



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLETTER 1 - OCTOBER 2025

Welcome to our first Newsletter of the 2025/2026 session. We hope you find it informative and helpful.

All children have settled well into the routines of school and our new primary 1 children are also settling into class.

You can keep up to date with everything going on within the school on our website www.whitelees.n-lanark.sch.uk. Here you will find our school calendar, information about our Parent Council, PE and much more! Keep informed on Twitter @WhiteleesPS where you can keep up to date with what's happening in your child's class.



After our Parent Council AGM in August our new Parent Council is as follows:

Chairperson	Emily Sands	Members	Kirsty Mackenzie
Vice Chairperson	Dawn Macpherson		Danielle Scott
Secretary	Deborah Brass		Aileen Lewis
Treasurer	Elaine Stewart		Katie McGarvie
Vice Treasurer	Susan Graham		Lynsey Wright
Social Media	Kirsty Bowman		Sandi Rankin
			Alix Menzies

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our members of the Parent Council both old and new and look forward to working in partnership with them over the course of the next school year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our former members of the Parent Council for their hard work over the last year. Your input has been invaluable and your team's desire to support the work of the school and all our pupils is an example to all Parent Councils.



Huge congratulations to our Team Captains for this year. All applicants did an amazing job of their application and presentation but only one person from each team could be chosen. Our Captains are as follows:



Team Air
Captain
Cole
Vice Captain
Kian S



Team Earth
Captain
Bailey
Vice Captain
Max



Team Fire
Captain
Dean
Vice Captain
Dylan H



Team Water
Captain
Zac
Vice Captain
Bethany

We look forward to working with our Team Captains and Vice Captains over the course of this year.



Thank you to all our parents who have already signed up to Parent's Portal. If you haven't already signed up please consider doing so. This is a one stop shop where you can report an absence, top up your child's dinner card, update contact details and sign permission slips amongst other things. This will also be where your child's report card will be published when the time comes, paper copies will no longer be sent home and copies will no longer be emailed.

You can sign up through your MyGovScot account. If you don't already have one you can register online. If you require more information please drop us an email at enquiries-at-whitelees@northlan.org.uk

**SWAP
SHOP**

Our Swap Shop is still open and we hope you will continue to make full use of this. We have items of school uniform, shoes, jackets, blazers and toys available. Please call our school office if you would like to arrange an appointment to visit the Swap Shop.

REMINDER

Please ensure your child brings their water bottle to school each day. These can be replenished at our water fountains. Increasingly children are coming to school without water bottles and unfortunately, we are unable to continue to supply disposable cups. If you are unable to provide a water bottle for your child please contact the school office who will be happy to arrange one for them.



Please remember to top up your child's dinner card online using Ipayimpact to ensure they have sufficient funds to pay for their lunch and breakfast (if they attend Breakfast Club).

The cost of a school lunch is £3.40.



If you haven't already completed all of our online forms for Medical and Dental Consent and ICT Acceptable Use for your child please do so using the links below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/hv5rdxwm7c>

<https://forms.office.com/e/ajsOYWMVGK>

If you haven't already returned your child's Annual Data Check and EV5 form distributed in August could you please make arrangements to return these? The Annual data Check will ensure we have the most up to date contact details for your child and the EV5 form will ensure we have permission to take your child on trips out with the school building. If you require these to be re-issued please contact our school office who will be happy to help.



Our Pantomime for P4 - P7 still remains open for payment on Ipayimpact. Thank you to those who have paid in full, this is greatly appreciated as we will have to pay the theatre in full at the end of October. If you haven't already paid, this fund will be open until 26th October. If you will be unable to make payment in full by this date please contact our school office who will be happy to make alternative arrangements for you.



Please do not use the staff car park to pick up/drop off your child at any time. This is for the safety of all our children, parents and staff. If you have no option but to use the car park please do not block our bin area as North Lanarkshire Council require access to these at all times. Increasingly we have parents/visitors with blue badges. We respectfully ask that the disabled spaces are kept free for these visitors/parents. If you are using the disabled space please display your blue badge.



