

Carstairs Junction Primary School and Early Learning & Childcare

Our Wee School's a Good Wee School



Head Teacher's Report – 4/12/25

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Staffing Update Interviews take place on Monday 8th December for the positions of Early Years Practitioner (2 days – Monday & Wednesday).

Attendance Teachers are given stage by stage attendance overviews and this provides teachers with a clear understanding of patterns of attendance etc from August to November. Attendance letters have been issued this month, celebrating positive attendance and offering support as appropriate through our YFCL. Current average attendance across the whole school is 93.68% (Nov 2025) compared to 95.34% (Nov 2024). There is a decline from each month. August 96.6% (bearing in mind this is a short month), November 95.1%, October 92.2% and November 91.1%.

School Improvement Plan Update:

Improving our Writing We have now completed our first 'sprint' focusing on fragments, scrambled sentences and run ons. This has had a positive impact with pupils developing the skill of what makes a good sentence, how to write and edit a sentence. This is differentiated across stages.

Sensory Curriculum New resources have been purchased to enhance our Sensory Curriculum. We were given additional funding of £2065 from South Lanarkshire Council. We look forward to sharing with you the new resources in due course.

Celebrating Diversity We have had a focus at Get Together on Diwali and Black History Month. Pupil engagement and responses have been impressive. Our next plan in February is to focus on book studies from ELC to Primary 7 with a Diversity focus. This will be achieved through class novels, Literacy time & storytelling. We are in the process of auditing our library and will boost our range of Diverse books.

Attachment Informed Trauma Sensitive Accreditation We have now submitted our first Accreditation application; Act to Make a Difference. This recognises the good practice and highlights next steps.

Extra-Curricular Tesco Stronger Starts voting will be still open until mid-January 2026. Our project is called 'Super 7' and aims to offer our P1-P7 pupils with a minimum of 7 weeks of after school activities throughout the school year. We have encouraged families to ask for a token as these appear to be no longer available to pick up on payment.

I would like to thank everyone for their support this term and wish you all a very healthy and happy Festive period.

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