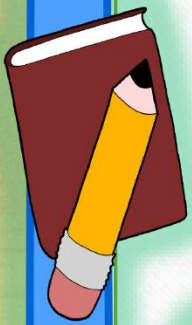


First Day



2026

of School

Welcome

to

Crawforddyke Primary





Who you will meet today!

- Mrs. Angela Gibson – Head Teacher
- Mrs. Lynn Williamson- Depute Head Teacher (Acting)
- Mrs. Audrey Moffat- Depute Head Teacher
- Miss. Abbie Brown- Primary 1 Teacher (Room 1)
- Mrs. Gemma Connelly- Primary 1 Teacher (Room 2)
- Mrs. Lesley Cullen – Primary 1/2 Teacher (Room 4)
- Mrs. Mary Thomson- Team Leader



Our Vision

We want our learners to be safe and happy while believing that with practise, perseverance and effort they can achieve, learn and grow.

Our Values

Our values were chosen by the staff, pupils and parents. They identify the qualities we all want for and in our children.

We will be kind, caring and respectful while demonstrating self-confidence, courage and determination.

"What do you want to be when you grow up?"



"Kind" said the boy



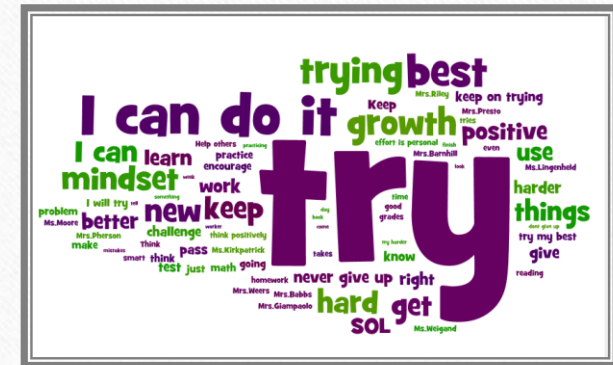
“Growing Minds, Nurturing Hearts” reflects our commitment to both intellectual and emotional development.

“Growing Minds” emphasises a focus on learning, curiosity, and personal growth. It highlights the importance of critical thinking, creativity, and a lifelong love of knowledge.

“Nurturing Hearts” reflects our school’s dedication to kindness, empathy, and emotional wellbeing. It reinforces our supportive and inclusive environment where pupils feel valued and cared for.

We believe in the power of Growth Mindset!

- Pupils are encouraged to believe that with practise, perseverance and effort, they have limitless potential to learn and grow!
- Our Monthly Mantras help our pupils to realise that their brain needs exercise to grow and that mistakes are opportunities for learning.





Meet Mossy!

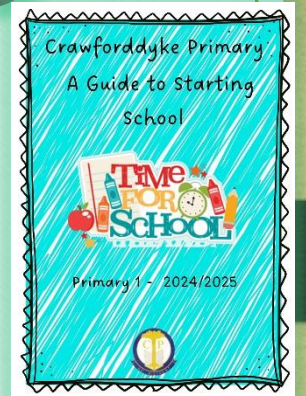
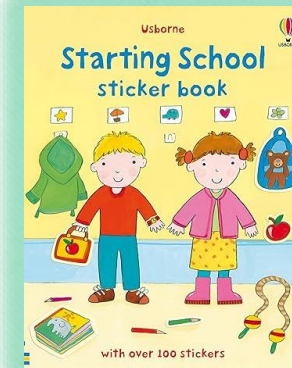
Mossy the Mindset Monster came to life when we wrote a whole school book about growth mindset.

He quickly became our school mascot and now takes on many forms to support and encourage our pupils to try their best!

Your Transition Kit

- 'A Guide to Starting School' Handbook
- 'Starting School' Passport – send this back in August!
- Sticker Book
- Road Safety Activity Sheet
- School Tie
- Contact Information Sheet–to be completed and returned to the school office.

