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December 2025 Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends



As we approach the end of the year, I want to thank you all for the ongoing support you have provided to our school and pupils to allow us to have such a busy and successful first term.

We know that for many of our families, Christmas can be a time for magic and wonder. However, with the ongoing cost of living crisis, it can also be a time of worry. This Christmas has surely got to be about one thing more than anything else: kindness. This is a leading value for our school, something we talk to children about all the time. We know that so many people are going through things we know nothing about, and it is important to remember that we all have our own stories. Being kind costs us nothing but can make the world of difference that is priceless to someone.

I would once again want to thank all staff for their significant effort and determination to keep our pupils safe, happy and learning. This is so often overwhelming and exhausting and a task that can be underestimated by those around us. However, the work of the staff to ensure all pupils are cared for and supported is outstanding and the challenges faced are done so knowing that our reward is to watch our pupils learn and grow.

My hope is that the staff and our pupils now get to enjoy a peaceful holiday season, with lots of rest and time with families. I look forward to seeing all our pupils return on Monday 5th January.

I wish you all a very peaceful and joyful Christmas and wonderful New Year.

Mrs Angela Gibson

HMle Inspection – Tuesday 6th January to Thursday 8th January 2026

A few weeks ago, we sent out notice that we will be visited by His Majesty's Inspection Team the first week back. This is a process that every school in Scotland goes through as part of the evaluation and inspection cycle. During the visit, the team will be focusing on 3 key themes:

- Learning, Teaching and Assessment
- Raising Attainment and Achievement over Time
- Safeguarding

We are incredibly proud of our school – our parents, pupils and staff – and all the work we do together. We welcome the opportunity to talk to HMle about this and about our future plans. The team will visit every classroom, talk to the pupils, staff and parents and look around our school and the wealth of evidence we provide them.

I cannot emphasise enough the work the staff have put into preparing for this visit, including the work they will carry out over their holidays. There are not enough 'thank yous' I can give for the effort and time that has gone into the last few weeks, all so we can show our school off as the amazing and unique place it is!

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Staffing Update

Mrs Buchanan will return to us full-time on Monday 5th January, following her secondment to Quarter Primary. Mrs Williamson will return to her post as Acting Principal Teacher and Room 3 class teacher on Monday 12th January. I want to personally thank her for stepping into the role of Acting Deputy so well – we could not have managed without her!

Miss MacDonald will remain with us for at least the first week, in Room 3.

Mrs Harvie begins her maternity leave on Friday 19th December and we cannot wait to hear about her bundle of joy when the time comes!

Mrs Bowie (Monday/Tuesday) and Mrs Hamilton (Wednesday-Friday) will become the teachers for Room 9.

Mrs McWhirter is due to return in February. In the meantime, her post will be covered by Mrs Bowie (Wednesday-Friday) and this will be NQT cover in Room 15, along with additionality across P6/7.



SANTA DASH EVENT – FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

Thank you to all those who came along and participated in our Santa Dash! We raised over £200 for the Food Bank and donated a wealth of food that will be used to support our most vulnerable families across Carluke.

We know that one of our most important school values is kindness, and this was really evident on the day! Thank you all so much.



To celebrate 'kindness', we hosted our annual Kindness Day on Thursday 11th December, where classes watched 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' and took part in some special class activities.

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Christmas Church Service – Thursday 18th December – 1.15pm

I am delighted to tell you that we will be able to visit Forest Kirk (St. John's Church) again this year for our annual Christmas Service. Parents, Carers and friends are more than welcome to join us! Children should wear their school uniform with something festive if they can!

Children should leave their school bags at home on this day!



The Service will begin at 1.15pm. Children can be collected from the church after the service, but please let their teacher know if you intend to do this, by sending in a short note that morning. Thank you to Rev. Obinna for welcoming us once again!

Straw and Order

Thank you to all those who came along to watch our Christmas show. We were delighted to be able to involve all 401 pupils in the production, with wonderful performances by every class!

We hope that you enjoyed the show and that the songs helped to put you in the festive spirit!

A big 'thank you' to the teachers and children for all their hard work and practise over the last few weeks!



Last Day – Friday 20th December

Our last day will be a Dress Down Day. Children can bring ONE toy or game to play on the last day. However, there should be no technology, including mobile phones.

