



Lawhead Primary School & Nursery

Friday 17th January 2025



'Aiming High'

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

What's Happening Next Week?

Monday 20/01	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P7 Bikeability Group 1 – PM• Parent Council Smartphone Information Session 6-7pm in school hall
Tuesday 21/01	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P1 Outdoor Learning – PM – Please make sure children have cozy clothing and suitable footwear• P6 internet safety input from Police Scotland
Wednesday 22/01	
Thursday 23/01	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P1-3 and P4-7 Assemblies – AM• Special Burns Day menu for school lunch – see poster below• P1/2 Outdoor Learning – PM – Please make sure children have cozy clothing and suitable footwear• Mr Munro's after school football – P6 and P7 Group
Friday 24/01	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walking bus – sign up by following this link - https://forms.office.com/e/5rF8v3vJjF• New and existing walking bus participants must complete the form• AM – Pupil Leadership Groups• Lunchtime cross country – For P6 and P7 Group

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/u0Pvli7F9CtBAUCY?ref=Link
P5	https://sway.cloud.microsoft/raq61yGhslrKuJvp?ref=Link
P6	https://sway.cloud.microsoft/0ANK5ox6q5RqMzQO?ref=Link
P7	https://sway.cloud.microsoft/Tijl65EJgkpU1zpp?ref=Link

Head Lice:

This week we have been made aware of some cases of head lice in school. Pupils do not need to miss school if they have head lice but prompt treatment is important. Please check your child's head and ask your local pharmacist for advice on treatment options. Follow this link to find out more: [Head lice and nits - NHS](#)

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.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Pupil attendance is closely monitored at Lawhead. The target is for all children to have at least 95% school attendance. We understand that there are many varying and understandable reasons why children need to be off school sometimes but we are keen to support families where regular school attendance and punctuality is a challenge.

The overall average attendance for Lawhead is currently **94.69%** (based on data from 08.01.25).

In term 1 **1272 minutes** of learning was lost due to pupils being late to school. In term 2 **3262 minutes** of learning was lost due to pupils arriving late to school. This equates to over 15 days of school!

So far this term **75 late arrivals** to school have been recorded by office staff and we have only been back at school for 2 weeks.

What are we doing to address this?

In the next few weeks Mrs Bain will be writing to all parents/carers where a concern has been noted in relation to attendance, punctuality or both. This will be any pupil who has attendance below 90% or where there is regular late arrival. Any pupil with attendance of 90-95% has been placed on our monitoring list and will be reviewed at the end of term where we hope to see an improvement.

You can log into the Parent Portal app to review your child's attendance record or an attendance report can be provided upon request.

If you are experiencing any difficulties getting your child to school please make contact with the school as we are here to help.



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

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

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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** 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

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Come and celebrate

BURNS DAY

with us on



Lentil Soup

(Ve)

Haggis

Vegetarian Haggis

(V)

All served with Neeps & Tatties

Cranachan Raspberry Sponge

(V)

(V) - vegetarian, (Ve) - vegan



Allergen & nutritional information is available at www.fife.gov.uk/schoolmeals



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Sunday, 19th January

Anytime between 11 am - 3 pm

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Peat Inn, Fife

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