



St Lucy's Primary, LCSC & Nursery

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Newsletter 3 - January-March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to 2025!

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas with your child(ren),
Which I am sure feels like a distant memory now!

I would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to our wonderful children
and staff who worked very hard throughout our festive period to make it one to
remember - a fun time was had by all!



We are now looking forward to everything Term 3 will bring and hopefully
some sunshine! Talking about weather, many thanks to you all for your
support during the recent school closure as a result of Storm Eowyn. Our school
building wasn't damaged, however, some of our outdoor shelters were not as
lucky and we are working with NLC to have these repaired.

If you have any concerns surrounding your child or wish to discuss aspects of
his/her education, please do not hesitate to contact me at school using the
above contact details to make an appointment to speak with me or a member
of the Senior Leadership Team. In St. Lucy's, we work extremely hard to
promote and maintain strong partnerships with you and always seek to work
together to resolve any matters arising. I thank you for your continued
support as we continue working together to achieve the best for our children
by,

*Lighting Our Paths Together For Our Future, being
KIND, INCLUSIVE, SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE.*

Many Thanks! CStraub (Acting Head Teacher)



Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome back Miss Byers from her Maternity Leave, having had a beautiful baby
girl! Miss Byers is now the class teacher of Class 11 within our LCSC.

Mrs Osborne has returned to Primary 3 and we are all so happy to see her back.

Within our nursery class, in Mrs Cumming's absence, Miss Coull will be Acting Lead Practitioner on a
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. We wish her well in her new temporary role.

I will continue providing staffing updates accordingly and thank you for your continued support and
understanding in this area.

Uniform Items

As you will be aware from previous communication, we had a very large number of unclaimed uniform items in school. Many thanks to all parents/carers who came along to source any lost items. Please remember to put your child's name on all items of clothing to enable any misplaced items to be returned to the rightful owner(s). Thank you! Recently, many of our pupils have been wearing branded hooded tops to school and I would like to remind you that these are not part of our school uniform. We continue encouraging our pupils to wear our school uniform with pride and ask for your continued support in this area. Ties may be purchased from our office for £5 or we do have some pre-loved ones looking for new homes 😊

School Website

We are currently in the process of updating our school website and throughout this term we will begin using this as our main method of communication instead of the current school X page (formerly known as Twitter).

Please click the link below to view it -

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/stlucys/>

Scottish Day

We celebrated our annual Scottish Day on 31st January, remembering the works of Robert Burns. Well done to everyone who performed a poem on stage and to our violinists. I am very proud of you!

Our judges had a very difficult job!
It was great day filled with traditional Scottish treats.

Book Week (3rd - 7th March 2025)

The travelling Book Fair will be in our school from 4th - 11th March. More details will follow separately.

On World Book Day, **Thursday 6th March**, children may come to school dressed as a character from a book if they wish.

Drinking Bottles/Cups

Drinking water throughout the day in school is very beneficial for our children's health. Research tells us they concentrate more as they are not distracted by feelings of dehydration.

Children should bring a bottle or a cup with a lid on it filled with **water** each day to school. If required, it can be refilled throughout the day.

Please remember no fizzy or hot drinks.

Transition

P7 Transition events are well underway and our pupils are enjoying preparing for the next stage of their educational journey.

Dates of our P1 Transition Programme will be issued to parents/carers of the children who will be joining us in August for Primary 1.

We can't wait to see everyone!

Car Park



Our car park is a very busy area which we monitor daily. As per previous communication, I would like to remind you there is no drop off/pick up area for pupils available and I ask for your support in this area to ensure safe passage for all. The majority of pupils from our LCSC are transported to school by taxi and spaces are allocated for these taxis.

Pitch

As you will be aware, our P4-7 pupils have access to the pitch during intervals and lunchtimes. In order to protect footwear and in a bid to keep our floors and toilets clean, we have asked those using the pitch to bring in an old pair of trainers to change into. Many thanks for your support in this area.

