

Lawthorn Primary School

& Early Years Class

Newsletter

November 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move into November, it's wonderful to see how much our children have grown in confidence and enthusiasm for learning since the start of the school year. The darker mornings and cooler days haven't slowed anyone down. Our classrooms are full of curiosity, creativity, and plenty of teamwork.

This month brings lots of exciting opportunities for learning and community involvement, and we look forward to sharing these with you in the updates below. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and encouragement.

Poppy Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Poppy Appeal. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated. A special well done to our Citizenship Group for organising the collections and helping raise awareness of this important cause.



Football Tournament

Well done to our football team who took part in the recent Boys' Football Tournament. We were so proud of their teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the event. They were delighted to come away with 2 wins and 3 draws!



Sports Hall Athletics



Congratulations to our Primary 7 pupils who represented Lawthorn at the Sports Hall Athletics competition. They showed great effort and enthusiasm, and we were thrilled to finish in third place overall - a fantastic achievement!

Early Years Racquet Sports

Our Early Years Pupils have been enjoying Racquet Sports Coaching from Eleanor O'Donnell at KA Leisure. They are really enjoying the sessions and they have amazed our staff with their skills!



Digital Leaders Update

On the 28th of October, two of our Digital Leaders, Jacob and Neve, attended the North Ayrshire Digital Leaders event at Blacklands Primary School. During the event, they sharpened their digital skills in areas such as programming with Spheros (a workshop they actually led for others!), contributing to shared files on OneDrive, and coding with Marty the Robot and Indi Cars. They have since brought these new skills back to school and shared them with the rest of the Digital Leaders team.



This month, our Digital Leaders have also been busy supporting our infant classes, helping younger pupils learn how to use the Indi Cars and Sphero Minis.

Shrek Junior

Some of our Primary 7 pupils had the opportunity to attend Greenwood Academy's performance of Shrek Junior on Monday 10th November. They had a brilliant time and were full of praise for the talent and energy shown by the performers.

School Mascot

Exciting news! Our School Mascot has been officially named Leo, following a majority vote from pupils! Leo made his first appearance at the Sports Hall Athletics to cheer on our team. Each of our Houses is now busy designing and naming their own House Mascot. Watch this space for updates!

Commonwealth Baton

On Tuesday 11th November we welcomed the North Ayrshire Active Schools Commonwealth Baton to the school. The Baton was designed by a pupil from Ardrossan Academy and a pupil from Arran High School. To celebrate the Baton coming to Lawthorn our P7 Commonwealth Ambassadors organised a mini Commonwealth Games for the whole school.



Children in Need

Our House Captains and Vice Captains have been busy organising a range of fun activities for Children in Need on Friday 14th November. Pupils are invited to come to school dressed in spots for a suggested £1 donation. We're looking forward to a day full of fun and fundraising for a great cause!



JRSO

Our JRSO would like to invite children to take part in 'Be Bright, Be Seen' day on Thursday 20th November to raise awareness of road safety during these dark months. On this day, we invite children to wear something bright to school if they wish. Please note that this can be something they already have e.g. a bright t-shirt, socks or a bobble for their hair. The JRSO will have a prize for the brightest pupil in each class.



Dress Down Day: Friday 28th November

To help us raise donations for our Christmas Enterprise, we invite children to dress down on Friday 28th November in return for donating one of the following:



- P6 – P7: A bottle for the bottle stall
- EYC – P3: Chocolate for our tombola
- P4 – P5: A small gift (e.g. a candle/ photo frame/ soaps etc.) for our bric a brac stall

All donations will be gratefully received!



Parents' Evening

Thank you to all our parents and carers who joined us for Parents' Evening. We were delighted to see 97% attendance, showing the wonderful partnership we have between home and school. Your continued involvement makes a real difference to our children's learning journey.

Parent Council Update

Our Parent Council organised another fantastic Halloween Disco. The event was a great success and raised over £600 to support school projects and activities. We are so grateful for all their hard work and for the support of our families.

School Uniform

We'd like to thank all our families for continuing to support our school uniform policy. It really helps promote a sense of belonging and pride in our school. Please ensure children come to school dressed in their full school uniform each day - this means no hoodies or sports tops. Your support in keeping our school looking smart and unified is very much appreciated.

*****Remember we have a stock of recycled uniform which can be purchased all year round for a cost of £1 per item. See the school office for further information*****

Eco Committee Update

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who supported our Halloween Costume Recycle event! Thanks to your generosity and commitment to reusing costumes, we not only gave some outfits a second life but also raised over **£27** for our Eco Committee.

Every small action helps reduce waste and protect our planet - together, we're making a real difference!

Dogs in School Grounds

A gentle reminder that dogs are not permitted within the school grounds. This helps us keep our pupils safe and comfortable, especially those who may be anxious around animals. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



School Carpark

We'd like to remind all parents and carers to use the car park safely during drop-off and pick-up times. Please remember our Drop and Go system: park briefly to drop off your child, then move along quickly to make space for other families. This ensures a smooth flow of traffic and, most importantly, keeps our pupils safe. If you plan to leave your car, please use a parking bay instead of the drop and go zone. Thank you!

Dates for your diary

NOVEMBER	14 th November	Children in Need
	WB 17 th November	Road Safety Week
	18 th November	P6/5 Topic Showcase
	20 th November	P5 & P6 Topic Showcase
	20 th November	Be Bright, Be Seen Day (wear something bright)
	21 st - 24 th November	School Holiday
	25 th November	Inservice Day
	28 th November	House assembly – Wider achievement
	28 th November	Donations for Christmas Fayre
DECEMBER	2 nd December	Christmas Pantomime (P1 – P7)
	10 th December	Christmas Fayre (3.15 – 4.45)
	10 th December	Christmas Lunch (wear something festive)
	12 th December	EY Stay and Play Christmas Sing-a-long and party
	15 th December	P1 – P3 Family Crafts & Christmas Sing-a-long
	16 th December	P1 Christmas Party (am)
	16 th December	P2 & P3 Christmas Party (pm)
	17 th December	P4 Christmas Party (am)
	17 th December	P5 Christmas Party (pm)
	18 th December	P6 Christmas Party (am)
	18 th December	P7 Christmas Party (pm)
	19 th December	Close 2.30pm
	22 nd December – 4 th January	School Holiday

Thank you for your continued support!

Best Wishes,
Miss Grossart
Head Teacher



Kindness

Honesty

Respect

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