from **BE School Wear**,
[Embroidered Schoolwear & Clubwear](#)

BE Schoolwear are authorised to use our school logo.

Other Information

Medication in School

To help keep all children safe, we follow Falkirk Council guidelines for medication in school.

If your child needs medication during the school day, a parent or carer must complete the appropriate form:

- ✓ MED 1 Form – for medication that needs to be given by school staff
- ✓ MED 4 Form – for children who can carry and take their own medication (e.g. inhalers)

Parents/carers must bring the medication to school.

All medication must:

- ✓ Be in its original container
- ✓ Be clearly labelled with the child's name
- ✓ Include the date prescribed, dosage, and how often it should be taken



Inhalers

If your child requires an inhaler, the school must be provided with two inhalers:

- ✓ One inhaler will be kept with your child during the school day
- ✓ The second inhaler will be stored in the medical room

School staff can support children to use their inhaler if needed. Please contact the school to ensure all required forms are completed. In our nursery, inhalers are stored safely in the medical cupboard.

CHICKENPOX/MEASLES/SHINGLES – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We have children in our school who have medical conditions that affect their immune system.

If your child develops chickenpox, measles, or shingles, it is very important that you inform the school office as soon as possible. This allows us to share information with relevant families so they can take appropriate advice and precautions.

Lost Property

From time to time, personal items may go missing in school but are often found the next day.

If your child loses an item, our janitor will check for a name label and return it to your child where possible.

If the item is not labelled, please check the lost property box.



Please put your child's name on all their belongings.

Personal Belongings

The school will provide all essential stationery your child will need.

Toys and games from home should not be brought to school. Please note that the school cannot take responsibility for any loss, theft, or damage to items brought in from home.



Dogs

Dogs are not permitted in our school grounds. This includes dogs of all sizes and dogs that are carried by their owners.

Bikes and Scooters

Pupils are welcome to ride their bikes or scooters to school. Please note that the school is not responsible for loss, theft or damage to property brought in from home. Electric scooters are not permitted in school.



**Staff
parking
only**

Beancross Car Park

The school car park and driveway areas are for the use of school staff only. Please do not bring your car into the car park or driveway at any time as this can cause congestion and make it very dangerous for children. Please park on Kenilworth Street and access the reception via the path at our nursery.

School House System

The House System aims to give every pupil a strong sense of belonging within the school community. It provides opportunities for children to develop their social, intellectual, physical, and practical skills, as well as build positive relationships with both peers and staff within their house.

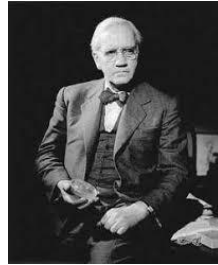
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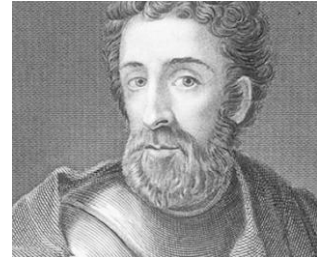
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Fleming



Wallace

- ✓ Children will be allocated a school house at the beginning of the school year.
- ✓ Children will earn house points for their house they will also participate in house activities and competitions through the school year with the winning house each month being rewarded.
- ✓ Each house will be led by a Primary 7 House Captain, Vice-Captain and House Prefects.

House Points

House Points will be awarded for the following:

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| ✓ School Uniform | ✓ Water Bottle filled | ✓ Exceptional effort |
| ✓ PE Kit | ✓ Displaying good manners | ✓ Personal Achievements |
| ✓ Healthy Snack | ✓ Helping staff members | ✓ Demonstrating School Values |

House Activities

The following House competitions/events are planned for this session:

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| ➤ House Quizzes | ➤ House Sports Tournaments | ➤ House STEM Challenges |
| ➤ Walk to School Week | ➤ House Talent Shows | ➤ School Sports Day |

House Rewards

At the end of each school month the winning house for that month will be rewarded.

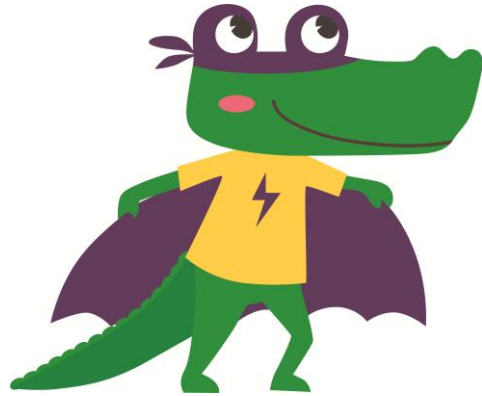
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| ❖ Certificates and stickers | ❖ House Fun afternoon/ Movies | ❖ House Trophies |
| ❖ Extra Playtimes | ❖ Reward Box | ❖ House 'Shout Outs' at assembly |

Our Core Values



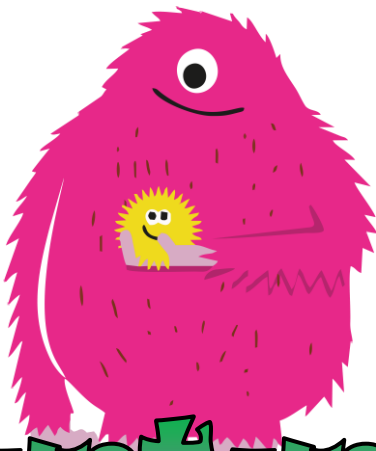
Ambition

- ✓ Trying your best to achieve your goals.
- ✓ Not giving up when something is difficult.
- ✓ Believing in yourself and others.
- ✓ Being open and keen to learn.
- ✓ Setting your own goals and striving to achieve them.



Motivation

- ✓ Having the drive to keep going until you achieve something.
- ✓ To inspire others and yourself.
- ✓ Being encouraging towards others and making sure everyone is included.
- ✓ Not giving up and wanting to improve.
- ✓ Having determination and a growth mind-set.



Nurture

- ✓ Looking after property and being respectful of others' belongings.
- ✓ Being kind to others and building their confidence.
- ✓ Considering the feelings of other people.
- ✓ Taking care of yourself and others.
- ✓ Helping others to feel safe and happy.



Respect

- ✓ Listening to other children and adults.
- ✓ Treating people the way you want to be treated.
- ✓ Having good manners, e.g. saying please and thank you.
- ✓ Not judging others, accepting them and being honest and fair.
- ✓ Being kind in your actions and words.