

August



Law Primary School and ELC

Welcome to our first newsletter this session.
We hope you enjoy finding out about our plans for this session.

If you have any questions or suggestions, let us know.


**Our Little Village
called Law...**

Law Community Trust are hosting a few events within the community over the next few weeks. All money raised is used to make further improvements within the village. These include a Coffee Morning Fundraiser for the Imagination Library and the Tattie Bogle Trail. For further information please contact Amy Shaw at amyjmoftate@gmail.com



**GET IN TOUCH
WITH US**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

In all newsletters we will keep you informed of important diary dates for the month ahead.

Our annual calendar will be issued on Parents Portal soon. Please add any dates to your diary.

This session classes will be hosting coffee afternoons for parents and carers, giving children and families the opportunity to spend time in the school, have a blether and show off exactly what children are proud of at Law Primary and ELC. Look out for dates in the annual calendar.



Mark Your Calendars

August 2026

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School Improvement



LAW PRIMARY SCHOOL & ELC

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES 2026-2027



1 PRIORITY 1- Improving Our Literacy

Q1 1.3 Leadership of Change
Q1 2.3 Learning, Teaching and Assessment
Q1 3.2 Raising Attainment and Achievement

RATIONALE: Improve attainment levels across Literacy for learners through high-quality learning, teaching and assessment approaches developed through the professional learning materials in the Improving Our Literacy programme.

WHAT WE NEED TO DO:

- Encourage Leadership at all levels across ELC-Primary 7.
- Complete pre and post assessments with staff and learners.
- Complete professional learning session on Building the Biology of Listening & Talking, Comprehending the Chemistry of reading, The Philosophy and Physics of Writing and planning holistic literacy lessons.
- Applying professional learning collaboratively across whole school.
- Improve learner outcomes in literacy.

2 PRIORITY 2 – Reading and Spelling

Q1 2.2 Curriculum
Q1 2.3 Learning, Teaching and Assessment
Q1 3.2 Raising Attainment and Achievement

RATIONALE: To increase attainment in Reading and Spelling by strengthening the consistency and quality of learning and teaching across the school. We will maximise high-quality teaching and learning time, ensuring that learners have regular, focused opportunities to develop and apply their literacy skills. Through collaborative planning, moderation and the effective use of assessment, staff will identify learners' strengths and next steps and provide appropriate pace, challenge and support.

WHAT WE NEED TO DO:

- Increase opportunities for staff collaboration, professional dialogue and shared approaches to planning, resourcing, teaching and assessing.
- Provide daily opportunities for high-quality teaching and learning in Reading and Spelling through whole-class instruction, effective differentiation and targeted small-group teaching, with immediate verbal feedback to support learners' progress and next steps.
- Ensure consistent planning resources at whole school level.
- Update resources and approaches to ensure high-quality teaching and learning.
- Work in partnership with our Peer School Review schools to track and monitor progress and provide next steps.

OUR IMPROVEMENT APPROACH

- Is firmly rooted in three questions:
How are we doing?
How do we know?
What are we going to do now?
- It is underpinned by the principles of consultation and collaboration and is data-informed.
- Pupil voice is central to our approach, supported by regular consultation with pupils and engagement with **WIGGLES**.
- We work collaboratively in Peer School Review sites, Learning Communities and societies to share practice and help each other to improve.
- We use local and national data tools and corresponding CLPs, to use data effectively for improvement.
- As a staff we complete regular **SLC** evaluations to monitor progress and identify next steps.

SLC Priorities

- Priority 1: Learning, Teaching and Assessment
- Priority 2: Developing our Curriculum
- Priority 3: Wellbeing, Inclusion and Equity
- Priority 4: Self Improving Systems

PRIORITY 3 – Communication and Engagement

Q1 2.2 Curriculum
Q1 2.3 Learning, Teaching and Assessment
Q1 3.2 Raising attainment and achievement

RATIONALE: Strengthen Learning, Teaching and Assessment and moderation of communication and engagement across all establishments within the Carlisle Learning Community.

WHAT WE NEED TO DO:

- Work collaboratively across all establishments in the Carlisle Learning Community to ensure greater consistency in learning, teaching and assessment across settings to enhance communication and engagement.
- Through professional learning, increase practitioner knowledge of child development relating to communication and engagement.
- Create a stronger collaboration across nursery, primary and secondary.
- Create more effective transitions for children.
- Improve learner outcomes in communication and engagement.

NATIONAL PRIORITIES FROM THE NATIONAL IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK:

Placing the human rights and needs of every child and young person at the centre of education
Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and young people
Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy

Improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing
Improvement in skills and sustained, positive school-leaver destinations for all young people

Communication

How to keep up to date

The School App is no longer available.

We will keep you up to date in the following ways;



Parents Portal

Please ensure you have registered on Parents Portal. All regular updates, newsletters, consent forms etc will be shared here. If you require support for this please contact the school office.

Google Classroom

Your child's learning can be supported at home through Google Classroom where you can keep track of class learning, reinforce it at home and learn teaching strategies taught within the class. Home Learning will start in September so please make sure you and your child can access Google Classroom before this.

