



HIGH BLANTYRE PRIMARY SCHOOL

JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a lovely relaxing holiday with family and friends and would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year! It was great to see all of our children back at school and nursery yesterday and I am sure all our families are glad to get back into the school routine. Thank you to everyone who managed to attend our Christmas activities and events throughout December. It was a very exciting month for all the children and staff and I am sure you will agree your children's performances at their concerts made the festive season extra special -we are all very proud of them! The Panto at Carrigans 'Puss in Boots' was amazing as always, the children are so lucky to get to see such a professional show and literally only have to walk across the road! We will definitely be booking again for next year!! Thank you to our Parent Council for all of their hard work and support on the run up to Christmas. Following a very successful Christmas Fayre, they provided all the party food, refreshments and prizes for all classes and nursery parties. One of our Parent Council dads was even Santa for our nursery and P1 parties this year!! Once again, our Parent Council provided crackers and table cloths and decorated/set up the dining hall for the children's Christmas lunches and helped out serving the children at their tables on the day. This makes Christmas lunch so much more fun and enjoyable for the children (and staff). They really are some team and we are so lucky! Also a huge thank you to Bonnie Blantyre, Santa and friends, for delivering selection boxes for all of our children and ensuring some of our nominated families received a little extra Christmas cheer. Bonnie Blantyre truly are the heart of the community and I hope they managed to get some rest and family time over the festive break too!! We have another very busy and exciting term at High Blantyre Primary and I am looking forward to all that is planned for the next few months and year ahead.

As always, if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education then please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your continued support. *Kirsteen Helsby*

The High Blantyre Way



On our first day back at school of 2026, we had a whole school assembly on New Year Goals and 'The High Blantyre Way' and how we all want our school to be the very best it can be. Our School Behaviour and Relationships Policy, 'The High Blantyre Way,' reflects our core values and rules 'Ready, Respectful and Safe,' and attachment informed approach to managing and supporting children to understand their emotions and behaviour. There is a copy of 'The High Blantyre Way,' in your child's homework diary and one has also been sent out through Parentsportal.

Primary 1 Enrolment



Primary 1 enrolment week is the week beginning Monday the 5th of January. All parents/carers of children starting school this August, should register their child for school through the online form on South Lanarkshire Council's Website during this week.

Staffing update!!!

We are delighted to welcome our new Nursery Team Leader, Margaret Dickson to High Blantyre Nursery Class. Margaret brings a wealth of Early Years experience to her new role and we are really looking forward to working with her!



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Winter Weather



In the event of ice or snow our school janitor has an adverse weather plan to follow, as advised by South Lanarkshire Council.

The playground gates will be closed when it is extremely icy and/or there is heavy snow. One pathway from the school gate to the front entrance will be gritted and we would advise all children and parents/carers to use this. At the end of the day classes may be required to leave from the front entrances due to icy conditions. Please take care travelling to and from school in icy and snowy weather, especially when coming out of cars at the drop off area, as it gets very slippery there. **Sometimes it is also necessary to close the drop off area and carpark at the main entrance.** It is an exceptionally rare occurrence for a school not to open due to bad weather. If this were to happen it would be communicated through the South Lanarkshire Council's website, our school Facebook page and a message sent through Parentsportal. As the weather is becoming increasingly colder, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately, with a warm jacket and hat and gloves if required.

Please can we kindly remind our parents that regardless of the weather the staff carpark should **not** be used by parents at drop off and pick up times or breakfast club. Only our ASN Transport has access at these busy times. **Blue badge holders only** may use the disabled spaces after our ASN transport has left the staff carpark. This is part of our Traffic Management Plan agreed with Health and Safety.

Dates for your diary



Wednesday 14/1	Parent Council @ 6pm
Friday 16/1	Pupil Voice Groups
Monday 26/1	Celebration Assembly
Friday 30/1	School STEM day
Monday 2/2	Equalities Week starts
Tuesday 10/2	Parent Council 6pm
Thursday 12/2	Parent's Night 3.30-5.30pm
Monday 16/2	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 17/2	HOLIDAY
Wednesday 18/2	INSERVICE DAY
Thursday 19/2	Parent's Night 5.30-7.30pm
Friday 20/2	Pupil Voice Meetings
Monday 23/2	Celebration Assembly
Monday 23/2	P7 Residential to Lockerbie
Wednesday 25/2	Football and Netball Festivals
Friday 27/2	P7 return @ 2.30pm (approx)
Monday 2/3	Sustainability Week
Thursday 5/3	World Book Day
Friday 6/3	Dress Down Day
	Bring a Mother's Day Hamper Donation
Monday 16/3	Neurodiversity Week
Thursday 19/3	Parent Council 6pm
Friday 20/3	Comic Relief 'Crazy Hair'
Monday 23/3	World Down Syndrome Day
(actual date 21/3)	Pupils can wear odd socks
Thursday 26/3	Spring Fling
	P1-4 -6-7pm
	P5-7.15-8.30pm
Friday 27/3	Pupil Voice Groups
Wednesday 1/4	Autism Acceptance Month
Thursday 2/4	School closes @ 2.30pm
Friday 3/4	Good Friday
Monday 20/4	School returns