

Lawthorn Primary School

& Early Years Class

Newsletter

May 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have made it into our final term of this session and despite only having 7 weeks of school left, we have lots of exciting things to look forward to before our children make their transition into the next school year.

Class Structures 2026-2027

As part of our annual planning for the new school session, we will move from 11 classes to 10 classes. This is a normal process in schools and means that we review class structures each year to ensure we make the best use of staffing and create balanced classes across the school. Next session our class structure will be as follows:



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
P1	P2/1	P2	P3	P4	P5/4	P5	P6	P7/6	P7

We are working closely with class teachers to consider each child's needs carefully as we plan class groupings.

When creating classes, we take a range of factors into account, including friendships, social dynamics and learning needs. While we know friendships are very important to children and families, we are unable to guarantee that children will be placed with particular friends. However, children will continue to have opportunities throughout the year to learn and play with others across their stage, and we actively support positive social interactions in the playground.

Some children will be placed in composite classes. This is a common and effective way of organising classes and are not a reflection of a child's academic ability. Within all classes, teaching is matched appropriately to children's needs and supports their progress.

We will be in touch over the next couple of weeks to confirm class groupings for August. Once staffing allocations have been finalised by North Ayrshire Council, we will let families know who their child's class teacher will be. This is usually confirmed in June.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday 13th May: 3.30 – 6.00

Thursday 21st May: 3.30 – 6.00



If you have not yet managed to make an appointment or have not yet received confirmation of your appointment, please contact the school office.

During your visit, we invite you to visit our school gym hall where you will find the following stalls:

- **Behaviour and Relationships showcase, including:**
 - Individual class work, videos, messages and artwork
 - Our School Behaviour & Relationship Policy & Anti Bullying Policy
 - Top tips for Parents to support children to manage relationships and solve problems
 - Playground strategies for children
 - Brian Donnelly, our Behaviour & Relationship Specialist (Thursday 21st May only)
- **Uniform recycle:**
 - Top up school uniform until the end of the school year for £1 per item
- **The Book Club:**
 - Books can be purchased using a QR code link on your mobile phone
- **The Parent Council:**
 - World Cup Scratch Card (£2 per team with a chance to win £45)
 - Tuck shop (cash or card payments over £1 accepted)

Transition

Our Primary 7 pupils have taken part in a virtual assembly and will have a visit from Greenwood Academy Guidance Staff this week. They will have further transition visits to Greenwood on 3rd & 4th June.



Our pre-school pupils have been taking part in visits to Primary 1 as part of their transition. A further transition calendar provides a variety of transition opportunities over the coming weeks with a Parent Information Session planned for Friday 15th May. Our P6 buddies are looking forward to their visits, and we aim to visit our external Early Years children in their own establishments soon.

Our school bump up day will take place on Wednesday 17th June.

Early Years Induction

Our new Early Years children for next session are invited to a bookbug session and EY visit on 22nd and 23rd June. We are excited to welcome our newest children and families into our school community.

End of Year Trips



Our children always look forward to their end of year trip to celebrate a successful year and this year the following trips and celebrations will take place:

- P1 – P3:** Tuesday 2nd June: Culzean Castle
- P4:** Thursday 4th June: Glasgow Science Centre
- P5 & P6:** Friday 5th June: Transport Museum & Tall Ship
- P7:** Tuesday 23rd June: Cinema & Friday 26th June: Coloursplash

Our Early Years Class will take part in a fun day on Friday 26th June.

Travel Smart – Walk to School Week (18th – 22nd May)



Our JRSO are promoting a healthy lifestyle by launching Walk to School Week on 18th May. They will present at our assembly on Monday morning and will be carrying out a school survey each day to count the number of children walking, cycling or scooting to school. We aim for over 80% success with this and hope you can help us to achieve the target!

Mr. Rogerson and the JRSO are also running a walking bus from Littlestane Hall from Tuesday 19th – Friday 22nd May. Those taking part should meet the walking bus at Littlestane Hall at 8.45 each morning.

P5 Champions for Change

Our P5 pupils have been actively involved in the Champions for Change programme and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and commitment in taking part.

Screen Free Week

Our recent Screen-Free Week was a huge success, with children across the school enjoying a wide range of fun and engaging activities away from screens. Throughout the week, pupils took part in outdoor learning experiences, explored different musical instruments, made delicious hot chocolate, and got involved in exciting STEAM challenges. Spending time away from screens gave the children the opportunity to be active, use their imaginations, develop their social skills and enjoy learning in new and creative ways. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, teamwork and curiosity throughout the week. We hope you were also able to participate at home!



Early Years Daffodil Tea

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who contributed to and attended our Daffodil Tea on Tuesday 5th May. This event, organized by our amazing EY staff and children, was a huge success and raised £156 for our Early Years Fund. Well done everyone!



Community Litter Pick

Our school community came together for a fantastic litter-picking effort, showing real pride in our local environment. Many classes played their part, during our screen free week, helping to get out and keep our grounds and surrounding areas clean and welcoming. A special mention goes to Primary 7a, who did an outstanding job working alongside the Irvine Clean Up Crew in the community, collecting an impressive four bags of rubbish! Well done to everyone involved for making a positive difference and being great role models for caring for our environment.



Football



Our girls football team participated in the Irvine Girls' Football League on Wednesday 6th May and represented the school exceptionally well throughout the tournament. The team showed great determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship, winning all four of their matches.

The girls demonstrated fantastic skill and commitment in every game and were excellent ambassadors for the school both on and off the pitch. We are very proud of their achievements and the positive attitude they displayed throughout the event.



Irvine Lassies Burns Club Youth Night

Aila Burns P5 and Thea-Rose Jamieson P1 entertained the Irvine Lassies with their poetry renditions at the Irvine Lassies Burns Club Youth Night. Well done girls - we are really proud of you!

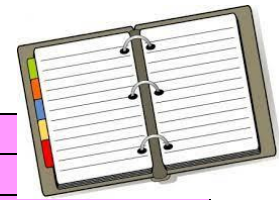


Fundraiser

Our annual sponsored event is a fantastic opportunity for our school community to come together and help raise money that benefits every child in our school. The funds raised support a wide range of activities and improvements, including developing our school grounds, purchasing new resources, helping to put on our school shows, and reducing the cost of trips and special events throughout the year. Every donation, big or small, makes a real difference and helps us provide memorable experiences and opportunities for all of our pupils. Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support.

This year children will participate in a sponsor Dance-a-thon on Wednesday 10th June. Each class will choose a song for everyone to join in with, and we hope that everyone will have great fun whilst raising money for our school. Please look out for a sponsor form in your child's bag.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



MAY	13 th May	Parents Evening (3.30 – 6pm)
	WB 18 th May	Walk to School Week
	21 st May	Parents Evening (3.30 – 6pm)
	25 th May	Inservice Day
	Friday 29 th May	House Assembly – Wider Achievements
JUNE	WB 1 st June	School Trips
	1 st June	Greenwood Parents' Briefing Evening
	3 rd & 4 th June	P7 Transition
	11 th June	Early Years Celebration of Learning
	11 th June	P7 Leavers' Disco
	12 th June	School Celebration of Learning
	WB 15 th June	P7 Arran Trip
	17 th June	Bump Up
	24 th June (NEW DATE)	Commonwealth Celebration Day/ Sports Day (EY – P7)
	29 th June	Lawthorn's Got Talent
	30 th June	Close 1pm

Best Wishes,
Miss Grossart
Head Teacher



Kindness

Honesty

Respect

Responsibility