

TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS

4 th Oct (Sat)	School Show Rehearsal at Fountain, Lesmahagow	C Robertson-Cheyne
5 th Oct (Sun)	School Show Rehearsal and St. Andrew's Hospice 6K Run	A Saleem
6 th Oct	S1 Group Photo	A Gray
6 th Oct	Clydesdale Netball Festival, Carluke	N Ross
7 th Oct	School Show Rehearsal (am) School Show Evening Performance	B Lee
8 th Oct	School Show Evening Performance	B Lee
8 th Oct	S1 Tracking Report Issued; S1 Parents' Evening Booking Opens	A Gray
9 th Oct	School Show Primary Performance (am)	B Lee
10 th Oct	– Wear it Pink and Blue Day – Cancer Charity Fundraiser	B Lee
WB 13 th Oct	October break	B Lee

FORTHCOMING

WB 20 th Oct	Year Group Assemblies	B Lee
Tues 21 st Oct	S1 Parents' Evening Booking Closes	B Lee
Wed 22 nd Oct	Periods 4/5 -N5 and Higher Drama Acting Workshop	L Clark
Wed 22 nd Oct	2 pm – Chaplaincy Team Meeting	B Lee
Thurs 23 rd Oct	S1 Parents' Evening	A Gray
Mon 27 th Oct	STEM DYW trip	N Forbes
Mon 27 th Oct	Periods 6 & 7 – S1 Merit Event	S Kelly
Tues 28 th Oct	Periods 6 & 7 – S2 Merit Event	S Kelly
Wed 29 th Oct	Senior Phase Reports issued Senior Phase Parents' Evening Booking Opens	A Gray
Wed 29 th Oct	S1 Hallowe'en Disco – 6- 8 pm	E Gardiner
Thurs 30 th Oct	Periods 6 & 7 – S3 Merit Event	S Kelly
Mon 3 rd Nov	Senior Phase Parents' Evening Bookings Close	A Gray
WB 4 th Nov	House Assemblies	B Lee
Tues 4 th Nov	Senior Phase Parents' Evening	A Gray
Thurs 6 th Nov	Girls' Football Tournament, Hamilton Palace	N Ross
Thurs 6 th Nov	Theatre Trip – To Kill a Mockingbird	S Kelly
Mon 10 th Nov	In-Service Day for Staff	B Lee
Tues 11 th Nov	Remembrance Day Services	Chaplaincy Team
Tues 11 th Nov	Parent Council Meeting	B Lee

Pupil Notice

6th October 2025**P New House**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the consultation process to decide the name, colour, mascot and motto of our new House Group. We are delighted to share that our school community has decided to name our fourth house group 'Nethan'. The house colour will be purple, the mascot will be Craigie the horse and the motto will be 'We work best when we work together'. Thank you to Mrs Lockens for leading the consultation process. Everyone was delighted to hear the news at our first Nethan House Assembly on Friday morning.

B Lee

P School Photos

An S1 Year Group photo will be taken on Monday, 6th October. Full uniform, please!

A Gray

P Harvest Assembly – Having an Attitude of Gratitude

Thank you to everyone who helped to organise and participated in our Harvest Assemblies. Special thanks to Mr. Bob Baillie, Kirkmuirhill Church, who led our service, and to our musicians, Jennifer Pate and Elsa Graham, our readers Ted Lennox, Charley Simpson, Ruby Buchanan, Harry Robertson and Caedmon Moos, and our School Captains for supporting our

Food Bank collection. Thank you to everyone who donated items to our Food Bank collection as part of our Harvest Assemblies.

B Lee

P St.Andrew's Hospice Fun Run at Strathclyde Park

Thank you to all S5 and S6 students who are participating in the St. Andrew's Hospice 6K run/walk at Strathclyde Park on Sunday, 5th October. Students should meet at 8.45 am at the bus bay beside the school on Strathaven Road on Sunday morning. If you have any questions about the arrangements for Sunday, please speak to Miss Saleem, Maths.

