



March 2026 Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of this term, I would like to thank you all for the ongoing support you have provided to our school and pupils to allow us to have such a busy and successful term. *Mrs Elaine Butcher*

Sporting Events



- Primary 5 pupils took part in the cluster Handball Festival
- A team of Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils competed in the regional handball qualifiers
- Our netball team recently won their first tournament
- Primary 6 pupils have had the opportunity to take part in WLC's Badminton Big Hits
- The Primary Football League will take place on Friday 20th March
- Primary 3 pupils have been invited to take part in a Multi Sports Festival

Parent/Carer Consultations

A reminder, our parents and carers consultations will take place on Monday 23rd of March and Tuesday 24th March 2026, from 4pm-6pm



School News

We have all been very busy this term, here are some of the activities and workshops we have been involved with:

- Primary 5 & Primary 6 participated in an Equality and Differences Workshop
- Primary 6 and Primary 7 participated in a 'Challenging Gender Stereotypes' workshop
- Primary 7/6 and Primary 7 were involved in planting trees around the Deans community
- All classes had a visit from the community police officer PC Barry Collett. He spoke to the younger children about keeping safe. The older children found out more about road and online safety
- Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils joined an online workshop on 'Homophobic Language'.
- We have a team of dancers who will be performing in the Dance Festival in Bathgate
- All pupils in Primary 1 to Primary 3 will participate in the YMI music project over the next few weeks
- Some of the pupils from Primary 6/5 will represent their class in West Lothian's Dragon Den
- All Primary 7 pupils have been invited to take part in The Easter Code session at St Andrew's Church

Snacks/Water

We have been more aware recently of snacks being brought to school that either contain nuts or do not align with our health promotion. When providing a snack for your child, please remember that they only have a small amount of time to eat these. Large sharing bags of crisps or sweets as well as lollipops and brain licker sweets are not ideal and are potentially packed full of sugar and additives that can have a negative impact on your child's health.

We also encourage all children to bring a reusable water bottle to school each day filled with water. In line with guidance, we ask that only water is brought to drink throughout the day. Energy drinks should never be brought to school due to the high sugar and additive contents. Thank you for your understanding.

Mobile Phones



We know that many of our pupils have a mobile phone, even from a young age. Unless necessary, we would ask that mobile phones are left at home.

If you do allow your child to bring their phone to school for any reason, these must be switched off and handed to the class teacher. They should not be brought out on school premises, including in the school playground.

In the event of these procedures not being followed, and phones been used on the premises, we will contact parents and ask them to come and collect them.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work towards keeping all pupils safe and secure.

Dogs in the Playground

A gentle reminder that it is West Lothian Council policy that dogs should not be in the school playground at any time.



Positive Relationship Policy

We have all been busy working on refreshing our Positive Relationship Policy and Bullying and Equity Statement. We will be looking to parents for some feedback on our new policy very soon. More details to follow.



A reminder that school closes on Friday 27th March at 12.30pm and returns on Tuesday 14th April at 8.55am. I hope you all have a lovely break.

NB All other Diary Dates at foot of newsletter.

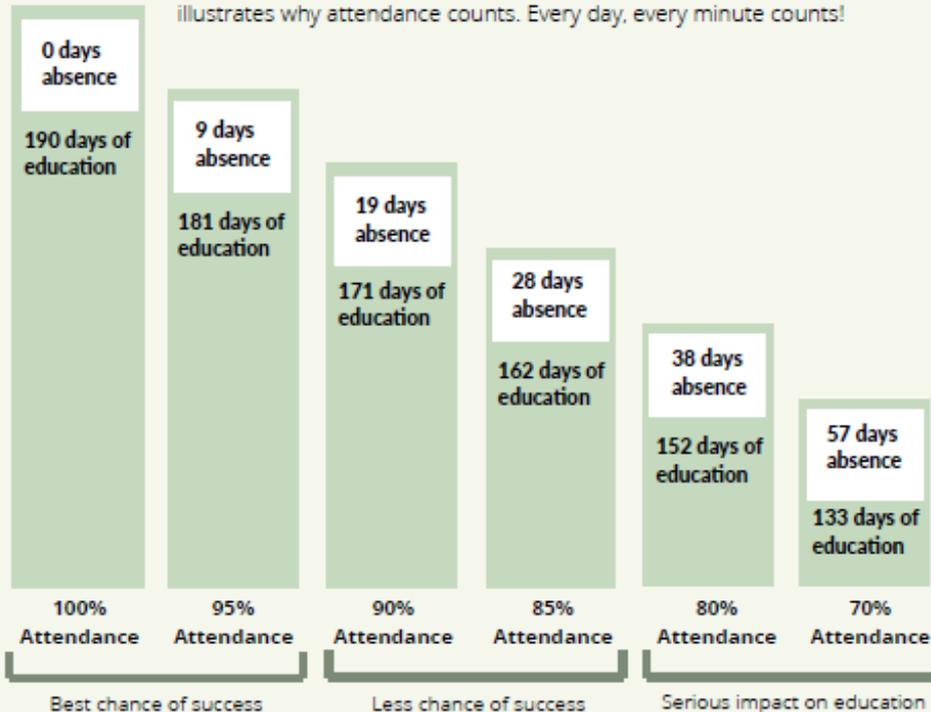


DEANS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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INSPIRED, BE INVOLVED, BE IN SCHOOL

Improving attendance is a key priority for the **Deans** cluster. A high level of attendance will help support the attainment & achievement of all our young people. Below illustrates why attendance counts. Every day, every minute counts!



Did you know?
A two week holiday in term time means the highest attendance rate you can achieve is 94.7%

Did you know?
If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed two full weeks of school in one year

Time keeping matters!



5 minutes late per day

3 school days lost per year



10 minutes late per day

6.5 school days lost per year



15 minutes late per day

10 school days lost per year



20 minutes late per day

13 school days lost per year



25 minutes late per day

19 school days lost per year

LEARNING TOGETHER, ACHIEVING TOGETHER

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

Diary Dates

Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 March 2026

Parent/Carer Session 2 – booking information will be sent out nearer the time

Wednesday 15 April 2026

P7 Transition Information Session at Deans Primary School – 4pm to 5pm

Tuesday 21 April 2026

Sharing the Learning P1, P2/1 and P3/2

Sunday 10 to Wednesday 13 May 2026

P7 Residential

Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 May 2026

Childsmile (Fluoride Varnishing) in school for P1 to P4
(Separate permissions will be issued nearer the time.)

Saturday 20 June 2026

Deans Gala Day

(more information will follow nearer the time)

Monday 22 June 2026

Deans Awards Ceremony

Thursday 25 June

P7 Leavers' Event

Friday 26 June

Last Day of Term – P7s leave through main entrance