

What's on at Lawmuir?

Week Beginning 18th August 2025

Lunch Menu
Week 2

Monday 18th August

- Breakfast Club 8.30am

Tuesday 19th August

- Breakfast Club 8.30am

Wednesday 20th August

- Breakfast Club 8.30am

Thursday 21st August

- Breakfast Club 8.30am

Friday 22nd August

- Breakfast Club 8.30am
- School Assembly

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Thursday 28th August

2pm – 2.45pm Class Information & Homework Drop In Session (see attached)

Friday 22nd September
& Monday 29th September

September Weekend – Holiday
School Closed

Monday 13th October – Friday 17th October

October Week Holiday

Orbiston Community Hub Progress

We are delighted to see the progress on the new Community Hub over the holidays. It's really coming along.

At present we have not been given a definitive date for moving to the new campus yet although we expect this to be sometime in Term 2.

There has been no confirmation of additional days off for pupils.

We will share any updates or important information as soon as we have them.

These will be sent to all parents.

Keep checking official channels -Groupcall messages, the school twitter feed @LawmuirPS or the school website for the most up to date official information.



Be Safe - Be successful - Be Sensible - Be Smart

Staff Team

Classes	Clerical Staff
Miss L Stewart R1 P1	Mrs I Milne
Mrs J Kirkhope R2 P1/2	Mrs J D'Ambrosio
Miss R Scott R3 P2	Leadership Team
Miss L Simpson R5 P3/4	Miss T Hurst – Head Teacher
Miss J McCusker R6 P3	Miss L Harper – Principal Teacher
Ms A McQuade R12 P4	Mr P Lumsden – Principal Teacher
Miss L Muirhead R13 P5	Support Staff
Mrs L Cuthbert/ Mrs M Krausen R7 P5/6	Miss E Cordiner ASNA
Mrs J Burt R10 P6	Mrs G Roberts ASNA
Mrs M Stewart/ Mrs J Evans R9 P7	Mrs M Sharkie ASNA
Mrs S Arthur NCC	Janitor
Miss A Kennedy NCC	Mr John Laird

Data Check & Internet Acceptable Use Agreement - Separate Letter Issued

Please return these to school by 1st September.

Homework

At the beginning of term, we are using the time to get to know pupils and assess pupil learning. During this period there will be no homework issued. All classes will be issuing homework from week beginning 1st September. The same week you will also receive a class newsletter with useful information such as PE days, learning being covered in class etc.

Late Coming

Please try wherever possible to get children to school on time. Arriving late to school can often be unsettling for children. Having established routines is the best way to support your child and ensuring they are ready for the day ahead.

Making the Most of the School Day

This session we would like to minimise disruption to the school day and maximise every opportunity for teaching & learning within all our classrooms.

To support this we would ask that children come to school prepared for the day ahead with lunch boxes, snacks and water bottles.

Delivering items, which are handed in late, to children throughout the day interrupts the flow of learning and can waste valuable teaching time. We want every child to make the most of every minute.

Buying Breakfast Before School

Reminder – Food purchased outside school in the morning should not be consumed in the playground before school starts. Anyone requiring breakfast is welcome to make use of our breakfast club from 8.30am.

Thanks for your co-operation

Personal Belongings

Please can I ask that all personal items are clearly labelled. This helps the children find their own belongings and for staff to get anything lost back to their rightful owners.

Drop In Class Information & Homework Session

On Thursday 28th August from 2pm – 2.45pm we are holding a Drop In Class Information & Homework Session. Parents can visit classes and receive information on how best to support their child's learning at home.

Financial Support

NLC has a range of financial supports for families on their website. Click below to access information:

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/benefits-and-money/deby-advice>

Tackling Poverty Team

01698332551

TPTeam@northlan.gov.uk

Reminder - Safe Parking

The Staff Car Park should not be used by parents collecting or dropping off pupils.

Please park safely on Footfield Rd and allow your child to walk safely on the footpath to the gate.

Please do not park on the zigzags.

We all need to work together in order to prevent an accident from happening.

It is an offence to park/stop/drop off on the zigzags.



