

Lawthorn Primary School & Early Years Class Newsletter January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful festive season and are ready for another exciting term at our school. Here's a look back at what we've been up to recently and a preview of what's coming up.

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to all parents and carers for your incredible support at our Christmas Fayre. The children worked so hard to create their fantastic products, and we were delighted to make an overall profit of £1632! Each class will receive 10% of their profits to treat themselves, and congratulations to Miss Mackenzie's P7 literacy group for being our overall winning class.

Nativity

Our P1–P3 pupils shone brightly during their Christmas Nativity performance. It was a joy to see their enthusiasm and talent, and we're so proud of all of them.



Panto

Our P1–P7 pupils thoroughly enjoyed the performance of *Goldilocks and The Three Bears* and our Early Years pupils loved *The McDougalls' Fairytale Christmas Show*. All children were a credit to the school with their excellent behaviour. A big thank you to our Parent Council for funding the buses and to the Parent Helpers who supported us on the day.

Christmas Parties

The children looked fantastic in their party outfits and had a brilliant time participating in Scottish dancing, party games, and dancing. A special thank you to Santa for visiting our Early Years–P3 parties—it was a magical moment for all!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Scottish Poetry Competition

P1–P7 pupils are practising their Scottish poems for our annual competition. Class winners will perform at our school's Scottish Assembly on **24th January**, and overall winners will represent our school at the Irvine Burns' Club competition. Please support your child in practising their poem at home as we celebrate our rich culture and history.

P6 Burns Supper

Our P6 pupils are hard at work preparing for their Burns Supper on **12th February**. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to join in this special celebration of Scottish culture.



In addition to their Burns Supper, P6 children will visit Wellwood on **Tuesday 21st and Tuesday 28th January**. We are delighted to be able to involve our children in understanding and appreciating Robert Burns' time in Irvine.



Early Years Class Ceilidh

We're excited to invite Early Years parents and carers to our Ceilidh on **14th February at 2pm**. Come along to enjoy singing and dancing with the children!

Eco School Energy Saving Week January 20th - 24th 2025

On Friday, 17th January, the Eco Committee delivered a whole class assembly focusing on the importance of saving energy. During this informative session, pupils and classes were encouraged to make pledges regarding energy conservation both within the school and in their homes. We kindly invite parents to share any examples of their children taking steps to save energy, as we would like to display these contributions on our Eco School notice board. Please email any examples to our school email address: lawthorn@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk

P7 Transition Visit to Greenwood Academy

Our P7 pupils will take part in their transition visits to Greenwood Academy on 13th February (P7A) & 14th February (P7B). We have no doubt that they will set an excellent example for our school.

P7 School Show: The Lion King

Our P7 pupils have been working hard on our school show and we look forward to presenting 'The Lion King' to parents on the afternoon of Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th March. Tickets will be on sale soon!

Behaviour & Relationships Policy

We continue to work with Brian Donnelly this term on a review of our Behaviour & Relationships Policy and practice. As a previous director of The Scottish Government's Respect Me campaign, Brian brings a knowledge and expertise to help us improve our policy and practice across the school. To help us shape this work, we kindly ask parents and carers to complete the following short survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LPSNAyr>

We'd also love to hear from you directly—please join us for a coffee and chat with Brian on **Tuesday 11th February at 9.15am** to discuss our progress and next steps.

Early Years Target Setting Meetings

Our Early Years target-setting meetings will take place during the week beginning **27th January**. Your input into your child's progress and achievements is highly valued. If you have not yet managed to select a timeslot, please speak to your child's key worker.

Prizegiving Services

Since our school opened, Prizegiving Services have followed the same traditional celebration of children's achievements and effort in learning. We feel it is important to celebrate these achievements, but in collaboration with our Parent Council, we aim to review how these are celebrated at our Prizegiving Services and we would like to gather your views on how we can improve. Please see below 3 different options for your consideration and I would be grateful if you could take a few moments to complete the survey below to select your preferred option.

Model 1: Traditional model	Model 2: One Prizegiving for prizewinners	Model 3: Prizegiving for prizewinners and separate End of year Thanksgiving Service
<p>For this option we would continue with our traditional model. This takes the form of 3 different prizegiving services attended by all children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P1 – P3 Prizegiving • P4 & P5 Prizegiving • P6 & P7 Prizegiving <p>All parents and carers are invited along to the services where the following awards are presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedication & effort • Excellence in the arts • Citizenship • Playground Citizen • Dux • Commitment to the School • Sportsmanship • Eco • House Winners 	<p>For this option we would have one prizegiving service where Prizewinners would attend and only parents and carers of prizewinners would be invited.</p>	<p>For this option we would have one prizegiving service where Prizewinners would attend and only parents and carers of prizewinners would be invited.</p> <p>In addition to this we would hold separate thanksgiving services where all parents would be invited along to join in with our celebrations.</p>

PRIZEGIVING SURVEY LINK: <https://forms.office.com/e/7KwD8SnHPe>

February Holiday



Our school will be closed for pupils on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th February.

Dates for your diary

JANUARY	15 th January	P3 Stay and Play
	Tuesday 21 st January	P6 Wellwood Visit
	20 th – 24 th January	Early Years Care Plan and Target Setting Meetings
	Tuesday 28 th January	P6 Wellwood Visit
FEBRUARY	14 th February	Early Years Stay Ceilidh
	12 th February	P6 Burns Supper
	13 th February	P7B Visit to Greenwood Academy
	14 th February	P7A Visit to Greenwood Academy
	17 th February	School Holiday
	18 th February	Inservice Day

Thank you for your continued support in making our school a fantastic place for learning and growing. We look forward to a wonderful term ahead!

Best Wishes,
Miss Grossart
Head Teacher



Kindness

Honesty

Respect

Responsibility