

Lawhead Primary School & Nursery

Friday 29th November 2024



'Aiming High'

Embracing Challenge, Nurturing Creativity, Being Responsible, Showing Respect, Celebrating Achievement

What's Happening Next Week?

Monday 02/12	Mr Greenall's lunchtime board game club for P5s
Tuesday 03/12	 Nursery – Learning Together Session – 9.30am – Christmas craft PM – P3/4 Outdoor learning After school rugby – P6 and P7 – 3.05 – 3.45pm
Wednesday 04/12	 AM – P2/3 Shared Start Group 2 AM – P5, P6 and P7 violin and viola groups with Mr. Higgins AM – St Leonards swimming group Miss Ezra's lunchtime knitting and crochet club – P6 and P7
Thursday 05/12	 9.15-10.05am – P4-7 assembly with Mrs. Bain 11.10-11.50am – P1-3 assembly with Mrs. Simpson Lunchtime Computer Club for P2 and P3 – led by Digital Leaders Kai and Ted PM – Madras sports ambassadors leading PE with P5 PM – P2/3 Outdoor learning Mr. Munro's after school football 3.05-4.15pm
Friday 06/12	 Walking bus – sign up by following this link - <u>https://forms.office.com/e/5rF8v3vJjF</u> New and existing walking bus participants must complete the form P1 Shared Start – 9.15-10am – Group 3

Class SWAYs for 2024-2025:

Nursery	Please view your child's See Saw account for updates on your child's learning and nursery experiences.
P1	https://sway.cloud.microsoft/W6cxgLLLqH0btgT5?ref=Link
P1/2	https://sway.cloud.microsoft/44JpoIEdnJa311NU?ref=Link
P2/3	https://sway.cloud.microsoft/PSajnalqE3Mc5lyq?ref=Link
P3/4	https://sway.cloud.microsoft/tZhXT9lieOZHBf7R?ref=Link
P4/5	https://sway.cloud.microsoft/u0PvIi7F9CtBAUCY?ref=Link
P5	https://sway.cloud.microsoft/raq61yGhslrKuJvp?ref=Link
P6	https://sway.cloud.microsoft/0ANk5ox6q5RqMzQO?ref=Link
P7	https://sway.cloud.microsoft/TijI65EJgkpU1zpp?ref=Link

Messages From The School Office:

Aladdin

Pupils and Nursery children present today thoroughly enjoyed Aladdin, performed by M & M Theatrical Productions. Thank you to those who have paid £4 per child, if you have yet to pay, please do so in iPayimpact (for school pupils) or via the bank account (for nursery children), by Friday 6 December, 2024, at the very latest, thank you.

Christmas Dinner will be held in Lawhead on <u>Friday 13 December</u>, please see menu. School pupils can choose a starter <u>or</u> a dessert on the day and a main meal option. To assist the Kitchen with planning for this meal, we would appreciate it if you can order the main meal in iPayimpact by Monday 9 December at 9.00am, thank you.

Please note that meal choices for Thursday 12 December have been substituted with Friday's usual meal offering, i.e. fish fingers, etc.

PE Kit and Participation in PE:

Please can we ask parents to ensure that their child has appropriate PE kit so they can take part safely in PE activities. A plain t-shirt with shorts, leggings or joggers is the recommended kit for PE. Some of the footwear children are bringing in is not suitable for vigorous PE activities – Crocs, slipper style boots and sliders. Pupils with hair longer than shoulder length should tie their hair back. All jewellery and watches should be removed. If ears have recently been pierced then pupils should tape them over. Participation in PE is mandatory unless we receive an email or phone call from a parent making us aware of an injury or other reason why their child can't take part. If pupils do not have their kit on more than one occasion you will receive an email from the school office. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Transition University of St Andrews is running its first ever Winter Fair on **Sunday December 8**th **2:30** – **5:30pm** in the Town Hall and they're looking for **pianists**, donations, and a **photographer/videographer**. But above all, they would love you to **come and enjoy the Fair.**