School Meals

A reminder that our Breakfast Club opens at **8.30am** every morning. Children who arrive before this time are not supervised by staff therefore we would strongly recommend that parents do not drop off children until the club has opened.

All children from P1 to P5 are now entitled to a free breakfast and school meal. **Children who are in P6 and P7 must pay for their breakfast (£1.05) and school lunch (£3.40) unless they are entitled to a free school meal.** More information on who is entitled to a free school meal can be found on the NLC website <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-clothing-grants>

Children who are required to pay should do so via IpayImpact using the link below:

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-meals/school-meal-payments>

Every child's account is monitored on a weekly basis and a text will be sent to parents/carers if funds are required. If you are experiencing problems with this please speak to a member of the Leadership Team.

Approved school term dates 2025/2026

August

- Tuesday 12 August 2025 (Return date for teachers & in-service day)
- Wednesday 13 August 2025 (In-service day)
- Thursday 14 August 2025 (Return date for pupils)

September

- Friday 26 September and Monday 29 September 2025 (September weekend holiday)

October

- Monday 13 to Friday 17 October 2025 (October week)

November

- Monday 17 November 2025 (In-service day)

December - Christmas and New Year

- Schools close at 2:30pm on Thursday 18 December 2025
- Friday 19 December 2025 - Friday 2 January 2026 (Christmas holidays)

January

- Schools return on Monday 5 January 2026

February midterm break

- Monday 16 February 2026
- Tuesday 17 February 2026
- Wednesday 18 February 2026 (In-service day)

April - Spring holiday (Easter)

- Schools close at 2:30pm on Thursday 2 April 2026
- Friday 3 April - Friday 17 April 2026 (Spring break)
- Schools return on Monday 20 April 2026

May

- Monday 4 May 2026 (May holiday)
- Thursday 7 May 2026 (In-service day to coincide with Scottish Parliamentary election, but may be subject to change)
- Friday 22 May 2026 and Monday 25 May 2026 (May weekend)

June

- Schools close at 1pm on Friday 26 June 2026

Uniform

It is lovely to see everyone back looking so smart. In line with health & safety guidance, we must ask that children do not come to school with excessive jewellery on or false nails. Earrings should be removed on PE days and studded earrings that cannot be removed should be covered with plasters for PE days.

False nails are not permitted in school at any time as they pose a health & safety risk both in practical lessons and in the playground. Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings for children.

Not to be worn to school

- *Hoodies
- *Football branded items – team colours, badges, or slogans
- *False or acrylic nails
- *Dangling earrings
- *Crop tops
- *Vest tops
- *Other potentially dangerous jewellery such as loose chains or bracelets
- *Items which carry advertising in particular for alcohol or tobacco
- *other item which could be used to inflict injury to other pupils or to be used by others to do so

This term we are focussing on everyone wearing uniform. If you need a jumper or other part of school uniform, please drop into our school office we have lots of preloved items.

School Security

Safety is of the upmost importance and is always our number one priority. Please remember that parents and carers are not permitted in the school playground.



Security Procedures

- All pupils should be dropped off and collected at the school gates. Parents and carers should not enter the school grounds or building.
- Parents or Carers collecting children at 3pm should enter via the yellow gate. Please only one adult to drop off and collect children as this area becomes very crowded.
- Please do not enter the school grounds before 3pm.
- Parents and carers should report to the main office if they wish to arrange an appointment to speak to a member of staff.
- Pupils who are late must enter via the main door and report to the school office.
- If a pupil is being collected early, parents and carers should report to the office where a member of staff will bring the child to you.
- Dogs are not permitted on school grounds at any time. Even if they are being carried. (exception service dogs).

PE Days

Please see below for your child's PE Days.

Indoor PE Kit:

- Black Shorts
- White t-shirt
- gym shoes or trainers

Outdoor PE Kit:

- Black Joggers or Leggings
- White t-shirt/or school polo shirt
- Black Sweatshirt (minimal logos)
- Change of trainers

Items, which are not permitted as part of our dress code:

- Football strips/items with football branding
- Clothing, which can be deemed unsuitable in terms of health and safety grounds such as shell suits, combat style clothing, dangling earrings, and loose fitting clothes particularly in practical classes, hoodies with drawstrings at neck.
- No crop/belly tops.
- Nail extensions should not be worn to school.
- Crocs are not appropriate footwear for school.

