



# Lawhead Primary School & Nursery

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025



## 'Aiming High'

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

### What's Happening Next Week?

<b>Monday 13/01</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• P4 National Standardised Assessments are scheduled to take place this week. Please follow this link to find out more: <a href="#">Parents and Carers</a></li><li>• P7 Bikeability Group 1 - PM</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday 14/01</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• P1 Outdoor Learning – PM – Please make sure children have cozy clothing and suitable footwear</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday 15/01</b>	
<b>Thursday 16/01</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• P1-3 and P4-7 Assemblies – AM</li><li>• P1/2 Outdoor Learning – PM – Please make sure children have cozy clothing and suitable footwear</li><li>• Lunchtime rugby club – Active Schools – For P4 and P5 Group</li><li>• Mr Munro's after school football – P6 and P7 Group</li></ul>
<b>Friday 17/01</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Walking bus – sign up by following this link - <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/5rF8v3vJjF">https://forms.office.com/e/5rF8v3vJjF</a></li><li>• New and existing walking bus participants must complete the form</li><li>• House Meetings</li><li>• Lunchtime cross country – For P6 and P7 Group</li></ul>

### 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	<a href="https://sway.cloud.microsoft/W6cxgLLLqH0btgT5?ref=Link">https://sway.cloud.microsoft/W6cxgLLLqH0btgT5?ref=Link</a>
P1/2	<a href="https://sway.cloud.microsoft/44JpoIEdnJa311NU?ref=Link">https://sway.cloud.microsoft/44JpoIEdnJa311NU?ref=Link</a>
P2/3	<a href="https://sway.cloud.microsoft/PSajnalqE3Mc5lyq?ref=Link">https://sway.cloud.microsoft/PSajnalqE3Mc5lyq?ref=Link</a>
P3/4	<a href="https://sway.cloud.microsoft/tZhXT9lieOZHbf7R?ref=Link">https://sway.cloud.microsoft/tZhXT9lieOZHbf7R?ref=Link</a>
P4/5	<a href="https://sway.cloud.microsoft/u0Pvli7F9CtBAUCY?ref=Link">https://sway.cloud.microsoft/u0Pvli7F9CtBAUCY?ref=Link</a>
P5	<a href="https://sway.cloud.microsoft/raq61yGhsIrKuJvp?ref=Link">https://sway.cloud.microsoft/raq61yGhsIrKuJvp?ref=Link</a>
P6	<a href="https://sway.cloud.microsoft/0ANK5ox6q5RqMzQO?ref=Link">https://sway.cloud.microsoft/0ANK5ox6q5RqMzQO?ref=Link</a>
P7	<a href="https://sway.cloud.microsoft/Tijl65EJgkpU1zpp?ref=Link">https://sway.cloud.microsoft/Tijl65EJgkpU1zpp?ref=Link</a>

### **Term 3 – Some Dates For Your Diary!**

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January – Term 3 learning overviews will be shared
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Term 3 homework grids will be shared
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January – 6pm – Parent Council Session – see invite below
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Burns Society visiting school for poetry judging – see information below
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – 1.45-2.45pm – Open Afternoon
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Inset Day – School closed to pupils
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Holidays
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March – P2/3 and P3/4 Assembly – 2.15pm
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – 6-8pm – Parents Night
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – 5.30-7.30pm – Parents Night
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March – 3.30-5pm – Parents Night
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 70s Disco – t.b.c
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – 11.15am – P1 and P1/2 Easter Assembly, End of term 3

### **Nursery Snack**

Each term, we advise that if you wish to donate towards the daily **Nursery snack** that you can do so by making an online payment to Lawhead Nursery as follows:

Bank of Scotland  
Account Name: Lawhead Nursery Fund  
Sort Code: 80-09-55  
Account Number: 06005135

There are 12 full weeks in Term 3 (13 weeks minus half-term) and the suggested amount is £2 per week for a child attending nursery full-time, however there is no obligation to contribute to this and any amount you wish to make will be gratefully received.

### **Scottish Poetry:**

This week in school all pupils are being supported to select a Scottish poem to learn. They will be given a copy of the poem to take home and will be supported in class to learn and understand their poem. Parental support and encouragement to help their children to practise their poem at home is appreciated. This will also be a homework challenge for this term and pupils can earn house points and raffle ticket for trying their best to learn as much of their poem as they can.

The Burns Society will be in school to judge the finalists for each stage from P1-7 on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January. Prior to this class teachers will listen to all those wishing to take part in the competition to select the finalists to progress to judging by the Burns Society. The competitive aspect of the Scottish poems is optional.



