

Underbank Primary

Update 16 – 15th May 2026



We are almost halfway through the term already and many of our pupils are preparing for special events: P7 are working on their Leavers' Show, P6 are preparing to meet their new P1 buddies for next session and Room 1 are preparing a short presentation to welcome our twelve new P1 pupils next week. Exciting times!

This week we welcomed a new family to Underbank. We hope that the Deans family have settled into their new home and that Amy has enjoyed her first week in Room 2.

Clydesdale Track and Field Athletics Championships

Our team had a great day at Clydesdale Track and Field Athletics Championship at the John Cumming Stadium, Carlisle today. Our team showed skill and sportsmanship. Some pupils even returned with medals so well done:

Skye Carle, P6 Girls Javelin – 2nd
Jax Coyle, P6 Boys 100m – 2nd
Mason Brown, P7 Boys Long Jump – 2nd
Owen Lennox, P7 Boys 600m – 2nd
Matyas Hudec, P7 Long Jump – 3rd

Also, well done to our P7 Boys Relay for getting 2nd place too: Mason Brown, Owen Lennox, Matyas Hudec and Caelan Simpson.

Room 1 Showcase – Polar Animals

Thank you to the parents who attended this lovely showcase about polar animals. Room 1 shared lots of facts and sang 'North Pole, South Pole' to entertain their audience.

PFA Event – Friday 29th May at 1.30pm

The latest PFA Update is attached with information regarding their next event, a World Cup themed Tea Party.

Please consider becoming involved or coming along on the afternoon of Friday 29th May. Start to look out your baking bowls and consider entering your family in the baking competition. Mrs Forrest from Rosebank and Mrs Young from The Oven have kindly agreed to judge all entries. Who will be crowned as our top baker this year?

Enjoy a cuppa and some cake, be entertained by pupils, a raffle or by various games including Spot the Ball and lots more.

On that week, we will also have a raffle for pupils in school. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 25th May (£1 per ticket) and the draw will take place at our Friday assembly on the morning of 29th May.

P5 After School Cookery Club

The P5 After School Cookery Club started yesterday thanks to Mr Briers. They chopped up vegetables and made delicious flatbread pizzas which they took home for dinner. We look forward to hearing about next week's dish.

Keep Calm and Carrot on Eating Veg

This week our cafeteria staff have been encouraging everyone to eat lots of vegetables. Cook-in-Charge Claire has been showing her creativity by using vegetables to create edible pictures using veg. Earlier in the week we had a carrot and today we had a Diplodocus!



Lockerbie Manor Photo Slide Show

All parents of pupils who went to Lockerbie Manor have been invited into school to view the Lockerbie Manor Photo Slide Show. We are asking that those who plan to attend reply to the invitation email stating which time they will attend on Wednesday 20th May: **0915hrs or 1430hrs.**

Should neither of the times above suit, we may be able to organise a viewing on the foyer TV. Please arrange in advance via the school office.

IMS Primary Play Day – Wed 13th May

Another successful IMS Play Day and Underbank was represented by 6 pupils, playing violin, brass and drums. They were Holly Davidson (P7), Charlie Gray (P6), Matyas Hudec (P7), Fred Parry (P6), Ayanda van der Kaars (P7) and Finlay Speirs (P7). Mrs Bond was able to attend the concert at the end of Play Day.

"It was a really good musical experience. We practised with drummers from other schools. At the end of the day we joined the other musicians and, as an orchestra, played 'Trident Fanfare' and 'Midnight Mission.'" – Finlay Speirs (P7 - drums)

“The whole day was really fun, and it is great to get to play again with my friends from the South Lanarkshire Orchestral Society. I liked learning a piece of music in 1 day.” – Fred Parry (P6 – violin)

Underbank Music Showcase – 2nd June

Our pupils who have violin, brass and drumming tuition, and Room 3 who have been working with Mr Johnstone will lead this music showcase alongside Mr Michael, Mr Calder, Mrs Robertson and Mr Johnstone. All parents are invited to attend at 9.30am. This event will showcase the wealth of talent at Underbank. Please email the school office to let us know how many seats you require as this will help us to set up the hall.

Your Help Needed! - Annual Prize Draw

We are asking all parents to nominate Underbank Primary to win book tokens to update our school library with inspiring books for pupils. Five schools across the UK and Ireland will be awarded **£1,000/€1,000 in National Book Tokens**.

To nominate us, please follow the link below:
<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize#form>

If you are able to share the link with family and friends, we will perhaps have a greater chance of being successful. Thank you in advance.

Inspirational Person Portrait Competition

In school we are currently having a portrait competition for our pupils. Lots of our children are busy creating their masterpiece.

A Parent's Guide to Children's Rights (UNCRC) - Wednesday 3 June, 5:30-6:30pm, online

Join Parenting Across Scotland and Together (Scottish Alliance for Children's Rights) for this special free webinar for parents and carers, designed to help parents understand children's rights, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in Scotland and how the UNCRC can support your family. No previous knowledge is required. The session will help to demystify children's rights and build your confidence in talking about them.

