



Lawthorn Primary School



& Early Years Class



Newsletter January 2026



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 at what we've been up to recently and a reminder of what's coming up.



Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to all parents and carers for your donations and coming along to our School Christmas Fayre. It truly made the event special! We would also like to express our gratitude to the following businesses for their generous donations:

- **Keystores**
- **AB Hairdressing**
- **Small Talk**
- **The Niche**
- **KA Leisure**

Thanks to your kindness and contributions, we raised an amazing **£1,658.92!**

Lawthorn Farm Donation

We received a very generous donation of £400 from Lawthorn Farm prior to our Christmas Break. Our Pupil Council will consult with children across the school on how they would like to use the money.

Staffing Update

This term we welcome the following HNC students into our Early Years class:

- Laurie McDade
- Emily Barbour

We also welcome a PSA Trainee, Ami Anderson to our school.



Scottish Poetry Competition

P1–P7 pupils are practising their Scottish poems for our annual competition. Class winners will perform at our school assembly on **26th 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 **4th 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 visited Wellwood on **Wednesday 14th** and **Wednesday 21st January**. We are always really grateful to Irvine Burns' Club for supporting this visit and providing our children with an understanding of our local history.



Early Years Scottish Celebrations

We're excited to invite Early Years parents and carers to join us for our Scottish celebrations on either **29th or 30th January**. Please see our sign-up sheets in our entrance area.

Welby Breakfast - Healthy Living Programme

We are delighted to be running a Welby Breakfast event for our whole school on **Tuesday 27th January**. This is a one off event run by The Healthy Living Programme and fully funded by The DayToday shop in Bourtreehill. The event will take place during school hours and will offer all children a small pot of fresh fruit salad e.g., melon/pineapple/tangerine/apple & pear. A quarter slice of toast with banana and ½ a Weetabix with milk and banana. (Soya/Oat milk and a plant based spread is used) If you have any questions about the event, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Ice Cream for Breakfast – Childhood Cancer

In collaboration with our Parent Council we will be having ice cream for breakfast on **Wednesday 18th February** to raise awareness of Childhood Cancer. We want this to be a fun event for our whole school, who will have the opportunity to decorate their own ice cream with sauce and sprinkles for breakfast. The event has kindly been funded by Mr. & Mrs. Lindsay-Jones and there will be no cost to our school or children, however if you would like to make a donation to a charity supporting childhood cancer, you can do so via the following link to our Parent Council Just Giving page.



[Lawthorn Primary Parent Council is fundraising for Ayrshire Cancer Support](#)

Behaviour & Relationships

Our Parent Council have kindly contributed towards funding our Behaviour & Relationships expert, Brian Donnelly this term. Over the term, Brian will be working with our classes to help our children develop skills to manage relationships both in school and in the community. Classwork will be presented at our showcase on Parents' Evening in May along with information on our new Behaviour and Relationship Policy and Anti Bullying Policy.



February Holiday

Our school will be closed for pupils on **Friday 6th, Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th February**.

Dates for your diary

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 Poetry Assembly (pupils only)
	27th January	Welby Breakfast
	WB 29 th & 30 th January	Early Years Stay and Play – Scottish Celebrations
FEBRUARY	4 th February	P6 Burns Supper
	6 th - 9 th February	School Holiday
	10 th February	Inservice Day
	11 th February	Safer Internet Day
	11 th February	P7 Transition Visits to Greenwood (1/2 day)
	18 th February	Ice Cream for Breakfast
	19 th February	P3 & P3/2 Stay and Play
	23 rd February	World Founder's Day (wear organised uniforms)
	Friday 27 th February	House assembly – Wider achievements

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

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