B Lee

P School Show Week, week beginning 6th October 2025

After months of rehearsals and lots of hard work, it's School Show Week in Lesmahagow High School! The stage is in place and curtains are ready – we are very much looking forward to our last few days of rehearsals before opening night of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat (Tuesday, 7th October), our second performance (Wednesday, 8th October) and then our final performance (especially for P7 pupils from our associated Primary Schools on Thursday, 9th October. A very exciting week lies ahead! Thank you to Mr Stirling for all his hard work in leading, directing and supporting rehearsals, to all members of the school show team and thank you in advance to our audiences and sponsors!

Our final rehearsals will take place on Friday afternoon, Saturday (Fountain Hall, Lesmahagow), Sunday (10 am – 4 pm in School), Monday – in school and after school, Tuesday (am) - dress rehearsal!

Please note: On Tuesday, 7th and Thursday, 9th October, there will be one interval for all students (S1-S6), at the end of Period 3 (BGE interval). This is to support arrangements for our school show.

Tickets for our school show are on sale from Mr Gardiner in RMPS.

B Lee

P Wear it Pink/Blue

Students and staff are invited to wear pink or blue on Friday, 10th October, to raise awareness and show support for Breast Cancer Now. Thank you to our Health and Wellbeing Captain and Pupil Leadership Team for leading this fundraising event.

D Robertson

P Easyfundraising – Lesmahagow High School Parent Council

Thank you to all members of our school community who support our students through 'easyfundraising', in partnership with Lesmahagow High School Parent Council. Once registered, over 8,000 easyfundraising partners donate part of what you spend to Lesmahagow High School Parent Council. It doesn't cost you any extra – the cost is covered by the brand. To find out more or to sign-up, please follow this link:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=225689&invite=K6SZUA&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_medium=email&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=referral-2025&utm_term=PRO83&utm_content=socialshare&fbclid=IwVERTSANL4E1leHRuA2FibQIxMAABHII0CYum4LI2x_3OXqYOBqQYjpr6DsAJ_OQEfpuXKXID9PA5_VwjX89-Y_qb_aem_Yj_d_USx5PWGbXcpR2IijQ

B Lee

P October Holiday

School closes at 12.30 pm on Friday, 10th October and re-opens on Monday, 20th October at 8.40 am. We hope everyone has a restful and relaxing October break. Keep safe!

B Lee

P Year Group Assemblies

There will be Year Group Assemblies in Week beginning 20th October, starting with S1 on Monday, 20th October.

B Lee

P S1 Reports and Parents' Evening

S1 Reports and information about S1 Parents' Evening will be issued on Wednesday, 8th October. S1 Parents' Evening takes place on Thursday, 23rd October. Bookings for appointments open on Wednesday, 8th October and close on Tuesday, 21st October. We look forward to welcoming all Parents/Carers of S1 students to our school.

A Gray

P Hallowe'en Disco

There will be a Hallowe'en Disco for S1 students on Wednesday, 29th October, 6-8 pm, organised by our S6 Pupil Leadership Team. We look forward to seeing everyone there! Tickets will be available from Mr Gardiner and Miss Gordon.

E Gardiner

P Monday, 10th November

Please note: Monday, 10th November is an in-service day for staff. School will close at 12.30 pm on Friday, 7th November and re-open for students on Tuesday, 11th November, at 8.40 am.

B Lee

P Remembrance Day Assembly

Our next Chaplaincy Assemblies will take place on Tuesday, 11th November, led by Rev. Morag Garrett, Minister at Coalburn and Lesmahagow Church. All members of uniformed organisations are invited to participate in the assemblies or join the planning meeting on Wednesday, 22nd October – please let Miss Lee, Mrs Wright, Mrs Baillie or Mr Anderson know if you'd like to take part.

B Lee

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 Virtual Classroom. 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 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 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 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