The Winter Fair aims to be a bit of an antidote to the standard Christmas Markets that abound and the focus will be on:

- 1. A second-hand marketplace (where people can exchange/ pay nominal amounts for toys/games, clothes or gifts),
- 2. Skillsharing and upcycling (volunteers will help people learn new skills and make presents for their loved ones from wood, fabric, natural and other waste materials),
- 3. Fulfil a Wish Tree (where people can donate money to help people receive something special/ a special experience this Christmas),
- 4. Free food made by the local Afghan refugee community, student societies and social enterprise Café Zest, and
- 5. Live music we have a rota of local people playing the grand piano on the stage or an instrument of their choice.

Do get in touch with Transition, if you would like to get involved (<u>transition@st-andrews.ac.uk</u>), otherwise make sure to pop the event in your diaries!

More info about how FUN the event will be and what donations Transition is looking for, here - <u>https://transitionsta.org/event/transitions-winter-fair/</u>



BSL Signs of the Week:

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Focus For Term 2:

This week we have moved on to start learning how to sign the months of the year. To practice at home try watching this video:

• How to Sign Months in British Sign Language (BSL)

Knowing how to finger spell is important when learning to sign the months of the year:

• <u>BSL Basics: How to Sign the Alphabet and Your Name in British Sign</u> <u>Language</u>

Our BSL song for term 2 is 'Merry Christmas Everyone' by Shakin Stevens. We will be performing this at our Christmas concerts. Try practicing at home so you can join in with us!

Merry Christmas Everyone - Shakin' Stevens - SignSing

Christmas Fair – Saturday 7th December 2-4.30pm:

We are all looking forward to the Christmas Fair next weekend. Thank you for all of the donations we have received so far. Extra raffle ticket books are available from the school office. For your information a price list has been shared by the Parent Council for the various activities and stalls. Entry fee - £1 Elves Emporium – various prices Home Baking – Various prices Adult Bottle Stall - £1 Face painting - £2.50 Tea and Coffee - £1.50 Hot Chocolate station - £2 Reindeer food shack - £2 Name the Reindeer - £1 Nursery Guess the snowballs tombola- £1 Santa's Grotto - £3 Main raffle selling and calling -£1 Hair Braiding - £4 Love Oliver charity games - various

Festive Concerts – Wednesday 11th (9.30am and 2pm) and Thursday 12th December (2pm):

Please use this link to arrange tickets for our upcoming festive concerts:

https://forms.office.com/e/NtJbe4x2Wc

All children will be participating in the performance with our P1 learners leading the nativity. Please note that the link for ordering tickets will close on Friday 6th December at 12 noon.

For the performance's pupils can come dressed in a Christmas jumper or wearing something festive such as a Santa hat or head band.

You may have noticed that we are not offering an evening performance of our festive concert this year. Teaching staff have taken this decision to ensure that ALL of our learners have the same equitable opportunity to take part in all three concerts. Pupil attendance at evening performances can be difficult for families and most years around 20% of our pupils do not return for the evening show. This causes difficulties for children covering parts at short notice and places pressure on families to arrange drop offs and pick-ups later at night during a very busy time of year.

Our annual calendar was shared with all families in September with notification of concert dates and times. We appreciate that many parents have work commitments but by giving significant advance notice of school events on the annual calendar we hope this allows parents to plan accordingly. Thank you for your understanding.

Christmas Jumper Exchange

Date - 5th and 6th December

Time – School hours

Place - Outside the school office

Bring a jumper if you have one and choose another. Please donate any extra jumpers you no longer need, we are always looking for extras.

Any jumpers left over will available at the Christmas fayre on the $7^{\rm th}$ December.

Thank you very much!





Jawhead Primary School Christmas Fair

Saturday 7th December 2pm - 4pm Suggested entry of £1 per adult

Santa's Grotto, Stalls, Festive kids crafting Face painting, Home Baking, hot refreshments, our annual incredible raffle plus lots more!

Kids games and tombola in aid of LoveOliver charity

