

Underbank Primary

Update 10 – 23rd January 2026



The children are doing a fantastic job of preparing their poems and presentations for the Scottish Celebration on Friday 30th January.

This event will see us at the end of January, after a very busy and productive start to 2026.

P1 Enrolment

To date, we have enrolled 6 new P1 pupils who live within our catchment and have received a further 5 placing requests. We look forward to welcoming our new pupils to some transition events in the final term of this session.

Benedetti Foundation – Mass Strings Day

The Benedetti Foundation Mass Strings Day took place today at Uddingston Grammar School. Underbank Primary were represented by 4 pupils: Holly Davidson (P7), Emily Littlejohn (P6), Fred Parry (P6) and Ayanda van der Kaars (P7). They will update us on their return to school on Monday 26th January so look out for their comments on the day in our next Friday Update.

P2/3 Multi Sports After School Club

This 3 week block of Multi Sports will start on Monday 26th January. We would like to thank Derek Howitt, our Active Schools Coordinator for organising this and look forward to seeing the coach, Macy – a familiar and friendly face.

The Scottish Poppy Appeal 2025

We are delighted to say that the school raised £80.04 for the Scottish Poppy Appeal and we thank you all for your generosity.

Adult Volunteers

Our school is extremely grateful for the help from parents, carers and family members throughout the year for a number of activities. These include accompanying groups on trips or activities outwith school premises such as Forest School, as well as, helping with numeracy and literacy groups within the school. Even a small increase in the adult to child ratio during activities enhances the experience for the children.

If you would like to volunteer, whether on a regular or adhoc basis, please email the school

office and we will arrange the application of the Protecting Vulnerable groups (PVG) scheme.

Community Police Officer Visit

Unfortunately, the visit from our Community Police Officer was cancelled. We will inform you when an alternative date has been set by Community Police Officer, Fraser Ward.

Scottish Celebration – 30th January

We look forward to welcoming you into school to watch our Scottish Celebration on Friday 30th January. The deadline for confirming your seat allocation has passed. Please remember that we encourage our pupils to wear something tartan. This can be tartan items of clothing or a scarf, ribbon etc. We will be impressed with any parent/carer coming on the day who does this too!

Room 5 Learning – Judaism: Passover

As part of our RME curriculum, the children in Room 5 have been learning about Judaism: Passover. To bring this topic to life, Mr Briers has invited Mrs Jo Freeman into school to share information on this topic. Jo plans to visit on the 3rd February.

Jo is a great friend of Underbank and has been delivering Circle Dance and enhancing our RME curriculum since 2017.

She plans to allow the children to try some of the foods eaten during Passover.

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 residential trip to Lockerbie Manor is just over 2 months away and excitement is starting to rise. We have 26 pupils signed up to attend. Please continue to look out for emails regarding this trip and continue logging on to ParentPay to make your payments.

School Crossing Patroller Vacancies

Please see the attached flyer for exciting vacancies within South Lanarkshire Council Facilities Department. Feel free to pass this information on to anyone that you know who may be interested.

Are you interested in Photography? - Online Course Available

Please see attachment if you are interested in learning more about photography.

Reminders

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

Car Park

Please be extremely cautious as you enter our car park on wintery mornings. The road and car park can be very icy.

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.

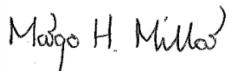
Please email
gw14underbankoffice@glow.sch.uk

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)

26 Jan – P2/3 Multi Sports After School Club
27 Jan – Room 5, Forest School, Week 3 of 4
27 Jan – School's Out!, Week 3 of 5

28 Jan – Parent Council Meeting

30 Jan – Scottish Celebration in school

2 Feb - P2/3 Multi Sports After School Club

3 Feb – Jo Freeman visits Room 5 for Judaism: Passover Talk

3 Feb – Room 5, Forest School, Week 4 of 4

3 Feb – School's Out!, Week 4 of 5

9 Feb - P2/3 Multi Sports After School Club

10 Feb – School's Out!, Week 5 of 5

11 Feb – PFA Meeting

13 Feb – Fun5z Netball (selected pupils)

16 Feb – School Closed

17 Feb – School Closed

18 Feb – In-service Day

25 Feb – P7 Rotary Quiz, Robert Owen Memorial Primary School (selected pupils)

28 Feb – Dance Club (lunchtime)

5 Mar – Football Festival, Carluke (selected pupils)

6 Mar – Dance Club (lunchtime)

13 Mar – Dance Club (lunchtime)

13 Mar – P1 and P7 Dental Inspections (Information will be issued)

18 Mar – Cross Country, Lanark

20 Mar – Odd Socks Day for Down Syndrome Day on 21st March

20 Mar – Dance Club (lunchtime)

24 Mar – Clydesdale Dance festival (selected pupils)

27 Mar – Fun5z Netball (selected pupils)

2 Apr – School closes at 1430hrs

20 Apr – School reopen