

Naidheachdan Lacasdail

Laxdale News

9 January 2026



A NEW YEAR AND NEW TERM!

We would like to extend a happy new year to all pupils, staff, families and friends of Laxdale School. We have had a very snowy start to the new year with school being closed to pupils the first two days of term. It was good to welcome the pupils back to school on Wednesday and start getting back into routine. The pupils have enjoyed time playing in the snow at intervals on Wednesday. See a selection of photos below:



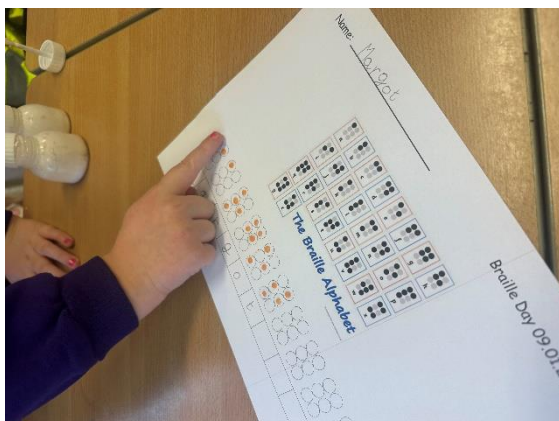
PANTOMIME

We are looking forward to attending the ***Beauty and The Beast*** Pantomime in An Lanntair next Thursday, 15 January 2026. We will have an early lunch in school that day ahead of the Pantomime as the show starts at 1:00pm. We kindly ask that children do not bring money for the Tuck Shop as they will all be given a snack to have during the performance. Parents/carers are asked to collect their children from the auditorium at 3:15pm. We would like to say another big thank you to the Parent Council who funded half the cost of the tickets for pupils.



WORLD BRAILLE DAY

Today, all classes celebrated World Braille Day as part of our Diversity programme. World Braille Day is an international day on 4 January that celebrates awareness of the importance of Braille as a means of communication for blind and visually impaired people. Pupils engaged in a variety of activities and learning. Here are some photos and quotes from our pupils:



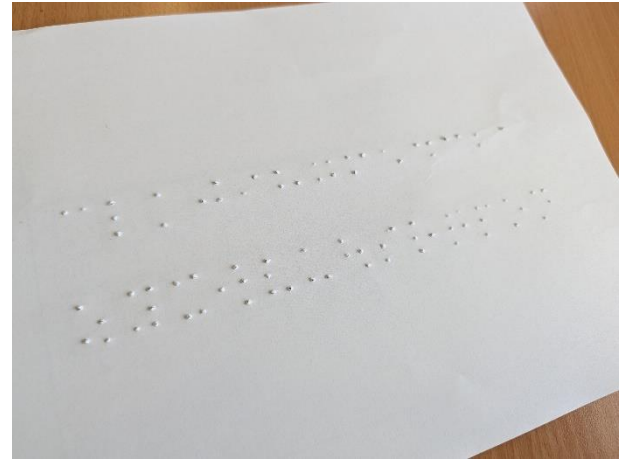
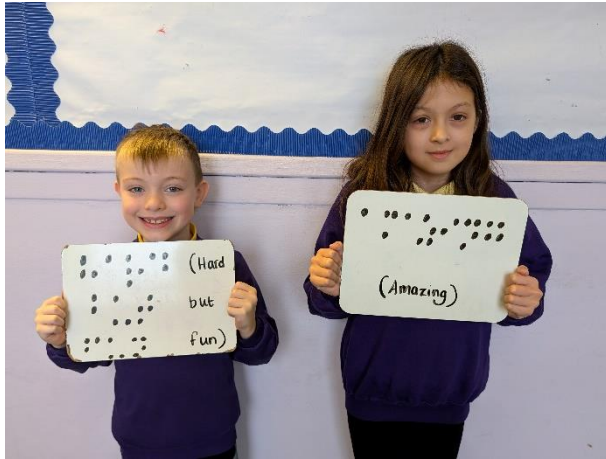
I liked learning about Braille and I am going to look for it everywhere
Lachie GL1



"I had noticed that there was Braille around the school before. I took the class to show them and we all had a go of feeling the bumps". Karis GL2

"Writing our names in Braille was easier than I thought it would be" Cooper GL3

"Braille day is about a man who created dots so blind people could read"
Calvin GL3



"It was fun learning Braille and interesting to know how the letters are made in a grid like a dice. We enjoyed piercing holes into paper so that we could create our own Braille, and write our names. We feel like we could help someone in our class if they ever relied on reading Braille." Darcie and Brodie GL5-6

WINNING HOUSE TREAT

This morning, Leverhulme House pupils were treated to an hour of fun led by Pursuit Hebrides after earning the highest number of house points last term. Pupils are given House Points for a variety of positive reason i.e. good work, effort, attitude, kindness, manners, teamwork, friendship etc. Well done to all Leverhulme pupils for working together positively as a team to achieve this reward! Thanks to Pursuit Hebrides for providing such an enjoyable treat






WOW WALK TO SCHOOL PROJECT LAUNCH

This term, Laxdale School is excited to become part of an exciting initiative to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. WOW – the walk to school challenge is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking to school. The pupil-led challenge enables children to self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride) at least once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that simple! With lots of benefits, we look forward to sharing more information with you next week.






**LIVING
STREETS**

**LET'S
WALK TO
SCHOOL**


WOW the **WALK
TO SCHOOL**
challenge

2025/26




**WALK TO
SCHOOL**


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**EARN
BADGES**



**REDUCE
CONGESTION
AND POLLUTION**



**SUPPORT PUPILS'
PHYSICAL AND
MENTAL HEALTH**

Cafeteria and Online Menus

A friendly reminder to all parents/carers about completing online Microsoft menus each week to ensure that their child/children receive preferred meals choices. **The link to the online menu is shared on Monday and the form remains open until Wednesday at 9pm. Please try to ensure that you complete the menu as this allows for a smooth routine in cafeteria.** If you need any help, please contact the School Office.

NON-UNIFORM DATES FOR SESSION 2025-26

Friday 30 January 2026

Friday 27 February 2026

Friday 27 March 2025

Friday 24 April 2026

Friday 29 May 2026

Friday 26 June 2026



On the last Friday of the month we have a non-uniform day where pupils can come to school without wearing their uniform. Pupils are invited to donate £1 towards school funds. The donation is optional and will not be asked for from pupils. Money raised for school funds goes towards treats for pupils.

DATES FOR TERM 3

Friday 9 January	World Braille Day
Thursday 15 January	'Beauty and The Beast' Pantomime at An Lanntair
Thursday 22 January	Celebration Assembly - GL1-2
Saturday 24 January	Lewis & Harris Cross Country League Race 3
Thursday 29 January	GL3 Intergenerational Visit to Laxdale Hall
Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 February	Parent Appointments
Friday 13 February Monday 16 February Tuesday 17 February	School closed for February Weekend
Wednesday 18 February	School closed to pupils In-Service Training for Teaching Staff
Thursday 26 February	GL6-7 Intergenerational Visit to Laxdale Hall
Friday 14 March	Celebration Assembly - GL3 and GL4-5
Tuesday 3 March	International Wheelchair Day
Thursday 26 March	GM1-3 Intergenerational Visit to Laxdale Hall
Wednesday 22 April	Earth Day
Friday 27 March	School closes for Easter

I wish all pupils, staff and families a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Macleod, Acting Head of School