

Underbank Primary

Update 14 – 1st April 2026



As we approach the end of a busy and successful term, I'd like to thank all staff for their huge commitment to ensuring that our pupils have the very best learning experiences. I'd also like to thank all parents for their partnership and for supporting their children, the events that we hold and for supporting our hugely valuable parent groups, our Parent Council and PFA. Underbank is such a special school because of our staff, parents and partners. Thank you.

Next term will be equally as busy as this one and a very special final term for our group of P7 pupils. Tomorrow they will be presented with their Leavers' Hoodies. They will wear these proudly for some activities and sporting events over term 4.

Spring Celebration

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Spring Celebration this morning. We had songs, readers, brass players, a poem and an Easter message from Mrs Hutton. Well done to all pupils for the parts they played in this.

Extra Holiday Day

Please note that Monday 15th June has been approved as a holiday for South Lanarkshire Council schools.

Fruity Fun Run – 2nd April

Our Health and Outdoor Committee are hosting a Fruity Fun Run tomorrow. The children will participate by running around the school grounds and will receive a piece of fruit at the end. This is not a sponsored event just a bit of fun on the last day of term. Thank you to Miss Niddrie and her committee for organising this.

Parent Consultation

We are delighted that so many of you managed along to our Parent Consultations. 99% of families have now received feedback about their child's progress. This demonstrates excellent partnership and the valuable our parents place of education.

Homework Project Survey

80% of parents reported that their children enjoyed the recent homework project trialled with Room 3-5 and that they would like more

project-based homework tasks during the school year.

We asked if there were any other types of homework that parents would like to see and some liked the current routine while others wanted more written maths or more interactive activities.

Thank you to all who contributed to this. We will consider all responses when planning homework next session.

Dance Club and Festival

The Dance Festival was held on the evening of Tuesday 24th March and our dance team were amazing. We would like to say a huge thank you to Keira from Cherry Dance Studio for running the after-school club and creating a great dance routine.

"The show was enjoyable. Keira did a good job of teaching us our dance, which was very energetic. I loved going to the after-school club. At the show, Leo the Lion, the Active Schools mascot, was very good at the warm-up dance."
– Eilidh Cameron (P5)

"It was good fun designing our dance t-shirts, we got to choose our own colours for the flower. They looked amazing. I liked watching the other schools' dances. The audience was fantastic and cheered very loudly – especially Mrs Millar, Mrs Bond and Mrs McInnes."
– Emily Frame (P5)

P5-7 Buggy Malone Show

Pupils and staff received fabulous feedback after the Buggy Malone performance. A huge well done to everyone.

"Congratulations on a fantastic show! Every single pupil was a star today. You must be so proud of them. What talented staff for putting it altogether."
– Shona Robertson (Violin Tutor)

"Amazing performance by all the children. Thank you very much for all the effort to put this on. We thoroughly enjoyed it!!"
– Suzi Ritchie (Parent)

School Meal Cost

P1 - 5 pupils are all entitled to free school meals. Currently, P6 & 7 pupils pay £2.62 for their lunch. We have been notified by SLC that from 20th April the price of a school meal will increase to **£2.71**. The cost for a carton of milk will not change and remains at **30p**.

The lunch choices provided ensure pupil favourites are available with two hot main meal choices (one being a vegetarian option) and a snack choice (sandwiches) being available each day. All meals come with a seasonal fresh fruit

selection, vegetable side, choice of salad, and depending on the day, either soup or dessert.

Parental Engagement – Artificial Intelligence Webinar

Webinar Series with the University of Edinburgh - Artificial Intelligence (AI) - What parents need to know

Education Scotland have created a webinar series in partnership with The University of Edinburgh to provide a three- part webinar series on Artificial Intelligence (AI). Further information on each session is attached to this update for any parent who may be interested.

P7 Residential – Lockerbie Manor

We appreciate everyone's response to emails regarding medication, snacks and general information for our residential trip. We now should have all we need to ensure a smooth departure on Monday 20th April. Please look out for an email detailing departure times.

Recent requests:

- Completion of Administration of Medicines for minor ailments
- 4 snacks
- Personal medication

P6 & 7 After School Football Club

The Football after-school Club will continue after the Spring Break. This is proving to be very popular and we even have a waiting list!

Community

Free Swimming sessions

Please find attached information regarding **FREE** swimming sessions in South Lanarkshire for under 16's.

Please note that the initial email information from South Lanarkshire Council stated 'Free swimming lessons' but this has been amended.

Spring Activity Afternoons at Lanark Family Support Hub

Attached to this Update you can find a poster detailing the activities that can be accessed at Lanark Family Support Hub during Spring Break. Activities are **FREE** and include seed planting, scavenger hunt and craft.

Open Day at Lanark Tennis Club - 19th April

Please find all information relating to this **FREE** opportunity in the poster attached to this Update.

Reminders

PFA and Parent Council Meetings

Please see below for information regarding Parent Council and PFA meetings. Consider becoming involved in either group.

Parent Council: **Thurs 28th May @ 1830hrs**
PFA: **Thurs 14th May @ 1830hrs**

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

School Enquiries

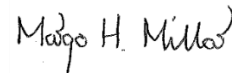
We would encourage parents and visitors to send any enquiries via email to the school office, where it will be dealt with timeously. Please email gw14underbankoffice@glow.sch.uk

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)

2 Apr – World Autism Awareness Day – all pupils to wear blue

2 Apr – Fruity Fun Run (whole school)

2 Apr – Presentation of P7 Hoodies

2 Apr – School closes at 1430hrs

20 Apr – School reopens

20-22 Apr – P6&7 Lockerbie Manor Outdoor experience

23 Apr – Football Festival, Carluke – selected pupils only

24 Apr – Netball Tournament, Carluke – selected pupils

24 Apr – After School Football Club

1 May - After School Football Club

4 May – Holiday

**5 May – P7 Lanark Grammar School
Transition Multi Sports**

7 May – In-service Day

8 May - After School Football Club

**12 May - P7 Lanark Grammar School
Transition Multi Sports**

13 May – IMS Play Day – selected pupils only

14 May – PFA Meeting @ 1830hrs

14 May – P7 LGS Information Evening

**15 May – Clydesdale Track and Field Event,
Carlisle – selected pupils only**

**19 May – Final P7 Lanark Grammar School
Transition Multi Sports**

**22 May – Sports Day at John Cumming
Stadium (Whole School)**

22 May - After School Football Club

**27 May – Popinjay Cup Tournament –
selected pupils only**

28 May – Parent Council Meeting @ 1830hrs

9 Jun – P7 LGS Visit (Day 1)

10 Jun – P7 LGS Visit (Day 2)

11 Jun – School Closed (Lanimers)

12 Jun – School Closed (Lanimers)

15 Jun – School Closed (Additional holiday)

**17 Jun – SLC Track and Field Event Final
(Qualifiers only)**

25 Jun – School closes @ 1300hrs