There will be a full canteen menu available on the last day of school.



**Remember we close
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Moving into 2026

We are already making plans for the New Year! Please take time to read some of the events or key messages for your child's return on Monday 5th January.

Scotland Topic

Our first topic for all classes will focus on Scotland. All children will be asked to learn a Scottish Poem, and this will be the only homework they receive on the second week. Children will be asked to recite their poem to their class and the pupils in each class will vote on the best recitation! Pupils chosen will be asked to take part in our Scottish Concert on Friday 29th January.

Homework

More formal homework will begin on Monday 19th January. For those pupils in P5-7 who attend homework club, this will commence on Tuesday 20th January at the usual time and will run every Tuesday until the 22nd of March.

Mobile Phones

We know that many children will receive mobile phones this Christmas. We would ask that these are kept at home, as well as watches that can take photos or send SMS messages. There have been incidents where phones have been broken or have interrupted lessons. There really is no need to have them in a primary school, so please keep them safe at home.

Attendance and Late Coming

In January, I will be sending out attendance letters for those children whose attendance has become a concern. You may also receive a letter if your child/children are consistently late to school. Late-comers put a significant strain on our office in the morning and given we remain quite short-staffed we need to avoid this at all costs.

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child comes presented in their school uniform, particularly as we want to impress some special visitors! Casual hoodies, tracksuits and branded tops are not part of our uniform, so please do not send children in these.

Primary 1 Enrolment – August 2026

If your child is due to start school in August 2026, you will need to complete the online enrolment process, which is available on the South Lanarkshire Website from Monday 5th January. More details can be found on the poster at the end of this newsletter, as well as on any SLC Social Media pages you may follow.



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CHRISTMAS MESSAGES		
Room 1 would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We hope you enjoy spending time with your family and friend over the holidays ♥ Love Room 1 and Miss Brown	Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. Love from Mrs Connelly and Room 2 xx	Merry Christmas everyone, we hope you have a super time with your family and your day is filled with Christmas cheer! Love from all the children in Room 4 xxx
Merry Christmas to all our friends and families From Miss MacDonald and all the boys and girls in Room 3.	Feliz Navidad! Festive wishes from Mrs Ruiz, & the Children in Room 5	Room 6 wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Take care and have a lovely holiday! Boys and Girls of Room 6, Mrs Braid and Miss Anderson
Happy Christmas from everyone in Room 7, we hope you have a wonderful 2025!	We hope that you and your loved ones have a wonderful time celebrating and relaxing this festive period. Merry Christmas and all the best for 2026. Mrs Watson, Mrs Anderson and all the amazing children in room 8.	Merry Christmas! We hope you have a wonderful time filled with joy and laughter. From Room 9 and Mrs Harvie.
Have a jolly, jolly Christmas and we hope you have a tree-mendous Christmas with your family. Love from Room 10 xx	Sending you lots of Christmas cheer, as we celebrate the most wonderful time of the year! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year everyone. Love, Mrs Muir and Room 11 x	Room 12 hopes that everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Love from Miss Murdoch and all the boys and girls of Room 12 xx
Wishing you all the very best for a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year! Love from Mrs Waters and Room 13.	Room 14 would like to wish you all a very snowy and fun-filled Christmas! xoxox	We would like to wish all of our friends, family and local community a very Merry Christmas. From Miss Arnott and Room 15 xx
Merry Christmas and all the best for 2026! <i>The Canteen</i>	Wishing all our families the most wonderful, magical time at Christmas! Here's to 2026, may it bring blessed times for all. <i>The School Support Team</i>	Merry Christmas and Happy New Year one and all! Janitors + Cleaning Staff
We hope all your Christmas wishes come true and the New Year is filled with the promise of new adventures! Your Leadership Team Mrs Gibson, Mrs Buchanan, Mrs Moffat, and Mrs Williamson		

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P1 Enrolment 2026

If your child is due to start school in August 2025, further information about the enrolment process will be made available via social media throughout December 2025 and January 2026. It is too early to complete the enrolment form now. You can do this from Monday 5th January 2026.

You will need to upload the following documentation:

- Your child's FULL birth certificate.
- 2 x proofs of address ie council tax bill, bank statement, utility bill etc. **NO mobile phone bills.**



Scan the QR Code to
access SLC's enrolment
page.



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