For more details and to sign up, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-parents-guide-to-childrens-rights-tickets-1988834631922?aff=oddtcreator>

Charity and Enterprise Committee

The Charity and Enterprise Committee are organising a donation bin where you can donate children's old shoes that don't fit or you don't want anymore. They must be in a good

condition e.g. no holes in the soles or single shoes.

We will accept any infant or child sizes, both male and female. We request that you please put them in a plastic bag with the sex and the size on the front. These can be handed in to our collection bin outside the school from Term 4. Frequent reminders will be put in the Friday Update and posters will be displayed around the school to promote this recycling activity. We plan to deliver the shoes to Shoe Aid, a UK wide charity. Reported by the Charity and Enterprise Committee

JRSO Campaign

Caelan and Mason are encouraging all pupils to be more active this term by scooting, cycling or walking to school.

For those who live out with the village, the boys are encouraging parents to 'Park and allow your child to Scoot, Cycle or Walk,' even one day per week. Please consider supporting the campaign by parking even a short distance from school. The boys are issuing stickers to those they see arriving on foot, cycling or scooting.

Sports Day 2026

Information about this event has now been issued and as we are travelling to John Cumming Stadium for the event, we require consent for all children to attend. Please complete this, as soon as possible, on Parentsportal.

Parents are welcome to attend – Please see the information issued already.

Popinjay Cup Tournament

This annual event will take place on Wednesday 27th May. Spectators are welcome but must stay behind the barriers. Mr Lennox is leading training sessions for P6 and P7 pupils who are keen to improve their skills.

Many of our pupils are keen to be selected to represent Underbank at this tournament. We will notify the successful players in May.

Community

FREE Concert for Children - 16th May

Award winning local wind band, (Clyde Wind Ensemble), will be performing a selection of well-known classics on Saturday 16th May in Calderglen Parish Church (formerly Claremont Church), East Kilbride, at 2.00pm. The music has been specifically chosen for children from nursery to secondary school age (and parents too).

This is a free concert (donation welcome) to promote music in the area and will last approximately 1 hour.

Tuck shop available (cash only).
See poster attached for additional information
To take advantage of this opportunity, parents/carers should reserve their tickets using the Google Form below:-

[Clyde Wind Ensemble - Children's Concert - reserve your FREE ticket HERE](#)

Free Period Products Available in Lanarkshire

The Scottish Government continue to provide funding to ensure that free period products are available to all women, girls or anyone who needs to access them. You can use the "Pick Up My Period" app to locate free products in your local area, via the App Store or Google Play. Alternatively, you can find more information on your local authority website. Each local authority website allows you to search for venues local to you, where products can be collected, free of charge:

·South Lanarkshire Council:
<https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/period-positive>

·North Lanarkshire Council:
<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/your-community/working-communities/free-period-products>

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: The planned meeting for May 28th has been cancelled

PFA: This meeting took place last night.

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

A joint PFA and Parent Council meeting will be scheduled in the new session. Please consider coming along to support our school.

School Enquiries

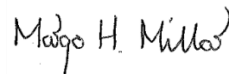
We would encourage parents and visitors to send any enquiries via email to the school office, where it will be dealt with timeously. Please email
gw14underbankoffice@glow.sch.uk

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.

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)

19 May – P1 Transition – Parents and new P1 pupils

19 May – Final P7 Lanark Grammar School Transition Multi Sports

20 May – Room 2 Forest School (3 of 4)

20 May – Room 1 Forest School (2 of 4)

20 May – P4 Tennis Competition (selected pupils only)

21 May – After School Cooking Club (Group 1)

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

22 May - After School Football Club

25 May – Line Dancing sessions for all classes

26 May – P1 Health Screening

27 May – Room 2 Forest School (4 of 4)

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27 May – Lunch Time Crochet Club

27 May – Popinjay Cup Tournament – selected pupils only

28 May – After School Cooking Club (Group 2)

28 May – Parent Council Meeting - Cancelled

29 May – Buddy Community Litter Pick (am)

29 May – PFA World Cup themed Tea Party

2 Jun – Music Showcase for all parents

2 Jun – P1 Transition – new P1 pupils

3 June – Room 1 Forest School (4 of 4)

4 Jun – After School Cooking Club (Group 2)

5 Jun – Fun Playtime led by P7 (Funds raised goes towards a Treat Day for our P7 group)

6 Jun – PFA Bag packing at Tesco, Lesmahagow – More information will follow

8 June – World Cup themed lunch

9 Jun – P7 LGS Visit (Day 1)

9 Jun – New P1 Trial Lunch

10 Jun – P7 LGS Visit (Day 2)

10 Jun – Lunch Time Crochet Club

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)

24 Jun – Lunch Time Crochet Club

25 Jun – School closes @ 1300hrs