Room	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE
Miss L Stewart R1 P1	Tuesday PM	Monday PM
Mrs J Kirkhope R2 P1/2	Thursday AM	Wednesday AM
Miss R Scott R3 P2	Tuesday AM	Thursday PM
Miss L Simpson R5 P3/4	Thursday PM	Monday AM
Miss J McCusker R6 P3	Monday PM	Wednesday PM
Ms A McQuade R12 P4	Wednesday AM	Tuesday AM
Miss L Muirhead R13 P5	Friday PM	Thursday AM
Mrs L Cuthbert/ Mrs M Krausen R7 P5/6	Wednesday AM	Friday AM
Mrs J Burt R10 P6	Wednesday PM	Friday PM
Mrs M Stewart/ Mrs J Evans R9 P7	Thursday AM	Thursday PM

Please note that pupils with pierced ears should come to school without wearing their earrings on PE days

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones and/or Smart watches should not be brought to school. They are not permitted to be used at any time in school or on the premises by pupils including in the playground.

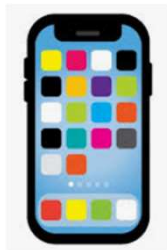
Should your child need a mobile phone for walking home alone then this should be turned off (not on silent) and stay in their bags at all times. Our full policy can be found on our website.

Please ensure your child is aware of these rules and the importance of following these at all times.

Safeguarding & Child Protection

We recognise the rights of pupils and staff to learn in an environment free from disruption: to work somewhere that does not allow unauthorised pictures, audio and/or video recordings to be made of them.

Lawmuir Primary School & North Lanarkshire Council accepts no liability for the loss or damage to mobile phones which are brought into the school or school grounds. It is the responsibility of parents and pupils to ensure mobile phones are properly insured.



Water Bottles

We encourage all pupils to bring a filled water bottle to school each day. It is best if this is a refillable bottle with a straw.

Please do not send your child to school with a Stanley cup or similar style cup.

Snack

We encourage you to send your child to school with a small healthy snack. Break is only 15 minutes and pupils often don't have a chance to run around with friends if they have multiple snacks to eat. We would encourage a piece of fruit such as an apple or banana and a drink.

Playground

A reminder that adults are not allowed in the playground at any time. This is to ensure the safeguarding of all pupils.

Nut Free School

We are a nut free school. Nuts and products containing nuts including Nutella and other equivalent spreads should not be brought into school at any time.





What is Your Attendance at School?

Every day counts



Did you know?