# BSL Signs of the Week:

## **Focus For Term 3:**

This term the children will be revising colours – [LEARN BSL: BSL Colours. Learn the signs for different colours in British Sign Language.](#)

They will also be learning how to finger spell the alphabet. [BSL Basics: How to Sign the Alphabet and Your Name in British Sign Language](#)

Finally, we will be revising basic greetings, introductions and how to respond appropriately. [LEARN BSL: Introduce yourself in BSL! Get to know Deaf people using British Sign Language!](#)

The children will also be learning the same in French!

Our BSL song for Term 3 is 'The Best Day of My Life' - [Best Day of My Life - American Authors- SignSing BSL SSE](#)

## Smartphones and Children : Information Evening

### Hosted by Lawhead Parent Council

In June 2024, our Parent Council carried out a parent survey on smartphones and children.

\* 82% of respondents were concerned about children being exposed to inappropriate material through a smartphone.

\* Parents worried about bullying and recording/filming without consent.

\* 60% of parents said they would be interested in workshops providing more information on the topic.

\* 64% said they would like the opportunity to make a voluntary pledge delaying smartphone ownership and 22% were unsure and wanted to find out more.

Since the start of this school session we have shared our findings with other schools in St Andrews, our MSP, our MP and the Rector of Madras College. The survey has already been discussed by the parent councils of Greyfriars and Canongate, Mr Rennie's office, Ms Chamberlain's office and Ms Gilruth, Education Secretary have all replied.

On **Monday, January 20, 2025** we would like to invite interested parents to share information and discuss this matter informally. We will present information on the advantages and disadvantages of this technology for children, alternatives to smartphones for children, and local and national developments

### **Monday, January 20, 2025. 6-7PM at Lawhead Primary School, St Andrews**

We plan to discuss:

- + Concerns expressed in our recent parent survey
- + The advantages and disadvantages of children having their own smartphone
- + Local, national and international developments
- + Some alternatives to smartphones, including tracking options

Online resources:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

<https://delaysmartphones.org.uk/alternatives/>

We have the support of Lawhead School leadership and all local parents are welcome, not just Lawhead families. Please join us 😊



# Apply for your child's place in primary one today

All parents/carers of any child eligible to start primary one in August 2025 should submit an enrolment application online at [fife.gov.uk/applyforaschoolplace](https://fife.gov.uk/applyforaschoolplace)

This straightforward system allows parents/carers to use the step-by-step form from a smart phone, computer or tablet at any time of the day.

You will also be able to upload verification documents too.

These documents include:

- birth certificate of child
- council tax notification letter
- evidence of current address e.g. gas or electric bill, driving licence or benefits letter.

**Apply before 9am on 17th March 2025**

**We look forward to seeing you!**

Application forms and additional information on your options are available from any Fife Council primary school or nursery or can be found online at:

[www.fife.gov.uk/applyforaschoolplace](https://www.fife.gov.uk/applyforaschoolplace)

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Early Years in Fife

Important information  
for parents and carers

## Applying for an nursery place for 3 & 4 years old children in **2025/26**

Was your child born between  
1st March 2022 and 28th February 2023?

Do you want your child to attend a  
Fife Council Nursery between  
August 2025 and July 2026?

- If your child does not currently attend nursery (academic year 2024-25) or
- if your child has a 2-year-old placement or
- if you are looking to change your child's current placement type you must complete an application form online at **[www.fife.gov.uk/elcplaces](http://www.fife.gov.uk/elcplaces)** between 6th – 31st January 2025.

You will be able to apply for a funded early learning and childcare place at your preferred private nursery, playgroup or childminder, if they are in partnership with Fife Council. Applications should be made directly to these individual establishments and services.

Application forms and additional information on your options are available from any Fife Council early learning and childcare facility (nursery/school) or can be found online at:

**[www.fife.gov.uk/elcplaces](http://www.fife.gov.uk/elcplaces)**

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COUNCIL



# CHARITY AFTERNOON TEA

*We are raising money for Love Oliver –  
a Scottish children's cancer charity*

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SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY | 12PM - 4PM

AFTERNOON TEA AND ARRIVAL FIZZ

£35 PER ADULT | £20 PER CHILD

£5 from every ticket goes directly to charity  
PLUS donation price match from Forgans!

*We will be hosting a charity raffle with  
all funds going to Love Oliver*





# For a online study, Parents wanted!

## Who am I?

My name is Aleksandar Rex, Im a 4th year BSc Psychology student currently conducting my final year dissertation.



## What is the study?

Im interesting in invesigating the link between social skills in children and there academic sucess in school. if a connection can be found, further support, interventions and research can be conducted. And hopefully we can work towards a more social and academic future



## What will you do?

All that i need from yourselves is a few minutes of your time to comeplete a questionnaire. This will ask questions about your childs academic sucess and social skills. it will in total only take about 15 minutes

## Where to go from here

Along with this poster, you should have recived a link to a microsoft form. This is the questionnaire itself, and all youll need to do is click on the link and follow the directions! Alternativly, Just scan the QR code here:

