

TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS

15 th Sept	Parent Council AGM (School Library)	B Lee
17 th Sept	School Photo Day	B Lee
19 th Sept	The Needle Room Play at St. Nicholas Church, Lanark	B Lee

FORTHCOMING

22 nd Sept	Climate and Sustainability Video Workshop	Mrs McGuire
23 rd Sept	Biology Pathways Talk (Period 1)	Miss Forbes
23 rd Sept	Young Leaders of Learning Training	Mrs Cimmino
24 th Sep	Netball Tournament, East Kilbride	Mrs Mullen
24 th Sept	S3 Tracking Report Issued	B Lee
26 th & 29 th Sept	September Weekend Holidays	B Lee
30 th Sept	Harvest Assembly	Chaplaincy Team
30 th Sept	Cost of the School Day Young People's Summit, Glasgow	S Leckenby
30 th Sept	SLC Enterprising Maths Competition	Mr Prentice
1 st October	Music Leaders Trip	Miss Kilday
1 st & 2 nd Oct	House Assemblies	B Lee
5 th October (Sun)	School Show Rehearsal and St. Andrew's Hospice 6K Run	B Lee
6 th October	S1 Merit Event	B Lee
7 th October	S2 Merit Event; School Show Rehearsal (am)	B Lee
7 th October	School Show Evening Performance	B Lee
8 th October	S3 Merit Event; School Show Evening Performance	B Lee
8 th October	Tracking Report Issued; S1 Parents' Evening Booking Opens	A Gay
9 th October	School Show Primary Performance (am)	B Lee
WB 13 th October	October break	B Lee

Pupil Notice

15th September 2025**P P7/S1 Open Afternoon**

Thank you to all Parents/Carers who joined us on Tuesday, 9th September for our Open Afternoon. It was lovely to welcome so many guests! Our Captaincy Team enjoyed leading tours of our school and we hope that all of your questions were answered. All feedback is welcome and will help inform future Transition events and Open Afternoons. Thank you also to our House and School Captains – you were all great! Well done!

B Lee

P Hands Up Survey

Thank you to everyone who participated in this week's 'Hands Up' Travel Survey. We will share the collated information with Sustrans and within our School Travel Plan.

B Lee

P South Lanarkshire Schools Saxophone Ensemble

Congratulations to Darcy Jolley and Saira Mohammed, who are part of the newly formed South Lanarkshire Schools' Saxophone Ensemble. The students performed at the prestigious We Make Music Concert in the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and generated great excitement. The group's next performance is at the Touch a Life concert in Hamilton Town House on Saturday 25th October.

B Lee

P Scotland WU16 Squad

Congratulations to Freyah Black, who has been invited to the Women's Under 16 Football two-day camp in Falkirk later this month. What a brilliant opportunity! Well done!

B Lee

P Turlood Equestrian Centre Events

Congratulations to Samantha Smith, who won four rosettes in horse riding events at Turlood Equestrian Centre earlier this month. Sam was placed 2nd in the Cob Class, 5th in the Hunter and 50 cm Jumps events and 6th for Young Handler. Well done, Sam!

P Extra-Curricular Clubs

Thank you to everyone who has offered to lead extra-curricular clubs this year and thank you to Mr Ross and the Sports Development class for co-ordinating our sign-up fair. Please see Mr Ross if you have any questions about the extra-curricular clubs offered or if you would like to suggest additional clubs!

