

What's on at Lawmuir?

Week Beginning 17th November 2025

Lunch Menu
Week 3

Monday 10th

- Breakfast Club 8.15am

Tuesday 11th

- Breakfast Club 8.15am

Wednesday 12th

- Breakfast Club 8.15am
- CSI Bellshill – P7 meet at Bellshill Academy for 9am

Thursday 13th

- Breakfast Club 8.15am
- HT Meeting Muirfield
- Parents Appointments

Friday 14th

- Breakfast Club 8.15am
- Nourish & Flourish Sessions

In-Service Day

A quick reminder that Monday 17th November is an Inservice Day.

School is closed to pupils.



Be Safe - Be successful - Be Sensible - Be Smart



Lawmuir Primary School

Term 2 Dates for your Diary

Date	Activity
Monday 17 th November	In-Service Day – School Closed to Pupils
Friday 28 th November	Trip to Pantomime at Airdrie Town Hall
Friday 28 th November	Christmas Fayre – Friends of Lawmuir
Friday 5 th December	R4 & R5 Assembly (Miss McCusker & Miss Simpson) – Parents Welcome 11am
Monday 8 th December	P3 & P3/4 Christmas Party (pm)- Miss McCusker & Miss Simpson
Tuesday 9 th December	P4 & P5 Christmas Party (pm) – Mrs McQuade & Miss Muirhead
Wednesday 10 th December	P6 Christmas Party (pm) – Mrs Burt
Thursday 11 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day – Dress Down
Friday 12 th December	P7 & P5/6 Christmas Party (pm) – Mrs Krasuen/Mrs Cuthbert & Mrs Stewart/Mrs Evans
Monday 15 th December	Christmas Nativity Performance – The Wiggly Nativity Doors open 6.30pm. Tickets on sale 3 rd December
Wednesday 17 th December	Fever Pitch Pantomime – Whole School (pm)
Thursday 18 th December	P1, P1/2 & P2 Christmas Party (pm) – Miss Stewart, Mrs Kirkhope & Miss Scott
Thursday 18 th December	School Closes for Christmas Holidays 2.30pm

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.



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Wriggly Nativity Performance



Raffle Tickets for our Christmas Hampers will be on sale at the performance.



Monday 15th December at
6.30pm

Tickets Available from
Monday 24th November
- £2.50 per ticket

Tickets are
available
From 3rd December.
More information to
follow.

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 8.15am.

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.

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

PE Days

Pupils who are wearing gym shoes for their inside shoes are able to wear these when taking part in PE in the hall.

If your child has another form of footwear such as slippers, sliders or crocs then they will need to change into a pair of indoor trainers or gym shoes in order to take part in PE Times.

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 **8.15am** 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. Pupils will remain inside the dining area until 8.50am when there are adults in the playground.

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.

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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.





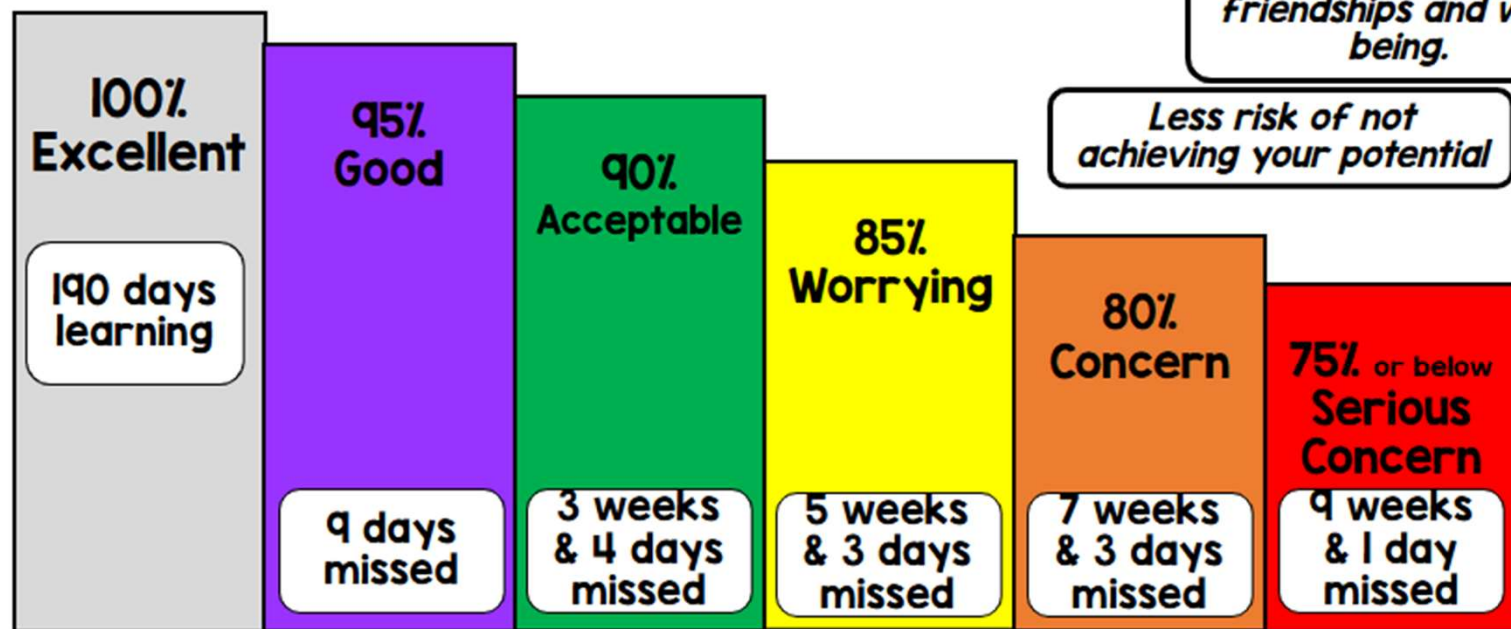
What is Your Attendance at School?

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: 0800 800 2222

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

Parentzone

Parentzone provides information for parents and carers 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.	
90% attendance	19 days of absence 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed.	This will potentially impact on your child's progress in learning.
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

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?

