

TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS

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 to 3 rd October	House Assemblies	B. Lee
1 st October (pm)	Senior Phase Netball Scottish Cup - Holy Cross v Lesmahagow	Mrs Mullen
2 nd October	Young Ambassadors Conference, Hamilton Palace Sports Ground	C Murphy
2 nd & 3 rd October	Advanced Higher Biology Trip, Forth Valley College	Mrs Singer
4 th October (Sat)	School Show Rehearsal at Fountain, Lesmahagow	Mrs Robertson-Cheyne
5 th October (Sun)	School Show Rehearsal and St. Andrew's Hospice 6K Run	Ms Saleem

FORTHCOMING

6 th October	S1 Group Photo	Mr Gray
7 th October	School Show Rehearsal (am); School Show Evening Performance	B Lee
8 th October	School Show Evening Performance; S1 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

30th September 2025**P September Weekend Holiday**

School closes at 3.35 pm on Thursday, 25th September for the September Weekend Holiday and re-opens on Tuesday, 30th September at 8.40 am. We hope you have a lovely long weekend. Keep safe!

B Lee

P Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest Assembly will take place on Tuesday, 30th September, in the Street Area, led by Mr. Bob Baillie (Kirkmuirhill Parish Church), our Chaplaincy Team and students. Assemblies will take place at the following times: 8.40 am – S5 and S6; 9.10 am – S3 and S4; 9.45 am – S1 and S2. Alternative arrangements will be made for any student who does not attend Religious Observance assemblies – please see Pupil Support.

All students and staff are invited to donate an item to the Clydesdale Food Bank either on the day of the assembly (30th September) or at any point later in the week. Donations will be taken to the Clydesdale Foodbank on Monday, 6th October.

B Lee

P House Assemblies

House Assemblies will take place on the following days next week:

Kerse House: Wednesday, 1st October

Logan House: Thursday, 2nd October

Milton House: Friday, 3rd October (tutor time)

B Lee

P Enterprising Maths Event

Good luck to our Enterprising Maths Team (Tomlin, Sam, Lucy and Emma), who will represent our school on Tuesday, 30th September, in the Banqueting Suite at County Buildings, Hamilton. Please see Mr Prentice for further information.

B Lee

P Sport Scotland Young Ambassador Conference

Good luck to all students involved in the Sport Scotland Young Ambassador programme. They will attend a full day conference on Thursday, 2nd October, to consider how to promote sport and motivate and inspire other young people to get involved in sport within our school, in clubs and the local community. Thank you to Clare Murphy, Active Schools Coordinator, for organising this opportunity for our pupils.

B Lee

P S4-S6 Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Thank you to all pupils who expressed an interest in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. The list of pupils involved in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award teams for 2025-26 has been posted next to the DofE board outside Miss Forbes's classroom, B204. Please check if your name is on the list. If your name is there, please attend a meeting in B209 on Tuesday, 30th September, at lunch-time, starting at 1.25 pm.

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!

P School Photos

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

A Gray

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 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