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCHTIME	<u>Badminton Club</u> Games hall S1-S6. Senior pupils leading	<u>Basketball Club</u> Games hall S1-S6. Senior Pupils leading	<u>Volleyball Club</u> Games hall S1-S6. Senior Pupils leading	<u>Football club</u> Muga S2's Senior pupils leading	
	<u>Football Club</u> S1's Muga Senior Pupils leading	<u>Public speaking/ debate club</u> Miss McMillan A108	<u>Mixed Gym Club</u> Fitness Suite S1-S6 – Mrs Geurtzen-Thomson	<u>Practical Performance Club</u> National 5 & Higher PE Games hall Miss McGuire	
	<u>Film Club</u> New Sewing Room A110 S1-S6 Miss Ferguson	<u>Duke of Edinburgh</u> Bronze and Silver S3-S6 B204 Miss Forbes	<u>Scripture Union</u> B101 / IST5 Mr Anderson & Mrs Baillie	<u>S1 Gaming Club</u> Contemplation Room Mr Gardiner	
	<u>Eco Club</u> Miss Leckenby A205	<u>STEM Club S1/2</u> Miss Saleem, Miss Wilson and Miss Coyle B104/ Science and IT	<u>S1 + S2 Board Game Club</u> Miss Barnett Contemplation room	<u>LHS Grandmasters Chess Club</u> S Rivans	
	<u>LGBTQ+ Club</u> A205 Mrs Smith & Miss Leckenby	<u>Dance Club</u> Active schools		<u>Saxophone Quartet/Clarinet Ensemble</u> Mrs Robertson Cheyne	
				<u>LEGO Club</u> IST5 / B101 - Mrs Geurtzen-Thomson	
AFTER SCHOOL	<u>Basketball Club</u> Games hall S1-S6. Senior pupils leading	<u>Running club</u>	<u>School Band</u> S1 - S6 Brass, Woodwind and Percussionists - Mrs Robertson Cheyne	<u>Senior Netball</u> S4-S6 Games Hall Miss McGuire	<u>Junior Netball</u> S1-S3 Pupils Games hall/Outside court. Senior Pupils leading
	<u>Under 16 football team</u> Muga/Glebe Mr Ross/Senior Pupils				<u>Volleyball club</u> S4 - S6 Games Hall Miss McGuire
	<u>Trampolining</u> S4-S6 only Mr Hill				

P Chaplaincy Team Update

Thank you to everyone who joined our Chaplaincy Team meeting on Wednesday, 10th September. Our Chaplaincy assemblies have been planned for the session, the first of which will take place on Tuesday, 30th September, with a Harvest theme. There will be an opportunity to donate to the local foodbank – further information to follow next week. If you would like to participate in our Harvest Assembly, or any of our assemblies planned for later in the year (Remembrance Day, Christmas, Holocaust Memorial and Easter), please speak to Mrs Baillie, Mrs Wright or Miss Lee.

B Lee

P Duke of Edinburgh's Award Meeting

There will be a DofE meeting on Tuesday 16th at 1:30 in B204 (Miss Forbes's room). This is for everyone who has signed up for Bronze or Silver this year.

P School Photos

School photos for S1, S3, S5 and S6 students will be taken on Wednesday, 17th September, from 9 am – 12 noon. Year Group photos will also be taken for S1 and S6 students. S1 students should register with their period 1 teachers then go to the Street area for at 9 am for their group photo to be taken. S6 students should go to the Street area at 9.30 am for their group photo to be taken. Individual photos will be taken at the following times: 9 am – S6, 9.15 am – 5K and 5L1, 9.30 am – 5L2, 5IST, 5M, 9.45 am – 3K and 3L1, 10 am – 3IST, 3L2, 3M1, 10.15 am – 3M2, 1K1, 10.30 am – 1IST, 1K2, 1L, 10.45 am – 1M1 and 1M2, 11 am – 12 noon – Family photos.

Please see Mr Gray if you have any questions regarding school photos.

A Gray

P Scripture Union

Scripture Union Club meets on Wednesdays at lunchtime in Mr Anderson's room, B101. It was lovely to see everyone who joined us last week and brilliant to welcome new members. We look forward to seeing everyone again on Wednesday! All welcome, please bring your lunch!

B Lee

P Chess Club

Chess Club has started again in Mrs Mullen's room (B102) on a Monday lunchtime. All are welcome. We plan to play both Lanark GS and Carluke HS in a feisty tournament later in the autumn. We must win our trophy back!

S Rivans

P S1 Gaming Club

S1 Gaming Club runs on Thursday at lunchtime in the Contemplation Room. Thank you to all who have already signed up. If you are interested in attending but did not sign up, please come on Thursday to add your name to the list!

E Gardiner

P Braw Clan Theatre Group – “The Needle Room” by Martin Travers

Students and their parents/carers have been invited by “Braw Clan Theatre Group” to attend a theatre performance of ‘The Needle Room’ on the afternoon of Friday, 19th September in St. Nicholas Church Hall, Lanark, commencing at 2.30 pm. The play is suitable for young people aged 14+ and has a running time of 75 minutes plus 15 minutes for questions and answers afterwards.

The Needle Room is about a housekeeper, Rebecca, of a grand home in Clydesdale. Rebecca cooks and cleans for the Galbraith family. During a heatwave, Jessie Galbraith's health suddenly declines and various secrets erupt. Rebecca must make some difficult choices.....

