

LAWTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL



P1
INFORMATION
LEAFLET
2025-2026



Welcome from the Head Teacher

Welcome!

As Head Teacher of Lawthorn Primary School and Early Years Class, I am delighted to welcome you and your child to Primary 1. Your child is very important to us, and we are committed to making their transition to school as smooth and positive as possible. Starting school is a significant milestone in every child's life, and we understand that you may have many questions. We hope this booklet helps to answer them and that you find the information both useful and reassuring.

At Lawthorn, our children are at the heart of everything we do. We have high expectations and aspirations for every individual, from Early Years through to Primary 7. We are dedicated to working in partnership with our school community to create a nurturing and inclusive learning environment—one that supports our children in becoming successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens, and effective contributors.

If you have any questions or require further information about our school, please don't hesitate to contact us via the school office.

Miss Sandie Grossart
Head Teacher

Our School Vision

Lawthorn Primary and Early Years is a welcoming and caring school that supports children

to be the best they can be!



Our School Values

KINDNESS

HONESTY

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY



MEET THE TEAM



**Miss Grossart
Head Teacher**



**Mrs Hyndman
Depute Head**



**Miss Steadman
P1A Teacher (M-Th)**



**Mrs Walker
P1B Teacher**



**Mrs McCallum
P1A Teacher (Th/F)**



**Mrs Wilson
Targeted Support Teacher**

BEFORE STARTING SCHOOL



Here are a few tips to support your child's transition.

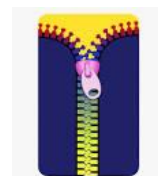


Be Prepared

Talk to your child about what will happen when they go to school. Show them the photo of their teachers and practise the morning routine of getting up and walking to school.

Promoting Independence

Take some time over the summer holidays to get your child to practise zipping up their jacket, going to the toilet independently, opening their own snack, taking off and putting on shoes, using cutlery independently etc.



Be Calm



Your child will take their lead from you and be reassured if you are steady and matter of fact. Help your child to think of things they are looking forward to, for example being with their friends, meeting their new teacher and learning new things.

SCHOOL HOURS



First Day

Your child begins school on **Wednesday 20th August 2025**.

To enable us to support our P1 children on day 1, a staggered entry, out-with normal operational hours, has been planned. Start and finish times for our P1 pupils on Wednesday 20th August 2025 will therefore be as follows:

WEDNESDAY 20 TH AUGUST 2025		
	Drop Off Time	Collection Time
Surnames beginning A-G	9.30am	2pm
Surnames beginning H-L	9.40am	2.10pm
Surnames beginning M-P	9.50am	2.20pm
Surnames beginning R-Z	10am	2.30pm

Primary 1 Parents & Carers should bring their child to the playground on the first day. We ask that parents do not enter our school at the start of the day to allow us to support children to settle in their new class. However, we welcome parents and carers into the school at the collection times above.

Day 2 onwards

On day two (Thursday 21st August 2025) we ask that parents/ carers drop children off at the school gate at 9.20am and collect them from the playground at 3pm.

From Friday 22nd August 2025 onwards, we ask that parents drop their child at the school gates at 9am. From this date, we respectfully request that **parents do not enter the playground in the morning**, to allow our playground staff to ensure the safety of all children. Staff will be present at the main playground gate (beside the nursery) to welcome your child between 8.45am and 9am.

At the end of the day, all infant pupils must be collected by a responsible adult. At this time, parents are permitted to enter the playground, however please keep your distance from the school doors to enable us to dismiss the children safely.

Girdle Toll Out of School Care

Out of school care is provided by 'Girdle Toll Out of School Care' who provide a breakfast service from 7.30am and after school care between 3.15pm and 6pm. They can be contacted by email at: girdletolloutofschoolcare@yahoo.co.uk

SCHOOL UNIFORM



At Lawthorn Primary School we are often complimented on how smart our children are. We encourage all pupils to be excellent role models and ambassadors for our school and encourage them to wear school uniform in school, at all times. We ask that parents and carers support us in promoting school uniform. The table below highlights the dress code for school uniform and undesirable items of clothing.

