

Underbank Primary

Update 6 – 14th November 2025



Our P1-4 pupils are currently busy rehearsing for their Nativity and it is great to hear their singing throughout the school. I'm sure that many of you are hearing some of the songs at home too! We look forward to welcoming lots of our families to their performances.

Indoor Footwear

The weather this week has been very wet and so we have had to have a number of indoor playtimes and lunch breaks. Please ensure your child has a pair of indoor shoes to wear inside the building and to their gym sessions.

Room 4 and Room 5 Active Learning - WWII

On Wednesday 10th November at 1.45pm parents and carers of Room 4 and 5 pupils are invited to our WWII Showcase! Discover how we have explored this period in history through interactive active learning activities and see the amazing work we've created.

Please email the office to confirm that you will be attending.

P1-4 Nativity Performance

Details for the P1-4 Nativity performances of 'Are we there yet?' were issued on Thurs 13th Nov. Please adhere to the ticket deadline of Fri 21st Nov and the payment deadline of Wed 26th Nov. We look forward to welcoming our audience.

Leading by Example

Within the school we encourage pupils to take care of property – school property, their own and that of others. This is critical with regards to workbooks and reading books. Since August we have spent approximately £500 replacing books. We discourage folding books in two as this accelerates pages falling out.

We ask that you also reinforce the importance of taking care of all property, in a bid to lengthen the life of items.

Rag Bag Collection

The next clothing bin collection date is 20th November. Should you find that the bin is full, please bring your bags into the school office.

School Photographs

All photographs ordered have been delivered. Thank you to Vicky Harrison for taking the

individual, family and class photographs and for the generous commission she donates to the school each year.

Mind Marvels

We would like to thank Karen Gibb for delivering the 2nd Mind Marvels session on Monday 3rd November. These sessions were fully funded by our PFA group.

"I will definitely use the techniques if I am feeling stressed. I felt calm and collected afterwards." – Sophie Theanne (P6)

Armistice Day – 11th Nov

Some senior pupils attended Crossford Parish Church on Tuesday 11th November to remember the fallen from Crossford village. Those pupils were Sophie Theanne (P6), Holly Davidson (P7), Mason Brown (P7), Owen Lennox (P7), Ayanda van der Kaars (P7) and Morgan McKechnie (P7).



After the 2 minute silence, they read a poem that had been written by all of Room 5.

We were very proud to have them representing the school at this community remembrance service.

Photo of Poppies



A huge thank you to Mrs Shona Hamilton and the P7 pupils in her Crochet Club for making and displaying their poppies on our school gates. It looks

fantastic and we have had many positive comments.

Rivals Gym

Thank you to Lee from Rivals Gym for putting the pupils through their paces on Tues 11th Nov.

"Rivals Gym was fun. I liked when we got to kick the pad while Lee was holding it." – Oonagh Simpson (P3)

"Lee taught us a front kick and a jab cross. I enjoyed taking part. At the end we played a special dodge ball game." – Pearl Lily (P3)

"The training with Lee was really good because I enjoy martial arts and already attend Tae Kwon Do at the village hall." – Leo Barr (P7)

"I go to boxing, but I really enjoyed learning the correct stance, jab cross and kicks for martial

arts. Lee was funny and the dodge ball game at the end was good fun.” – Mason Brown (P7)

SSPCA

Sharon and Sean came along to Assembly on Friday 7th Nov and they shared the work of the SSPCA. Our Pupil Council members handed over all of the towels and newspaper donations, and these were very much appreciated. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Book Swap Stall

Our Literacy Leaders are holding a book swap event on Friday 21st November. Please encourage your child to look out one or two books that they no longer want. We hope that every child can come home with a new book on this day.

Keep Underbank Active Fund (KUA)

If your child is attending one of our after school clubs, please consider making a donation to our KUA fund. All donations are used to help fund transport for pupils throughout the session.

P6-7 Residential Trip – Lockerbie Manor

The payment item and suggested payment plan for all those going to Lockerbie Manor next year has been set up on ParentPay. Should anyone have any issues with payments, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

JRSO - Be Bright Be Seen Day - 28th November

Caelan and Mason would like to remind everyone to look out their brightest clothes for Be Bright Be Seen Day on Fri 28th Nov.

PFA and Parent Council Meetings

The next meetings will take place on separate evenings to allow parents to attend both meetings.