190 school days in a normal year

A 2 week holiday during term means the highest attendance you can achieve is 94%

Good Attendance

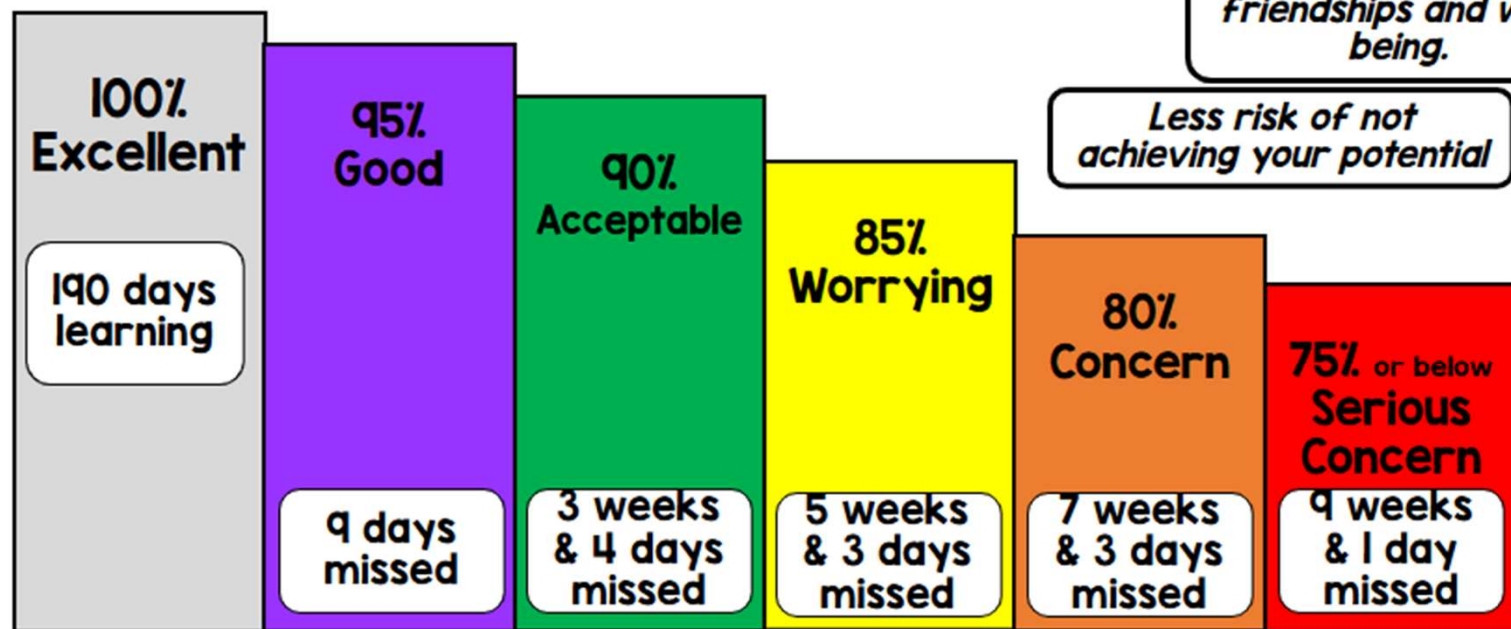
Promotes the effective and continuous learning of all pupils.

Promotes positive friendships and well-being.

Less risk of not achieving your potential

Helps develop self-discipline & responsibility in preparation for future employment.

Helps reduce anxiety & stress over missed work & challenges with friends



Make every day count: what can you do to help?

- Think about the impact of regular absences - missing school is missing learning and play.
- Try to arrange non-urgent dental and medical appointments outside school hours and if an appointment must be made within school hours, try to ensure your child is back at school as soon as possible.
- Establish routines at the start and end of the day so your child is prepared for the school day ahead; building up habits of punctuality and attendance. Your child's school may have a breakfast club which will support you.
- Talk to your child's school - ask questions and have regular discussions which support you and your child.
- Discuss any problems or difficulties with the school: staff are there to help and will be supportive. You have support from school staff, the Head Teacher and Cluster Integration and Improvement Lead (CIIL) for the cluster.
- Let the school know if your child is absent due to illness or other reason. This can be a call or text.

What should I do if my child is anxious or worried about going to school?

Your child has a right to an education and to be safe and happy at school. But sometimes children and young people can be anxious or worried about going to school due to many possible reasons.

You may think letting your child stay off school when they feel this way is the best option, however experience tells us it is better to talk to the school about this as soon as you can. Longer absences makes it harder for your child to return.

Your child's school staff are there to help. Your first point of contact should be the school. Staff in your child's school and the CIIL are keen to help and support you. If you are unsure who to talk to in the school, ask to speak to the Head Teacher.

However there are also a number of agencies and services that can provide you with professional help and advice.

(Contact details can be found on the following page).

Support, information and advice

ParentLine Scotland

At some time all parents find that parenting can be difficult or stressful. ParentLine Scotland is the free, confidential, telephone helpline for anyone caring for a child in Scotland. You can call about any problem, however big or small. Phone: 0808 800 2222

On line at: www.children1st.org.uk/parentline-scotland

Parentzone

Parentzone provides information for parents and cares about how you can support your child's education.

On line at: www.educationscotland.gov.scot/parentzone

Childline

Children and young people can get confidential help about any question, concern or worry.