School Website

The school website will be updated regularly with information, pictures and events.

Come help us be Lawesome!

We are continually looking for parent/carer helpers and volunteers throughout the school year. If you can help in any of the ways below, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

- Running lunch time / after school clubs
- School trips and excursions
- Support children's reading and spelling in class
- Outdoor Learning in the afternoons
- Being part of our PTA; the next AGM will take place on Wednesday 3rd of September at 6.00pm - all welcome



The school will support disclosure checks for all helpers.



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Our Law Team for session 2026-2027

Here is our team for session 2026-2027.

Mrs Heather Good will be joining us in due course as our new Office and Support Staff Team Leader. Mrs Good will work in the office Monday to Friday. Mrs Good will be a fabulous addition to our Lawesome community and we can't wait for her to start.

Recruitment is underway for our acting Depute Head Teacher position and we will update you very soon with news of our successful candidate and their intended start date.

Annual Data Checks

Our annual data checks are now live on Parents Portal. Please ensure all contact details, health requirements and consents are up to date for this session.

Please note there was an error in questions regarding outdoor learning. Any children taking part in learning outwith the school building will use school facilities when required.



Law Primary School and ELC

We Are Lawesome

OUR STAFF

We are a dedicated team, working together to ensure the very best for all of our children and families.



SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Mrs Lianne Daly	Head Teacher (acting)
Vacancy	Depute Head Teacher
Miss Lynsey Vickers	Principal Teacher



TEACHING STAFF

Mrs Lisa Gibson	Primary 1
Mrs Sarah Gaw	Primary 1 / 2
Mrs Gayle Kerr	Primary 2
Miss Charlie McLaren	Primary 3
Miss Rachel Gardiner	Primary 4
Mrs Karen Shields	Primary 4
Miss Lucy Paterson	Primary 5
Mr Simon Malone	Primary 6
Mrs Roesia Nelson	Primary 7
Mrs Lynn Gibson	Primary 7
Mrs Sinead Lavery	Primary 7
Miss Stephanie Brew	Class Cover
Mrs Laura McNab	Class Cover and Specialist Support



EARLY LEARNING & CHILDCARE

Mrs Stephanie Farrell	Team Leader
Mrs Leslie Barrie	Early Years Practitioner
Mrs Carol Ebbs	Early Years Practitioner
Mrs Josie Ferguson	Early Years Practitioner
Mrs Hayley Gebbie	Early Years Practitioner
Mr Alastair Gibson	Early Years Practitioner
Mrs Shirley Leghorn	Early Years Practitioner
Mrs Alison Macmillan	Early Years Practitioner
Mrs Heather Richardson	Early Years Practitioner
Miss Dionne Cuthbertson	Early Years Support



SUPPORT STAFF

Mrs Heather Good	Team Leader
Mrs Elaine Masters	Office Staff
Mrs Karen Purdon	Office Staff
Mrs Diane Broatch	Support Assistant
Mrs Lorna Bryce	Support Assistant
Mrs Noreen Docherty	Support Assistant
Mrs Laura Thom	Support Assistant
Mrs Yvonne McNeill	Support Assistant
Mrs Karen Wheatley	Support Assistant



FACILITIES

Mrs Maureen Millar	Janitor
Linda Jackson	Janitor
Mrs Julie Semple	Cleaning Supervisor
Miss Nadine Edment	Cleaner
Miss Estelle Pollock	Cleaner
Miss Victoria Pollock	Cleaner
Mrs Edyta Borkowska	Cleaner
Mrs Linda Wishart	Cook in Charge
Mrs Veronica Armstrong	Catering
Mrs Helen Gough	Catering
Mrs Annette Murray	Catering



ADDITIONAL STAFFING

Mrs Evelyn Stewart	Early Years Specialist Support
Mrs Emma Singh	Primary Specialist Support

Mrs Claire McCaughy	Educational Psychologist
Mr Stuart Pollock	Brass Tuition
Ms Emma Kennedy	Woodwind Tuition

Helena Alexandra	Achieve More Scotland
Watson Duncan	Achieve More Scotland

OUR SCHOOL RULES



READY

- We are ready to learn
- We have the right equipment
- We try our best



RESPECTFUL

- We are kind and polite
- We listen to each other
- We look after our school and our things



SAFE

- We keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves
- We use kind words
- We follow instructions

Family Pantry

Our **Family Pantry** will open on Friday 4th of September. Everyone is welcome to browse our food, gift and clothing options in our efforts to **reduce, reuse and recycle**.

We welcome any donations of food, clothes and new toys. Please hand in to the school office at any time.

LAW PRIMARY SCHOOL AND ELC

The Family Pantry

OPEN ON FRIDAYS 3.00 - 4.00PM

A DISCRETE SUPERMARKET FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

BASED ON DONATIONS FROM NADS AND TESCO

NADS SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

TESCO

A LOT OF...

FOOD

CLOTHING

TOILETRIES

GIFTS

LOCK AFTER OUR PLANET: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

ALL ITEMS ARE FREE OF CHARGE

Take what you need, when you need it



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