Please be reminded that we are a **nut free** school. We have several children with severe nut allergies who could suffer a life threatening reaction.



Look out for your child's Latest and Best jotter coming home to you on Friday 21st November. These should be returned on Monday 24th November.

NURSERY ENROLMENT 2026-2027

The timeline for Early Learning and Childcare applications has changed.

Parents and carers of children turning three before the end of February 2027 should apply for an Early Learning & Childcare Placement from 6 October 2025.

The application form for 2026/27 will be available from this date. The deadline for applications will be 28 November 2025.

All children who will be three years of age before the 1 March 2027 will be entitled to receive up to 1140 hours statutory funded place during session 2026-2027.

For session 2026-2027 starting on 1 August 2026, start dates for Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) placements will be in keeping with Scottish Government legislation and continue to allow for all eligible children to receive their statutory entitlement up to 1140 hours.

The government funding start dates are where a child's third birthday fall on or between:

- 1 March and 31 August 2026 they will be eligible for funding from August 2026 (autumn term) occurring in that year.
- 1 September and 31 December 2026 they will be eligible for funding from January 2027 (spring term) following their birthday.
- 1 January and last day of February 2027 they will be eligible for funding from April 2027 (summer term) following their birthday.

Parents or carers of a child whose funded place will start at any of these times should apply from 6 October 2025.

Once the application form is available from Monday 6 October 2025, you should return your application with supporting paperwork (birth certificate and Council tax bill) by email, post or hand it in to your first choice of ELC provider by Friday 28 November 2025.

If you don't have a copy of your Council Tax bill you can register with the Council Tax portal and obtain a copy [View and manage your council tax account online | North Lanarkshire Council](#)

Please ensure you have made three choices of provider. You can access the application form on the link below from Monday 6 October 2025:

[Early Learning and Childcare Applications | North Lanarkshire Council](#)

If we are your first choice provider please send your application and supporting paperwork to enquiries-at-whitelees@northlan.org.uk

This deadline applies to applications for a funded place that is due to start at any time during the 2026/27 session, be it the Autumn 2026, Spring 2027 or Summer 2027 term.



PARENT SURVEY



At Whitelees we value your feedback.

If you didn't manage to complete our parental survey at Parent's Night we would be grateful if you could take a minute or two to complete it using the QR code below:



DRESS UP/DOWN DAY!
FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER
NO MONEY NEEDED – JUST A TOMBOLA DONATION

Bring in an item for our Christmas Fayre!

This could be...

- tombola prizes
- raffle prizes
- gift sets
- boxed sweets and chocolates/ biscuits

We had a fantastic response to this last year and were able to give a generous donation to Children in Need. Please support us again this year – items to be brought into school on

FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER





Save THE Date

October

30th October - Parent Council Meeting 6.00pm In school

31st October - Halloween Dress Up or Dress Down - we request that children don't wear masks and that all items are labelled please

November

14th November - Children In Need Day

17th November - In Service Day

21st November - Latest and Best jotters to parents

24th November - Latest and Best jotters returned to school

27th November - Cumbernauld Academy Christmas Fayre 6.00pm - 9.00pm

29th November - Christmas Fayre

December

4th December - In School Panto (Nursery - P3)

4th December - Panto (P4 - P7)

5th December - Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Lunch

10th December - Afternoon Nativity Show 1.30pm

11th December - Evening Nativity Show 6.30pm

11th December - Nursery Sing Along

12th December - Nursery Party

15th December - P6 and P7 Christmas Party

16th December - P4 and P5 Christmas Party

17th December - P1 - P3 Christmas Party

18th December - Christmas Sparkle Day

18th December - School closes at 2.30pm

19th December - 4th January (inclusive) - Christmas Break

5th January - Return to school