Health and Safety REMINDERS -

The Health and Safety of all within our School, LCSC and Nursery Class is paramount and your continued support in this area is very much appreciated. I have outlined some reminders below to ensure safe passage for everyone-

- No dogs are permitted on school grounds, including dogs in arms (*this does not apply to Assistance Dogs*)
- Due to the volume of people present, NO cycling/scootering is permitted within our playgrounds at 'Drop Off' and 'Pick Up' times.
- **ALL** parents/carers **MUST** remain outside our school grounds at 'Drop Off' times. Staff are present from 8.50am to supervise
- Parents of **P1, P2 and P3 children** may enter the Infant playground at 3pm to minimise crowding at the gate. Primary 3 parents must remain behind the line to help staff ensure safe dismissal of children to an identified adult

Sacramental Preparation

Children will begin preparing for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** this week. If your child has been baptised and you would like him/her to receive this sacrament, please make contact with Father Campbell and also get in touch with me via the school office as soon as possible. The celebration of the sacrament will be on **Tuesday 25th March at 6pm**. Thank you!

Lent 2025

Ash Wednesday, 5th March marks the beginning of Lent and mass will be celebrated in St. Lucy's Church at 9.15am. Throughout this Holy Season, we will be raising money for charity and notice of these events will be sent separately.

Outdoor Learning Area

Many thanks to a local construction company who provided us with a range of tree trunks. These will form seating areas in Outdoor Learning areas around our school grounds.



St. Lucy's Primary, LCSC and Nursery January-April 2025 - Dates for your Diary



Date	Event	Who	Location
31 st January	Scottish Day Celebrations	Whole school and nursery	School Hall
14 th February	St. Valentine's Day Mass 9.15am	School/LCSC All parents/carers welcome	St. Lucy's Church
14 th February	Pride of St. Lucy's Day Assembly 1.30pm	Invited guests	School Hall
17 th February	HOLIDAY		
18 th February	HOLIDAY		
19 th February	In- Service Day 4- school closed to children	Staff in school	
20 th February	School/nursery reopens for pupils - 9am	All	
20 th February	Health and Wellbeing sessions in OLHS	P6 pupils (please come dressed in PE kits)	Our Lady's High School
26 th February	Netball Event	Netball Team	Cumbernauld Academy
3 rd -7 th March	Book Week	School/LCSC and Nursery	School/LCSC and Nursery
5 th March	Ash Wednesday Mass 9.15am	School/LCSC All parents/carers welcome	St. Lucy's Church
6 th March	World Book Day - all welcome to dress as a character from a book	School/LCSC and Nursery	School/LCSC and Nursery
7 th March	First Friday Mass 9.15am	School/LCSC All parents/carers welcome	St. Lucy's Church
9 th March	Enrolment Mass for Sacraments 11.30am	All children preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation	St. Lucy's Church
11 th March	Reconciliation Catechesis Session 7pm	Pupils/Parents preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation	St. Lucy's Church
12 th March	P5-7 NL Cross-Country Finals 2025 AM	Qualifying Pupils (invitations distributed)	Wishaw Sports Centre
18 th March	Reconciliation Catechesis Session 7pm	Pupils/Parents preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation	St. Lucy's Church
25 th March	Dance Mania AM	Dance Club	Chryston Primary
25 th March	Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm	P3 pupils	St. Lucy's Church
27 th March	Parents' Evening (time slots to be booked online via Parents Portal)	Parents/carers of school and LCSC pupils	School Hall/LCSC classes
1 st April	OLHS P7 Maths Challenge	8 x P7 pupils	Our Lady's High School
4 th April	First Friday Mass 9.15am	School/LCSC All parents/carers welcome	St. Lucy's Church
4 th April	School closes at 2.30pm for Easter holidays		
22 nd April	Pupils return to school, LCSC and Nursery 9am	ALL	
29 th April	Nursery Photographer	Nursery pupils and siblings	School Hall
29 th April	First Communion Catechesis Session 7pm	Pupils/Parents preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Communion	St. Lucy's Church

Transition events will take place throughout this term for new P1 and S1 pupils. Further details will be sent separately.