For further information, please see: <https://brawclan.com/> or speak to Miss Kelly in the Drama Department. Tickets have already sold out across the Clydesdale area for performances from 17-27th September. The schools' performance is a great additional opportunity for young people to see live drama close to home.

We were delighted to work in partnership with Braw Clan Theatre Group last session and look forward to welcoming them back to our school to support Drama students later this month.

Thank you to Clare Yuille, Creative Director, for offering this opportunity to our pupils.

S Kelly

P St. Andrew's Hospice Ambassador Programme and 6K Run – S5 and S6 Students

Earlier this month, we welcomed Amanda Stewart, Schools and Community Fundraiser for St. Andrew's Hospice to our school. Amanda shared information with us about the amazing work of St. Andrew's Hospice, fundraising and volunteering opportunities.

The Ambassador programme is a brilliant volunteering opportunity offered by the Hospice. Being an Ambassador means raising awareness for St. Andrew's Hospice through either participating in your own or planned events, or volunteering, or a mixture of both. To gain a Bronze Award, you are asked to spend 15 hours volunteering/participating in events or holding events. The time commitment for the Silver Award is 20 hours and for Gold is 25 hours. This would be a great award to list on CV's, UCAS forms or as part of DofE volunteering sections.

If any S5/6 students are interested in being a volunteer at the 6K, please collect a volunteer form from Miss Lee or Ms Saleem (Maths) and send this to Richard at

richard.trott@standrews.scot.nhs.uk

The annual St. Andrew's Hospice 6K run takes place this year on Sunday, 5th October at Strathclyde Park. Ms Saleem (Maths) will arrange transport for those interested in participating in the event. We need to be at Strathclyde Park for 9.45 am, and the run starts at 10.30 am. It costs £7 to register. Please see Ms Saleem for further information.

Please note: Sunday, 5th October is also a Rehearsal Day for students involved in the School Show.

The other fundraising events that you might be interested in participating in are: Santa Dash - 7th December 2025; Schools Ben Nevis - 6th/7th June 2026 (TBC) Adult Ben Nevis 29th August 2026 (TBC)

B Lee

P OnPath Energy – Healthy and Sustainable Living Programme – S5 Science and Geography Students

We look forward to working in partnership with OnPath Energy, community and business partners on a sustainability project over the next year. The project aims to inspire and encourage communities to be kinder to their pocket and the planet, and will involve engaging workshops, and trialling products from IKEA that are economical and use less energy.

S5 Science and Geography students involved in the project will be mentored by Dr. Patrick Elf (Middlesex University) on interventions, data gathering and analysis and report writing, and will have the opportunity to achieve a Level 7 STEM Award.

Thank you to Healthy Valleys, Councillors Ross Gowland and Robert Brown, Duneaton Community Trust, Coalburn Miners Charitable Welfare, Douglas Community Council, Rigside and Douglas Water Council, Lesmahagow Development Trust, Carmichael Community Council, South Lanarkshire Council Connect2 Renewables, OnPath Energy, South Lanarkshire Council and IKEA Glasgow for supporting the project.

Please see Mrs McGuire, Faculty Head of Science if you have any questions about this exciting project!

C McGuire

P Volunteering opportunity for Senior Students - Lesmahagow Rainbows

Are you interested in a volunteering opportunity with Lesmahagow Rainbows? Rainbows (the youngest Guide group, aged 5-7 years) meet on Mondays, from 6.30 - 7.30 pm in Lesmahagow District Guide Hall, on Abbeygreen. This would be a great opportunity for anyone completing the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, or for anyone interested in a career working with children and young people. For further information, please email: lesmahagowrainbows@gmail.com

B Lee

P Parent Council Meeting

The first Parent Council Meeting and AGM takes place on Monday, 15th September from 7.15 pm – 8.45 pm in the School Library. New members are always welcome! We look forward to seeing you there.

B Lee

P Everton vrs Spurs

The PE Department has secured tickets for the Everton vrs Spurs match on 26th October (please note, the change of date). Part of this package is a tour of Anfield. The cost of the trip is £129. Please see Mr Ross for further information.

N Ross

P Emergency Exits

A reminder that fire doors must only be used during emergency evacuations. This change has been implemented by South Lanarkshire Council, across all schools and other Council buildings, for health and safety reasons, to improve security and also due to maintenance issues. All pupils must enter and leave the school building using the main entrance/exit.

