

# Lawthorn Primary School

## & Early Years Class

### Newsletter

### February 2026



### Dear Parents/Carers,

We are already well into 2025, and February has been a busy and exciting month for our school community! Here are some highlights from the past few weeks and some important upcoming events.

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Burns Supper

Our Primary 6 pupils held their Burns Supper on 4th February, and it was a wonderful success. Thank you to Leighton Hyndman for piping in our haggis. We were also delighted to welcome our honoured guests, Mr. & Mrs. Murdoch from Irvine Burns Club, who thoroughly enjoyed the performances and celebrations. Well done to all the pupils who took part!



## Digital Leaders Visit the DPMC

On January 29th, two of our Digital Leaders, Oscar and Alexander, visited the Digital Process Manufacturing Centre (DPMC) in Irvine. The centre is a hub for industrial technology, and our pupils were shown how AI and robotics are changing the world.

The highlight of the day? Meeting Spot, the world-famous robotic dog!



But it wasn't all just all fun with robots. The boys were tasked with a real-world challenge: How can we recycle old wind turbines? Working with students from other schools, Oscar and Alexander designed a community play park featuring a canopy, bike shed, and floodlighting, all repurposed from turbine parts.

Their model was so impressive that it was selected to be scanned and 3D printed! We are incredibly proud of their creativity and teamwork in representing our school.

## Safer Internet Day

On February 2nd, our Digital Leaders led a special whole-school assembly to mark Safer Internet Day 2026. This year's theme focused on "Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI".



The presentation aimed to help our pupils identify Artificial Intelligence (AI) in their daily lives and understand how to interact with it safely. Here are some of the key messages our Digital Leaders Shared:

## What is AI?

The Digital Leaders explained that AI stands for Artificial Intelligence. Unlike humans, AI cannot think or feel. Instead, it is created by humans to use data and find patterns to perform specific tasks, such as:

- Helping with chores, jobs, or games.
- Finding information quickly.
- Suggesting things we might like or need.

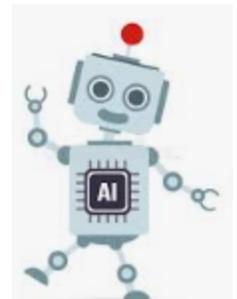
Common examples found in many homes include voice assistants like Alexa, which follow programmed instructions to play music or control lights.

## Key Messages for Parents & Pupils

While AI is a helpful tool, the Digital Leaders highlighted important "Beware" signs to keep in mind:

- **Fact-Check Everything:** AI can sometimes provide wrong or confusing information, or suggest things that aren't real. Always double-check facts.
- **Protect Privacy:** Some AI tools may ask for personal details that should stay private.

The "Stop, Think, Talk" Rule: If a student sees something that doesn't feel right, they should stop and talk to a trusted adult immediately.



## **P7 Transition**

Our Primary 7 pupils had their first transition morning at Greenwood Academy. Staff at Greenwood were very impressed by how polite and respectful our pupils were, and our children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. This visit was a great opportunity to start preparing for their next chapter in education.

## Pupil Parliament

On January 30th, our student leadership teams held their second Pupil Parliament of the session. This event was a fantastic opportunity for all P6 and P7 students, as well as some of our P4 and P5 committee members, to showcase the hard work they do to make our school a great place.

Each group presented their progress, shared what they are most proud of, and outlined their ambitious next steps for the school. A major focus of the day was the skills of the 6Cs, with students reflecting on how their leadership roles have helped them develop Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Communication, Creativity, Citizenship and Character. We were incredibly impressed by their confidence and dedication to improving our school community!



## Welby Breakfast - Healthy Living Programme

Our whole school enjoyed a Welby Breakfast on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January**. A massive thank you to staff at The DayToday shop in Bourtreehill for funding and supporting the event.



## Ice Cream for Breakfast – Childhood Cancer

Our Parent Council organised an Ice Cream for Breakfast event on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February** to raise awareness of Childhood Cancer. Our children had a ball decorating their ice cream and of course, enjoying this for their breakfast! We also welcomed Hope, Ayrshire Cancer Support Mascot who joined us for her very own ice cream! Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Lindsay-Jones who kindly funded the event. We would also like to thank everyone who took the time to donate to Ayrshire Cancer Support. We are proud to have raised a fantastic **£969!** If you would still like to donate, you can do so via the following link: [Lawthorn Primary Parent Council is fundraising for Ayrshire Cancer Support](#)



## Football Tournament

Our football team took part in a North Ayrshire tournament on 4th February at The Circuit in Irvine. The team played brilliantly and we are incredibly proud of their teamwork and sportsmanship—well done!



