

Lawthorn Primary School & Early Years Class Newsletter

December 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,



As we approach the festive season, there's a real sense of purpose and positivity around the school. It has been encouraging to see our pupils demonstrating our core values of **kindness, honesty, respect and responsibility** in their learning and in their relationships with one another.

This month brings a mix of hard work, celebration and community spirit. Whether through class projects, seasonal activities or everyday interactions, our learners continue to show what these values look like in action.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I hope you enjoy reading about what has been happening across the school and our Early Years Class.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Spotlight on Promoting Positive Behaviour

We continue to work with **Brian Donnelly**, a respected advocate for anti-bullying. Brian has been engaging with staff, children, and parents to:

- Provide Targeted Support for individuals and families.
- Develop 'Top Tips' for Parents to support dinner table conversations
- Provide clear visual strategies for children to manage difficult situations in the playground

Look out for more information on our Behaviour & Relationships Roadshow next term!

Children in Need

On Friday 14th November, we acknowledged Children in Need across the school. The event was planned and led by our fantastic House and Vice Captains, and it was wonderful to see so many pupils and staff joining in by dressing in spots and donating.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised an amazing total of **£213!**

As part of the celebrations, our House and Vice Captains also organised a whole-school competition.

- Pupils in P1–3 were challenged to create a picture of Pudsey Bear.
- Pupils in P4–7 designed a comic strip showing Pudsey performing an act of kindness.

Entries were judged by some of our P6 and P7 pupil leaders, who had a very difficult job choosing the winners. A huge congratulations to:

- Alfie (P2/3)
- Nikolas (P5)
- Heidi (P7)

Each winner received a coveted Purple House Token.

Thank you once again to everyone for your support and enthusiasm!



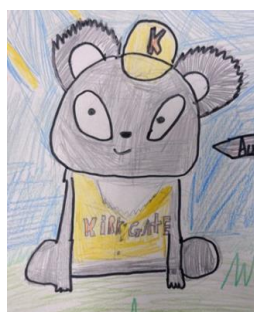
House Mascot Design Challenge

As part of our continuing focus on strengthening positive relationships and building our school ethos this session, our House and Vice Captains launched an exciting new challenge. Inspired by Leo, our new school mascot, they invited each house to design its own mascot. Each house captain and vice captain had already selected an animal to represent their identity, and pupils were encouraged to be as creative as possible in bringing those animals to life. The standard of entries was incredibly high, and once again our pupil leaders found it difficult to choose just one design from each house.

After much discussion, the final mascots chosen were:

- Sammy the Seagate Squirrel, designed by Ollie (P7A)
- Barney the Bridgegate Bear, designed by Sophie (P4A)
- Kirsty the Kirkgate Koala, designed by Darcie (P6/5)
- River the Rivergate Raccoon, designed by Rebecca (P6/5)

A huge well done to our winners and to everyone who took part, we were blown away by your creativity and enthusiasm!



Pantomime Trip

Our P1–P7 pupils thoroughly enjoyed this year's pantomime trip. We are grateful to our Parent Council for subsidising the outing and to the parent helpers who joined us on the day. Your support helped make the experience both memorable and accessible for all.

SHOWTIME



EY McDougalls Trip

Our Early Years children had a fantastic time at The McDougalls' show. Staff were full of praise for how well the children represented the school, and it was lovely to hear just how much the pupils enjoyed the performance.

Beat the Street

We were delighted to secure 3rd place in the Beat the Street challenge, earning £150 in book vouchers for our school. Thank you to everyone who took part and contributed to this fantastic result. A special well-done goes to Ava Mei & Tobi, who were our highest scorers.



P1 Library Visit

On 19th November, our P1 pupils visited Irvine Library, where they enjoyed listening to stories and exploring the books. It was a lovely opportunity to build on their enthusiasm for reading and strengthen our links with the community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Fayre

Date: Wednesday 10th December

Time: 3:15 PM - 4:45 PM



We are looking forward to welcoming families to our School Christmas Fayre. Pupils have been working hard on their class enterprise projects, and there will be plenty to enjoy, including a bottle stall, chocolate tombola, raffle, bric-a-brac and festive games. **Children may also bring £1 to take part in Christmas activities throughout the day.**

Christmas Lunch



Our Christmas Lunch will also take place on Wednesday 10th December. Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers or add a simple festive touch such as a bit of tinsel or a splash of sparkle to help mark the occasion.

Mobile Cinema



Our P7 pupils have organised a visit from the Mobile Cinema on **Friday 12th December** to raise funds for their school show. Children from Early Years to P7 will be treated to a showing of *Aladdin* for a **£1 donation**. Thank you in advance for your support of their efforts. Thanks to our local Foodbank for making this possible!

P1 – P3 Christmas Stay and Play

Our P1 – P3 children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of Christmas activities and games on Monday 15th December from 1.45 – 2.45pm. We invite one adult per child to join in with our songs, games and festive snacks.



Christmas Parties

Our Christmas Parties will take place on the dates and times provided below. Children may come to school dressed for their party, with suitable outdoor shoes and jackets for break and lunch. Pupils will enjoy a range of games and dancing, and our Early Years to P3 children will receive a special visit from Santa. Early Years families are warmly invited to join us from 1-3pm on the day of the party to participate in our Christmas Sing-a-Long and activities.

Friday 12th December

Early Years Party & Sing-a-Long

Parents are invited to join us from 1pm – 3pm (Only one adult per child please)

Tuesday 16th December:

P1 Christmas Party – 11.15am

P2 & P3 Christmas Party – 1.30pm

Wednesday 17th December:

P4 Christmas Party – 11.15am

P5 Christmas Party – 1.30pm

Thursday 18th December:

P7 Christmas Party – 11.15am

P6 Christmas Party – 1.30pm



REMINDERS

Christmas Closure



The school will close on **Friday 19th December at 2.30pm** (the Early Years Class will operate their normal opening hours on this day) and we will reopen on **Monday 5th January 2026**.



DECEMBER	2 nd December	Christmas Pantomime (P1 – P7)
	10 th December	Christmas Fayre
	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 (pm)
	18 th December	P7 Christmas Party (am)
	19 th December	Close 2.30pm
	22 nd December – 4 th January	School Holiday
JANUARY	WB 5 th January	Early Years Care Plan Progress Meetings
	WB 12 th January	Homework and termly class newsletter
	Friday 23 rd January	House assembly – Wider achievements
	26 th January	Burns Celebration Assembly (pupils only)
	WB 29 th & 30 th January	Early Years Stay and Play – Scottish Celebrations

Thank you

We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support from our school community. Whether it's attending events, volunteering, or contributing to fundraising efforts, your involvement makes a huge difference.

I hope that you and your family have a safe and peaceful Christmas break.

Best Wishes,
Miss Grossart
Head Teacher



Kindness

Honesty

Respect

Responsibility