The gym bag is yours to keep! Please use it to send in your child's Outdoor Learning Kit, as we will keep it on their coat peg.



My Starting School Passport
My name is:
This is a picture of me:
<small>Draw a picture or take a selfie!</small>

Primary 1 in Crawforddyke



- We have 57 children joining us this year.
- Our first day is Thursday 13th August.
- Children attend all day.

Primary 1 in Crawforddyke

We have 3 P1 classes:

- Room 1 – Miss Brown
- Room 2 – Mrs Connelly
- Room 4 – Mrs Cullen



Primary 1 in Crawforddyke



We use a play-based Learning approach – what does this mean?

- Teacher-Led activities
- 'Must-do' tasks
- Responsive planning
- Time to explore, develop relationships, problem-solve and discover new things!

Primary 1 Curriculum



There are 7 core curriculum areas:

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Health and Wellbeing (including P.E)
- Expressive Arts (Music, Drama, Dance and Art)
- Science
- RME (Religious and Moral Education)
- Digital Technologies

The Primary 1 Curriculum

We use an inter-disciplinary approach to deliver learning across all 7 areas. This is often referred to as a 'topic'.



Primary 1 Curriculum Evening – Tuesday 8th September 6.00–7.00pm

Reporting an Absence

- You must report your child's absence from school as early as possible. If no one is available to take your call, you can leave a message.
- It is South Lanarkshire policy to call you if we have not heard from you. We will send you a text message initially.
- Holidays during term time are not encouraged and can be disruptive to learning. Any such plans should be put in writing to the Head Teacher and will normally be marked as an unauthorised absence.
- SLC's new campaign "Every school day matters" will be enhanced this year.



Primary School hours:

9.00am - 10.30am
10.30am-10.45am - Interval
10.45am - 12.15pm
12.15pm - 1.00pm - Lunch
1.00pm - 3.00pm

Getting to school on time is very important!

Please try to keep appointments out with school hours when possible.



Our School Uniform

- White shirt and tie
- White polo shirt (PE Days)
- Grey or black trousers/skirt/tartan pinafore
- Grey/black cardigan/jumper
- NO Hoodies or branded clothing
- PLEASE label all items!

You can buy our uniform at ALJ in Lanark, or you can make use of our pop-up shop all year round. While they are lovely, we do not insist on school-badged items!



A uniform helps promote an identity for our school and creates an ethos of partnership and pride.

More essential items

- Outdoor Learning Kit – wellingtons, waterproofs, hat, scarf and gloves
 - Gym shoes
 - Water Bottle
 - PE Kit

All of these items can be kept in school.



The **Parent Council** is now running a **FREE** online pop-up shop!

www.uniformerly.co.uk

The online second-hand school uniform
marketplace



uniformerly

Wear it out. Don't throw it out.



Food, Glorious Food!



Hungry for Success

Our canteen provides a healthy, balanced menu based on the initiative 'Hungry for Success'. All children in P1-P5 are given a free school meal, served with chilled water. Milk is available, priced at 30p, and should be pre-booked daily through ParentPay or alternatively children can bring their own juice.

Food Allergies

We have several children and staff with severe nut allergies, so any product containing nuts is not allowed (including Nutella).

We also have several diabetic children, and we are a gold award-winning Health Promoting School. While it is nice to share, please don't send in birthday cakes or treats for your child's class.

Packed Lunches

Please consider how much you put into a packed lunch!

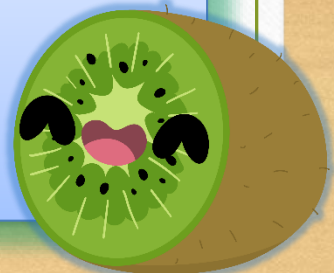


Snack Advice!

15 minutes is not long!
One healthy snack is fine.
Plain water for the class.
No fizzy juice allowed.

Breakfast Club

Open from 8.15am - 8.45am daily.
Cereal, Toast, Juice and Milk.
Supervised by School Staff.
No booking - drop-in service!