B Lee

P Home Economics

All pupils are reminded to bring a container for Home Economics when cooking. Thank you!

N Ross

P Uniform Items and School Bags

If you have any pre-loved uniform items or school bags that are no longer needed, we would be delighted if these could be handed into the school office so that we can add them to our uniform

and school supplies for next session. Please help us to look after our environment– remember the importance of reducing, repairing, reusing and recycling!

B Lee

P Lost Property

A number of lost property items (including expensive outdoor jackets) remain unclaimed in the lost property store. Please check with Joan and Lynn if you have misplaced any items within the school.

B Lee

P Community

A reminder of the importance of placing litter in the bins provided. It is important that we look after the local environment and show respect for our community.

B Lee

P ParentsPortal

Thank you to all parents and carers who have signed up to ParentsPortal, our new digital communication service. ParentsPortal enables parents to update contact information, complete consent forms, view canteen menus and attendance information, link to ParentPay and other functions. From this session, school reports will also be available through ParentsPortal. Please contact the school office if you require any further information.

B Lee

P ‘Too good to go’

Unsold sandwiches/wraps/baguettes left over from lunch-time can be collected from a fridge in the Pupil Support corridor at the end of the school day or by arrangement with PTs Pupil Support/SMT/PTs Equity. Please speak to SMT, PTs Pupil Support or PTs Equity for further information.

Please also remember that a supply of toiletries are available in Mr Mallaghan’s Pupil Support Office. There are also some porridge pots if anyone has missed breakfast.

B Lee

P Uniform

Our school uniform is:

- White shirt/blouse;
- School tie (red and black/ senior/ international);
- Plain black V-neck jumper or cardigan without logos;
- Black trousers/black skirt;
- School blazer, with option of braiding for S6;
- Plain black footwear (including laces); and
- P.E. kit (white, red or black t-shirt, black shorts).

Please speak to Mrs McCallum, your Pupil Support Teacher, or any member of SMT if you need any uniform items. Alternatively, you can request uniform items at the links below:

School uniform <https://forms.gle/AWcqcQ7seyd5c91i9>

We would welcome any donations of any pre-loved items of school uniform, particularly school blazers to add these to the supplies available to pupils. Please pass any donations to the School Office. Thank you.

B Lee

P Windfarm Connect2 Renewables Employability Fund – S4-S6 pupils

The following information about the Windfarm Connect 2 Renewables Employability Fund has been shared with S4-S6 pupils and posted in S4-S6 Google Classrooms:

Due to your proximity to the Kype Muir and Middle Muir windfarms, if you plan on leaving at the

end of this school year, you could be entitled to up to £500 (if going to college/university) or £200 if going into employment/apprenticeship.

This is a grant payment that does not need to be paid back. The only real requirement is that you live within the required postcode areas.

I would encourage you all to apply if eligible - it is free money that could be really useful as you start your post-school journey.

To apply, you really just need to complete a form but you won't receive the money until you start college/university as they will need to see your student card. You can make enquiries now though by contacting: connect2renewables@southlanarkshire.co.uk or telephone 0800 9520 070.

J Mallaghan

P Homework

Homework will be shared using Google Classroom. Please make sure you are a member of all your Google Classrooms, including your Year Group Google Classroom.

LA Cimmino

P Young Scot Card and Free Bus Travel

If you need a new Young Scot Card, or still have to renew your card to access free bus travel, your Tutor teacher can give you a form to complete, which will allow us to apply for your card on your behalf. Completed forms should be returned to Miss Fletcher or the School Office. Please see Miss Fletcher if you have any questions about accessing free bus travel.

B Lee

P EMA – S5/6

EMA application forms can be completed on the South Lanarkshire Council website. On the Council website, click on 'Education and Learning', then 'Secondary School Information', then 'Education Maintenance Allowance'. If you need any help with this, please see Mr Robertson or your Pupil Support Teacher.

It is your responsibility to complete and send the application form.

When you receive an award letter with your EMA number on it, bring this to Mr Robertson who will then issue a copy of the Learning Agreement to be signed by your teachers and Parent/Carer. You should then return the completed Learning Agreement to Mr Robertson, and the school office will then process your EMA.

Only when you have completed all of the above will the payment process begin. Please see Mr Robertson if you have any questions about EMA.

D Robertson