## Commonwealth Champions Conference

On 30th January, Adam and Katie proudly represented our school at the Commonwealth Champions Conference held at Inverclyde Sports Centre in Largs. During the event, they took part in a range of activities designed to promote inclusivity and teamwork. A particular highlight of the day was meeting the 2026 Commonwealth Games mascot Finnie.



## Early Years Scottish Celebrations

Thanks to our Early Years Parents/ Carers for joining us on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> January for our Early Years Scottish Celebrations. A great time was had by all!



## Scottish Poetry Competition

To celebrate our culture and heritage, each class has been practising a Scottish poem. Pupils recited their poems in class, and our overall winners performed at our Scottish Assembly. Congratulations to our finalists, Thea-Rose Jamieson, Aila Burns and Rocco Deans who represented our school at Irvine Burns Club on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February. All class winners have the opportunity to participate in the Ayrshire Association Burns Competition at Belmont Academy. Good luck—we know you'll do us proud!



Class winners: Olivia, Thea-Rose, Amrita,  
Robyn, Scarlett, Phoebe, Hallie,  
Holly, Kyah, Aila, Scarlett, Sophie  
Chloe, Rocco

## **World Founder's Day**

Today we marked World Founder's Day, a special occasion that celebrates uniformed organisations such as Brownies, Scouts and Guides, and the values of service, teamwork and leadership they promote. It was wonderful to see some of our children come to school proudly dressed in their uniforms, highlighting the commitment and sense of belonging they show beyond school. We took time to recognise and celebrate our pupils for their involvement in these organisations at assembly.



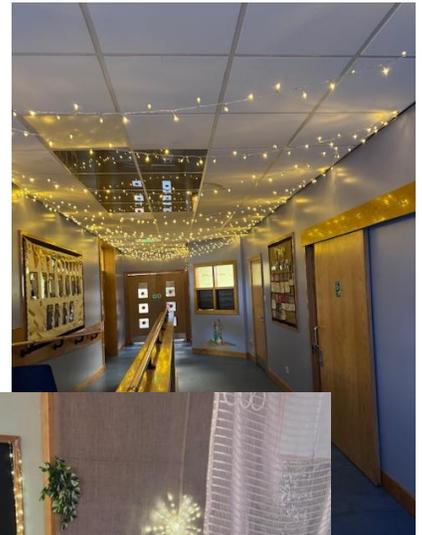
## An Inclusive Learning Environment

We have been working closely with staff and children to review our school and classroom environments, with a focus on enhancing how they look and feel while ensuring they are inclusive and accessible for all learners.

Our key priorities have been:

- Using neutral, natural colours and materials
- Decluttering spaces to reduce visual overload
- Creating quiet, calm areas to support wellbeing and regulation
- Making resources easily accessible to support learning and independence

Below is a sneak peek at some of the changes we have made so far:



We will continue to develop our environments by carefully considering lighting, soft furnishings, and greenery across the school. If you have any suggestions or resources you feel could support this work, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

## REMINDERS

### Carpark

We respectfully ask that parents and carers follow these guidelines when entering our car park:

- Do not park on zebra crossings, zig-zag lines, or double yellow lines.
- The drop-off zone should only be used for quick drop-offs to keep traffic flowing smoothly (not for parents who wish to leave their car)

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children safe!

### School lunches

Please remember to support your child to pre-order their school lunch each day. Thank you!

### Sickness Absence

Please remember to either call the school office or report sickness absence using our Safer Schools App.

### Dates for your diary

FEB	23 <sup>rd</sup> February	World Founder's Day (wear organised uniforms)
	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	House assembly – Wider achievements
MARCH	6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day/ EY Bookbug
	18 <sup>th</sup> March	P1 & P2 Stay and Play
	17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> March	P7 School Show
	25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> March	P7 Transition Visits to Greenwood (1/2 day)
	WB 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Early Years Care Plan and Progress meetings
	27 <sup>th</sup> March	House Assembly – Wider Achievements
APRIL	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Bonnet Parade (EY – P3 pupils only)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Close 2.30pm
	3 <sup>rd</sup> April – 20 <sup>th</sup> April	School Holiday
	27 <sup>th</sup> April	Homework and termly class newsletter

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes,  
*Miss Grossart*  
Head Teacher



**Kindness**

**Honesty**

**Respect**

**Responsibility**