

Parent Council Minutes – 03 February 2026

In attendance

Mrs Carroll, Mrs Walker, Mrs Craig, Cllr Ross, Cllr Handibode, Mr. Callaghan, Mrs McDermott, Mrs Allan, Mrs Boyle

Welcome and Apologies - Mrs Carroll welcomed all guests and apologies were noted.

Opening Prayer

Led by Mrs Walker.

Cllr Update

Cllr Ross provided an update from the local council- the main issues are parking around schools.

HT Update

Enrolment- enrolment for P1 starting in August has been open since 5th January. Currently we are looking at a class of 19 with placing requests in/out and deferrals.

Mrs Carroll advised that we are approaching the time where we would be seeking the views of parents and pupils on how to spend our next participatory budget.

The school received just over £3,000 for Sensory items and we have spent this on various items which are being put to good use throughout the school.

We have purchased Equalities & Diversity texts, and the aim is to create a section in the library for everyone to use. Along with this we have also purchased various literacy texts – Collins Big Cats for assessment and Phonic books for older children as well as class novels. These came at a cost of almost £2,000 from our PEF budget.

Our P4 to P7 Pupil Council members visited Braidwood Primary School in Carlisle as part of the Young Leaders of Learning. They had a tour of the school and made notes of what they saw and ideas that they would like to incorporate in their own school. The visit was reciprocated with pupils from Braidwood visiting us a week later and undergoing the same task.

Going forward the school is looking at Numeracy from P1 to P7 with Number Talks and VCPA (Visual, Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract). As well as this we are continuing with our Talk for Writing and are seeing results in our data and we are finding that pupils are enjoying their writing lessons.

P7 have been fundraising to help pay for their bus to Lockerbie. The bus cost is £900 and so far, £843 has been raised. The current Children's Raffle is going very well, and we will draw this before the February break.

The school newspaper -Pencil Press are now working towards their second edition.

PTFA

The PTFA had a successful Christmas Fayre and have just over £2,000 in their funds. They provided Santa gifts for P1 to P3 and snacks for every class at their parties and the Pantomime. They also paid for the Pantomime so there was no cost to pupils, and they covered the cost of P7's Leavers Hoodies.

Next meeting – Date TBD.