

Underbank Primary

Update 7 – 28th November 2025



Our P1-4 children are busy rehearsing for their performances of 'Are we there yet?' and so our school has been filled by their enthusiastic singing.

We are looking forward to sharing all of their hard work with many of our families and some invited guests.

The deadline for seat requests for both performances and payment has now passed and so we will now contact anyone on our waiting list to confirm their additional seats.

Outdoor Christmas Tree

Thank you to Silverbirch Garden Centre for gifting us the beautiful tree at our main entrance once again this year. We are very fortunate to have such generous neighbours.

Christmas Fair – 29th Nov at 10am

Our PFA are busy with final plans for our Christmas Fair which takes place tomorrow. We hope to welcome many of our families to this event and Santa can't wait to meet lots of our children.

Clydesdale Foodbank Collection

This Christmas, our Charity and Enterprise Committee would like to support Clydesdale Food Bank. Before we set off for church on 18th December, committee members will visit each class to gather any money that the children wish to gift to the Food Bank. At our Christmas Celebration in church we will have a collection for any adult visitors to contribute to, if they can. The money donated at the church will also be gifted to the Food Bank. Thank you in advance for supporting this local charity.

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, textbooks 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.

Book Swap Stall

For our Book Swap Stall, pupils could bring in 1 or 2 books to swap. Most pupils, especially the younger ones, took part. It was great fun being in charge of this instead of adults or the PFA doing it. There were a lot of different types of books available and pupils were very excited. We would love to do this again.

Reported by Ayanda van der Kaars, Poppy King and Nova Coyle

JRSO - Be Bright Be Seen Day

Today was 'Be Bright Be Seen Day' at Underbank. At assembly, we shared how important it is to be bright and seen while outside on gloomy mornings and evening. We awarded prizes to 2 pupils from each class who were bright and colourful. Well done to everyone who participated today.

Room 1

Winner – Amber Thomson

Runner-up – Evie Singh

Room 2

Winner – Pearl Lily

Runner-up – Caelan McCulloch

Room 3

Winner- Mia Thomson

Runner-up – Franklin Morris

Room 4

Winner – Skye Carle

Runner-up – Eilidh Cameron

Room 5

Winner – Harrison Wardrope

Runner-up – Jonathan Ritchie

Reported by Caelan (P7) and Mason (P7)

P6 Crochet Lunch Time Club

Mrs Hamilton has started teaching some of our P6 pupils how to crochet. The group are really keen to develop their skills. Teachers have noticed the positive impact that crocheting has on developing fine motor skills and on handwriting. Thank you Mrs Hamilton.

School's Out! After School Club

Tuesday 9th will be the final session of this club. During sessions pupils have enjoyed learning new outdoor games, safe fire lighting, using knives and bowsaws, Nordic braiding, den building and generally being outside! Thank you to Mrs Jackson for leading these activities.

Pantomime Outings

P1-2 will visit the Christmas Experience at New Lanark on Wednesday 10th December.

P3-7 will visit the Memorial Hall to see Snow White and the Seven Muppets on Friday 12th December.

We have a number of outstanding payments for these outings. Please aim to make your payment as soon as possible. Alternatively,

please contact Mrs Millar should you require some support.

Christmas Parties

As previously advised, the Christmas parties for this year are as undernoted. Children should arrive in school on the day of their party, in their party clothes. Please do remember that they will be outdoors at break and lunch time, so please ensure that children have suitable footwear and a warm jacket.

P1-4 Party - 16th Dec

P5 - 7 Party - 15th Dec

Last Day of Term

Please don't forget that school closes at **2.30pm** on Friday 19th December for our Christmas break. All of our school transport providers will collect pupils at this earlier time.

Scottish Celebration

In late January, we annually hold a Scottish poetry competition and Scottish celebration of learning involving all classes. On this day we encourage our pupils to wear something tartan. This can be tartan items of clothing or a scarf, ribbon etc. We like to give parents plenty of notice about this. We will share the details of this event as soon as possible.

Parent Workshops from the Neurodevelopmental Service

The Neurodevelopmental Service offer monthly workshops for parents. The December workshops are:

- Why won't you eat?
- An introduction to understanding distressed behaviour
- Sleep workshop
- Supporting your child to manage anxiety

If you are interested in these or similar workshops then they can be booked via Eventbrite

- <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/78023144453>

Keep Underbank Active Fund (KUA)

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

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.

Stress Management Classes

Attached to the Fortnightly Update you will find a poster detailing FREE Stress Control classes. The classes aim to develop practical skills and techniques to manage common challenges of modern life, such as stress, anxiety, low mood and low confidence. Registration details are on the poster.

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. All Christmas jumpers from the bank are currently on display in our foyer and will be available outside our main door, when the weather is fair. Please help yourself to these for any of your children. A few of the jumpers would be suitable for pre-school children. If you have any jumpers that your child has outgrown, please consider handing these into school for our rail.

Wear your Christmas Jumper Days

29th November - PFA Christmas Fair

11th December - Christmas Lunch Day

19th December - Last day of term

Enrolling a P1 for August 2026

Children who are age 5 between 1 March 2026 and the end of February 2027 are required to register their child for starting school in August 2026 by completing an online registration form during the week of **5th January 2026**. Please share this information with anyone that you know is due to enrol.

The registration form is available on the SLC website [Enrolling your child for school - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

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.

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

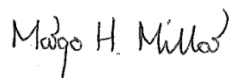
gw14underbankoffice@glow.sch.uk

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.

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)

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 and Kirkfieldbank 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 at 9am

5 Jan – Enrolment for P1 August 2026 Intake begins

9 Jan – Rm 3 to Science Centre for Clyde in the Classroom project

15 Jan – Flu Immunisation Catch Up Day

13 Feb – Fun5z Netball Festival

16 Feb – School Closed

17 Feb – School Closed

18 Feb – In-service Day, school closed for pupils