Promoting Positive Behaviour



- High expectations - realistic too!
- Class Charter, based on the UNCRC Rights of the Child
- House System - Angus, Cameron, Caldwell and Ramage
- Star of the Week
- 4 Capacity Certificates
- Pupil and Group Points
- Celebrating Achievements
- It is important to remember that children get upset, argue and may make the wrong choices - this is not bullying, but part of growing up.

Making it Right



Making it Right



Recognise – Apologise – Make it Right

- Based on the UNCRC Articles:
 - I have the right to be safe.
 - I have the right to an education.
 - I have the right to be healthy.
 - I have the right to play.
- When children make a mistake that impacts one of these rights (for themselves or others), we give them the chance to reflect on what went wrong, what happened because of the choice they made, and how they can make things better.

Room 1 – Miss. Brown

Please come in at 9.15am,
through the infant gate.

Room 2 – Mrs. Connelly

Please come in at 9.30am,
through the infant gate.

Room 4 – Mrs. Cullen

Please come in at 9.45am,
through the infant gate.

What then?

- Please wait in the playground with your child, take some photos and send them in once their teacher calls for them.
- We will invite parents in at the end of the day. You can see what your child has been doing during the day, then take them home.
 - Room 1 Parents – 2.00pm–2.15pm
 - Room 2 Parents – 2.15pm–2.30pm
 - Room 4 Parents – 2.30pm–2.45pm





Day 2 onwards...

9.00am – 3.00pm

- Primary 1 parents should use the P1 gate on Eastfield Road.
- Parents/Carers should bring their child into the playground and wait with them until the bell rings, then encourage them to line up.
 - Room 1 and 2 – line up at the door in the P1 playground.
 - Room 4 – line up at the side door (with P2 classmates).
- Staff will also be present, along with P7 Buddies.
- At the end of the day, parents/carers should wait at the classroom door for their child to be dismissed. We will not let a child leave until we see an adult there for them.
- If you have an older child in the school, they will be able to walk round to the P1 playground to meet you.
- Please do not go past the side door, used by Room 4.
- If your child comes on school transport, we will meet them at the side gate before 9am.

Parents as Partners

- Monthly Newsletters
- Home Learning Activities

- 2 Parents' Evenings
- P1 Curriculum Evening
- Concerts and Events
- Stay and Play Days
- Meet the Teacher
- Google Classroom



- Parent Council
- Parent Questionnaires

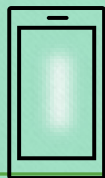
- Personal Learning Plans
- Full Report in June
- Assessment Folders
- Open Door Policy
- Parent Helpers
- Honesty and trust

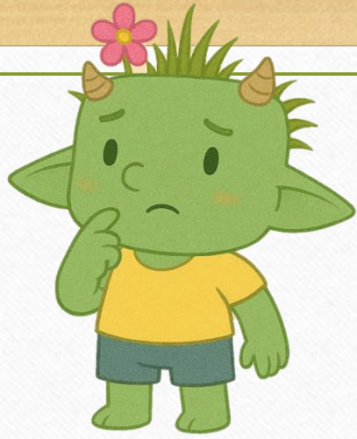
Communication

How we stay in touch!



- Parent's Portal – you must have this downloaded to access permission forms, school reports and messages.
- School App – this will no longer be available.
- Paper – please always check your child's bag!
- School website – access to key documents, school information and links to our monthly newsletters.
- [Crawforddyke Primary School](#)
- Parent/Carer Facebook Page





When you have a problem...

You should:

- Pick up the phone
- Send an email to the school office
- Come in and see us
- Message on Google Classroom
- Make an appointment

You shouldn't:

- Sit and worry
- Jump to conclusions
- Post anything on Social Media
- Avoid the difficult discussions!

And finally...

It Takes A
Village
To Raise A Child.
~African Proverb