Dates below:

Parent Council: Wed. 28.01.26 at 1830-2000hrs

PFA: Wed. 11.02.26 at 1830-2000hrs

If you wish to contact the Parent Council Chairperson, please email upsparentcouncil@hotmail.com

Christmas Jumper Bank

Towards the end of term, we will have a few days when pupils can wear their Christmas jumper to school. At Underbank, we have a Christmas Jumper Bank. If you have any jumpers that your child has outgrown, please consider handing these into school or directly to Mrs Stewart. Mrs Stewart will provide a list of all jumpers available next month and parents can then select any jumpers suitable for their own child(ren).

Please contact Mrs Stewart via the Uniform bank email address -
at upsuniformbank@gmail.com

Wear your Christmas Jumper Days

29th November - PFA Christmas Fair

11th December - Christmas Lunch Day

19th December - Last day of term

School Uniform Bank

We have a 'Good as New' Uniform Bank, which is overseen by Mrs Donna Stewart, parent of a former pupil.

Mrs Stewart prepares a spreadsheet of all items available and updates this regularly. We will attach her spreadsheet at regular intervals and if you see any items you would like please email Mrs Stewart direct at upsuniformbank@gmail.com

If your child needs any particular item(s), Mrs Stewart is also happy to receive requests. Mrs Stewart will agree with parents on how items will be distributed. This can be direct via Mrs Stewart or via the school.

Please make use of this facility, we are an eco school and encourage all types of recycling! All items available are in excellent or 'as new' condition and are completely free of charge. This will all be done in the strictest confidence.

If you have any item(s) that your child has outgrown, please contact Mrs Stewart directly to arrange collection or drop them off at the school office.

Underbank is a Nut Free School!

As we have children in school who have an allergy to nuts, we request that no snacks, confectionery, etc which contain or may contain nuts, are sent into the school.

School Enquiries

We would encourage parents and visitors to send any enquiries via email to the school office, where it will be dealt with timeously. Please email gw14underbankoffice@glow.sch.uk

Please be aware that our school office isn't always manned due to staff assisting with supervision duties and helping with the buses at the end of the school day. If you need to contact the school with regards to a change of arrangement for your child at 3pm, please email the school office before 2:30pm every day. This is particularly important if your child is on school transport.

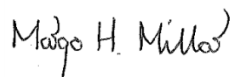
In all communications, please state your child's name as many parents email addresses are alpha-numeric, maiden names etc. This helps the office respond to emails quicker.

Bus Bays/Drop off Zone

The designated bus bays must be kept clear for our school minibuses and taxis at the end of the school day. The same applies to the drop off zone, please do not park here, this is purely for dropping off children before 9am. Our school minibuses and after school care buses sometimes spill into this area.

Finally, we are all interested in the health and wellbeing of our pupils, so if you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me so that we can work in partnership to ensure your child achieves their full potential.

Yours sincerely,



**Margo H. Millar
(Head Teacher)**

Important dates for your diary – new dates
are in **bold** (Please note that diary dates may be subject to change)

17 Nov – P5-7 Girls' Football After School
18 Nov – School's Out! After School Club
18 Nov – P6-7 Boys' After School Football Club
18 Nov – LGS P7 Transition After School
Multisports
19 Nov – P6-7 Girls' Football Festival at LGS
20 Nov – Rag Bag Collection Day
21 Nov – Deadline to request P1-4 Nativity seating
21 Nov – Book Swap Day – Bring 1 or 2 books
24 Nov – P5-7 Girls' Football After School
25 Nov – School's Out! After School Club
26 Nov – Deadline for P1-4 Nativity seating payment
26 Nov – P6 Crochet Club begins
28 Nov – Be Bright Be Seen Day organised by our JRSO
29 Nov – PFA Christmas Fair, 10am – 1pm
1 Dec – P5-7 Girls' Football After School – Final week
2 Dec – Music Making Day at LGS (Selected pupils only)
2 Dec – School's Out! After School Club
2 Dec – P6-7 After School Boys' Football Festival at LGS
3 Dec – P1-4 Nativity Performance (pm)
4 Dec – P1-4 Nativity Performance (am)
9 Dec – School's Out! After School Club
9 Dec – P6-7 Boys' After School Football Club at UPS – Final week

10 Dec – P1-2 Christmas Experience, New Lanark

10 Dec – Room 4 & 5 WW2 Showcase for parents (pm)

11 Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

11 Dec – Christmas Lunch

12 Dec – P3 – 7 Panto visit, Lanark

15 Dec – P5-7 Christmas Party

16 Dec – P1-4 Christmas Party

18 Dec – Christmas Service, Crossford Parish Church at 10am

19 Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

19 Dec – School closes at 2:30pm for the Christmas Break

5 Jan – School Re-opens