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Our values:
Achieving, Included, Respectful

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Please see below for our latest news items.

Happy Retirement!

On behalf of everyone in Halyrude and Leader Valley, I would like to wish Mrs Learmond a very happy retirement and to thank her for all she has done for us.

Mrs Learmond has worked in Halyrude for almost twenty-four years, firstly supporting the office administrator at the time as well as being an ANA and then taking over full time in the office when her colleague retired.

She is the first person you all meet when you come through the door. Mrs Learmond has welcomed many families to our school and supported them with whatever they needed during their time with us.

She has a vast knowledge of business support, and all things related to the smooth running of our school. I work closely with Mrs Learmond, and I am very grateful for all the support she has given me during my time as head teacher.

We will miss you very much Mrs Learmond, but we wish you a long and happy retirement full of new adventures!

Reading Club

Halyrude is a 'Silver' Reading School and Book Club is now open to all children P3-7 on Wednesdays 12.30pm-1pm.

P1 and P7 Dental Checks

A reminder that P1 and P7 will have dental checks on Tuesday 11th February. A letter has already been sent home.

Focus onUniform.

A reminder that children should wear school uniform every day unless they are attending an event where we advise different clothes are required. This means that everyone is the same and there is no competition for expensive brands.

Please ensure your child also wears an appropriate waterproof coat and waterproof footwear as they will be outside during the day.

Thank you for your support.

Halyrude Parents Book Club?

If any parent wishes to start a parent's book club please let us know We have had donations to school of 4 copies of Redeployment by Phil Klay (fiction) and 6 copies of The Restless Wave - My Two Lives with John Bellamy (non-fiction) to get a group(s) started in 2025. These can be left in the share shed for parents to start a club.

Breakfast Club

A reminder that our popular Breakfast Club is open to all Halyrude children at 0830-0845 am Monday-Friday and is a great way to start the day and be on time for school. Please enter via the back door near the gym at 8.30am-8.40am.

Playground

Thank you to our Pupil council, Donna and teaching staff from Halyrude and Leader Valley who worked with landscape architects to help to plan exciting changes to our playground. More details to follow when we have the final plan!

New Office Administrator

We are delighted that a new Office Administrator has been appointed to replace Mrs Learmond. As soon as all relevant checks have been completed, we will let you know who that person is and when they start.

Ford Castle

There will be a meeting for parents and children on Wednesday 26th February at 3.30 in school. We will share information about the trip and also give out the kit list which should mainly just be things you have at home. We will also ask parents to complete the medical information form which we require to take for children on a trip out with the local area.

Sacraments

Please check the dates and times of the sacraments below.

There will be a sacramental meeting for parents of children who will be receiving any of the sacraments this year on Wednesday 12th March at 3.30 in Halyrude. Your child/children are welcome to wait for you in school if you have no other childcare. Please ask them to bring something to read/play with. Thank you.

Netball

A very special thank you to Mrs Whelan who is no longer able to support our netball club due to work commitments. Mrs Whelan's enthusiasm has been instrumental in developing a love of netball in so many of our young people. She encourages everyone to have a go and makes them feel welcome! Thank you very much for all you have done for our school!

Online Course

If you are interested in learning more about and support available for adults with ADHD, please click on the link below.

<https://procrastination-station.co.uk/>

Student Placement

Welcome to Miss McBride who will be with us in P3/4 for the next five weeks. Miss McBride is training to be a teacher.

Little Learners

A reminder that Little Learners takes place in school on a Tuesday morning from 9.15 – 10.15. Please spread the word, everyone is welcome.

A big thank you to our parent helpers!

Bikeability

This year, P3 will have the opportunity to take part in Bikeability in our school playground. This will take place on 5th March. Children should wear warm outdoor clothes such as joggers and should also wear gloves. Bikes and all other equipment will be provided.

Holiday Dates

Please click on the link for information on SBC school holiday dates.

[School term dates for 2024-25 | Term, holiday and closure dates | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Dates for diary:

Date	Event
Friday 14 th February	Last day of term
Monday 24 th February	In-service day
Tuesday 25 th February	First day back for children
Wednesday 26 th February	Parent meeting for children going to Ford Castle at 3.30 in Halyrude.
Tuesday 4 th March	P7 Parents and children info evening at PHS 6pm (time to be confirmed by PHS nearer the time)
Wednesday 5 th March	P3 Bikeability
Thursday 6 th March	P7 Orientation morning at PHS 9.30-11.15am World Book Day Parental consultations
Wednesday 12 th March	Sacraments meeting with Father Tony at 3.30 in Halyrude.
Wednesday 26 th March	6pm: Reconciliation in St Joseph's Church
Monday 31 st March – Wednesday 2 nd April	P6/7 residential to Ford Castle
Friday 4 th April	Last day of term
Monday 21 st April	First day back
Thursday 24 th April	6 – 7.30pm: Parent Council meeting
Monday 5 th May	May Day holiday
Tuesday 6 th May	In-service day
Tuesday 20 th May	Borders Countryside Day for P5 in Kelso
Wednesday 21 st May	County Sports
Thursday 22 nd May	Halyrude Sports Day
Sunday 25 th May	9.30am: First Holy Communion in St Joseph's Church
Tuesday 27 th May	Inspire Learning Day for P6 in Kelso
Wednesday 28 th	Reserve date for County Sports
Thursday 5 th May	Reserve date for Halyrude Sports 5.30 – 7pm: Summer Fair
Friday 6 th June	7pm: Confirmation in St Joseph's Church
Monday 9 th June	Parent Curricular Information Evening at PHS 6pm – tour starts at 5.30pm

Wednesday 11 th & Thursday 12 th June	P7 transition days at PHS. Children are to make their own way to school on both days. Their Halyrude teacher will not accompany them, but they will be supported by PHS staff and follow a high school timetable.
Friday 20 th June	11.30am: P7 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 25 th June	Last day of term

Yours sincerely

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