Lawthorn Primary Uniform Dress Code	Undesirable Items of Clothing
Royal blue sweatshirt	Hoodies/ Fashion jumpers or sweatshirts
White shirt & tie or jade polo shirt	Any other colour of t-shirt/ polo shirt
Grey, black or navy trousers or skirt	Tracksuit bottoms or jeans

Should you wish to purchase school uniform, please use the following link:

<https://ayrshireuniforms.co.uk>

Please remember to label all school items.



WHAT TO BRING

Bookbag & Stationery

Your child will not need a school bag as we supply all the materials needed throughout the day. We provide a bookbag for all children which should be used for homework and home-school communication only; we would ask you not to put anything else in this bag.



Gym Kit

Your child's class teacher will inform you of the class gym days. When you receive a letter telling you PE lessons are to begin, we would ask you to bring a pair of slip-on black plimsoles, t-shirt (if your child doesn't wear a school polo shirt) and royal blue shorts. Your child will be given a gym bag for these items. However, it is still helpful if you can label all PE clothing brought to school.



Medication

If your child requires any medication, please inform us ASAP. We are unable to administer medication unless you have completed a consent form and the medication provided must have a prescription label with your child's name and the required dosage.



SCHOOL MEALS

Break time and lunchtime are as follows:

	Morning Break	Lunchtime
P1 – P3	10.45 – 11.00	12.30 – 1.15



Snack Time

As we are a health promoting school, we encourage parents and carers to give their child a healthy snack such as fresh fruit, raisins or crackers. Please note that we encourage children to bring water for during the school day. Fizzy drinks and energy drinks are not permitted.

Lunchtime

P1 to P5 pupils are entitled to a free school dinner, served in our dining hall. A menu is available online at: <https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-meals/school-lunches.aspx>

We ask, where possible that parents/ carers look over the menu in advance with their child and pre-order meals. If your child has an allergy or specific dietary need, please speak with the school office to request a dietary needs form. This must be completed prior to your child having a school lunch.

Some children prefer a packed lunch. If your child opts for this, please ensure packed lunches are in a lunch box, **labelled with your child's name and class**. Thank you!



COMMUNICATION FROM HOME TO SCHOOL



At Lawthorn we pride ourselves on having an 'open door' policy. This means that we encourage parents and carers to speak to staff should they have a question or concern. The **first point of contact** should be the class teacher. However, if the matter is more urgent, then please contact the school office who will put you in contact with an appropriate member of the management team.



METHODS OF COMMUNICATION

Telephone: You can contact the school on: 01294 224548.



Email: You can contact the school using the following email address:
lawthorn@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk

COMMUNICATION FROM SCHOOL TO HOME

As an Eco School, we aim to reduce the amount of paper correspondence and instead we will continue to use email to communicate with parents and carers. We will also use the Safer Schools App to share weekly announcements and send reminders. Our Digital Leaders have created a short video on how to download the app onto your phone. Please scan the QR code below to access this:

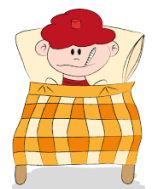


Please ensure the school office has up to date contact details and email addresses for all parents, carers and emergency contacts. Thank you!

Sickness absence:

If your child is unwell, you must call the school office directly on 01294 224548 before 9.00am. You should also send a letter to school on your child's return.

If you fail to report your child's absence you will receive, a text message from the school advising you that your child hasn't arrived. In the instance that you do not respond to this message, we will deem your child missing and therefore may be required to call the police.



PARENT COUNCIL

We are very fortunate to be supported by an efficient and conscientious Parent Council, which is totally dedicated to carrying out duties to the benefit of the pupils in our school. The details for our Parent Council are as follows:

CHAIRPERSON(S): Mrs. E. McQueen & Mrs. A. McDougall

Email address: lawthornpc@gmail.com

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I wish you well for the important years that lie ahead.

*Miss S. Grossart
Head Teacher*



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