Phone: 0800 1111

On line at: www.childline.org.uk

Citizen Advice Bureau

Your local CAB can provide information and support about rights and responsibilities when it comes to schools and education. Information and advice on lots of areas at: www.adviceguide.org.uk where you can also find your local CAB.

Enquire

Enquire is the Scottish advice service for additional support for learning and operates a helpline for parents, carers and practitioners.

An interpreter can be arranged upon request.

Telephone helpline: 0845 123 2303

E-mail: info@enquire.org.uk

On line at: www.enquire.org.uk

ABEL

ABEL is a voluntary organisation that developed out of the strong desire of parents to do something for themselves to overcome the devastating effects that bullying can have on children, their families and their community. ABEL offers information and support to the young person being bullied and their family and the young person displaying the bullying behaviour and their family.

Contact them through their website at:

www.antibullyingeastlothian.org.uk

National Parent Forum of Scotland

Provides parents with information and advice on understanding the new curriculum and supporting their child's education.

On line at: www.parentforumsotland.org



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



EMPOWERING OUR CLUSTERS | LEARN HERE

Why is school attendance so important?

We want all our children and young people to realise their full potential.

Excellent attendance at school is important to allow your child to fulfil their potential and for them to have the best start and brighter future.

Below are just some of the key reasons why it is so important children attend school:

- To have fun and opportunities to experience new things
- To develop new skills for learning, skills for work and skills for life
- To understand responsibility
- To make new friends and build positive relationships
- To develop awareness of other cultures, religions, ethnicity, and gender difference
- To celebrate achievements with friends and peers
- To attain in curricular pathways
- To build confidence, self-esteem and resilience
- To grow as individuals

Every school day counts

When you have a conversation with your child's school they will give you attendance in a percentage. This can be confusing!

Have you considered the following:

100% attendance	0 Days missed	Gives your child the best opportunities in their learning and achievement
95% attendance	9 days of absence 1 week and 4 days of learning missed.	This will potentially impact on your child's progress in learning.
90% attendance	19 days of absence 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed.	
85% Attendance	27 days of absence 5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed. This is almost a half term.	This will impact on your child's progress in learning, achievement and attainment.
80% Attendance	36 days of absence 7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed. This is a half term.	
75% Attendance	45 days of absence 9 weeks and 1 day of learning missed. Almost a whole term.	

DID YOU KNOW NORTH LANARKSHIRE

MISS SCHOOL MISS OUT

Did you know...?

- There are **190 days** in each school year
- That means there are **175 non school days** for holidays, haircuts and appointments!
- 90%** attendance may sound good but = **19 days missed** each year
- 2 school days** missed each month during your school life adds up to **1 whole year** of school lost
- 15 mins** late every day = **2 weeks** of lost learning each year.
- In Primary School there are **25 hours** of learning each week. 4 weeks missed = **100 hours** of learning missed.
- Some Children and Teens find it hard to come to school. Tell the school as soon as you can if there is a problem.
- Don't worry.. You are not on your own. We are here to help and to work with you and your family.
- Working Together we can do it and make sure your child does not MISS OUT

LEARN HERE

Is it ever alright for my child to be off school?

Your child can be off school if:

- They are ill
- They are attending a doctor or hospital appointment
- They are going to a meeting about a Children's Hearing or court, or if they are going to a Children's Hearing, case review or court
- If they are involved in an activity and the school agrees in advance
- Someone close to your child has died
- There is a crisis or serious difficulty at home or in your family
- They are going to a religious ceremony or a wedding of someone very close to them
- You are a Gypsy/Traveller family and while you go travelling you keep in touch with your child's teacher
- Your family is returning to a country of origin for cultural reasons or to care for a relative.

DID YOU KNOW

As long as you have informed the school of the reason why your child is off, and the school is satisfied that this is a valid reason, these would be called authorised absences.

However this is still recorded as an absence for your child.

Top tips it's good to talk!

Any child currently avoiding school is likely to become nervous when they are asked about their worries or returning to school.

These questions can help to start the conversation about feelings and fears.

- What are the three best things about school?
- Would you prefer to text, draw or write about it?
- What three things are you most worried about?

