

Underbank Primary

Update 3 – 11th September

2026



We have had a busy start to September and classes are settled and working hard. It is great to see our apples ripening on our orchard trees. Our plan is to use some to cook with and to send some to the Valley Orchard Group so that they can juice them, they then send us the delicious apple juice. If you have surplus apples, we would love to add them to our bundle for juicing. Please send these in on the week beginning Monday 14th September.

P5 Swimming

Unfortunately, our P5 pupils were not able to attend their swimming lesson this week due to a problem at the pool. We are in communication with the Swim Team about the possibility of rescheduling. Parents of P5 pupils will be updated in due course.

Required Maintenance Work

We have been notified that some maintenance work is required in our plant area. This is the fenced off area on your left as you enter our car park. In order for the work to be undertaken, a skip and necessary materials will be sited in the car park spaces beside the plant area from Thursday 24th September until Saturday 3rd October. The pavement in that area will not be accessible but a secure walkway will be fenced off around the materials to ensure those walking, cycling or scooting to and from school can still safely do so.

Please note that there will be a reduction in the number of spaces available to parents, especially at the end of the school day. Please consider parking on the main road in front of our old school and walk to and from school during this period to ensure our car park does not become congested. School Transport takes priority at the drop off zone therefore please do not use this area at the end of the day.

I have requested that there is minimal disruption to our disabled spaces if possible.

Thank you in advance for your patience while this work is being completed.

P1 Parent Workshop

Thank you to all P1 parents who were able to attend our P1 Workshop to learn about our new learners' routines and activities.

At the session, we were delighted that they positively evaluated our transition activities and information for this session. Thank you.

P2 – P7 Meet the Teacher Event

This annual event proved ever popular with parents having the opportunity to meet their child's teacher(s) and learn about routines, expectations, homework and assessments.

Parental comments:

"Very informative. Great to meet the teachers."

"Really informative on everything, thank you!"

"Lovely presentation. The return of Sumdog is very welcomed."

School Photographs

The deadline for requesting family photos has now passed and we are set to welcome Vicky Harrison into the school on Wednesday 16th September for school photographs.

Cross Country Team Training Sessions

Our CC team have commenced their training sessions for the Clydesdale event which will take place on 7th October. Thank you to our coaches Vicky Harrison (Hamish's mum), Mrs Jackson and Miss Niddrie.

P4 & 5 Multisports Club

We are delighted to welcome two former pupils along to Underbank to assist in the delivery of this club. Jenna Reid and Olivia Inglis are S6 pupils at LGS and are Sports Ambassadors for this session. Those who attended hugely enjoyed participating.

P7 Crochet Club

Mrs Hamilton has recommenced her very popular lunchtime crochet club. Staff notice that children who crochet improve their fine motor skills and this impacts positively on their handwriting. Other stages will have the opportunity to join a club in the coming months.

Class Charters

Over the last few weeks, each class has shared their Class Charter for the year ahead. A Class Charter is a visual document that establishes an agreed set of rights-based principles linked to the articles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). By creating Charters, we aim to promote positive learning environments and positive relationships within our school. Charters ensure that our children have a greater understanding of the UNCRC articles and how they are relevant to them.

UNCRC Article 42 – all children have the right to know their rights.

School Immunisation Programme

The School Flu Immunisation Team are expected in school on **16th Dec**. Consent forms or email information has been issued to all parents. Please ensure you have completed and returned the consent form to the office as soon as possible.

Rag Bag Clothing Bin

Thank you to everyone who has helped fill up the Rag Bag clothing bin so quickly this term. The bin has been emptied, so please feel free to donate some more.

Please note that if the bin is full, we are happy to receive the bags into the school. If the bin door is jammed or left open, rain will get into the clothing and the uplift will be refused.

Consultation on Mobile Phones in Schools

The Scottish Government has now opened a consultation to inform future legislation on restricting mobile phones in schools. The consultation is open for responses until 17 November 2026 and is available from [Consultation on restricting mobile phones in Scotland's schools](#).

The consultation is open to anyone with an interest in mobile phone policy for schools.

New SLC Website

I am pleased to let you know that there is a new SLC website. This became live on 9th September. The new website can be found at - www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk

A great deal of work has gone into enhancing the user experience. Improvements include a new AI-assisted search function that will make it easier and quicker for our customers to get the information and assistance they need.

Bikeability Training Offer

We would love to have some parents trained in Bikeability to support us in the delivery of these skills. SLC have availability on the following Bikeability Scotland Instructor training courses at no cost to participants:

1 x full day Thursday 24th September 2026
course time 9am to 4.30pm
<https://www.cyclinghub.scot/book-a-course/10962> to register use pass code SLC26D

2 x half days: Wed 7th & Thu 8th October 2026
course time 9.00 am to 12.30pm
<https://www.cyclinghub.scot/book-a-course/10964> to register use pass code SLC26E

1 x full day Wednesday 21st October 2026
course time 9am to 4.30pm
<https://www.cyclinghub.scot/book-a-course/10963> to register use pass code SLC26F

Venue: The Stables, Chatelherault Country Park (Ferniegair, Hamilton, ML3 7UE).

The course is free of charge.

Loan bikes are available, so no bike – no problem. Just let them know when you sign up and they'll bring a bike and helmet along for you. Please let us know if you would like to sign up.

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.

Neurodivergence Project

Please see the attached leaflet regarding a project being run by Money Matters Advice Service. This may be of interest to some families.

Community

Keeping children safe online - with Police Scotland and Education Scotland - Wednesday 23 September, 12-1pm or 5:30-6:30pm, online

This webinar is being delivered in partnership by Parenting Across Scotland, Police Scotland's Cybercrime Harm Prevention Team and Education Scotland. There will be a short presentation by Police Scotland exploring how you can help keep yourself and your loved ones safe whilst online, followed by Education Scotland discussing concerns about the use of technology in schools and digital awareness in the curriculum, then an opportunity to ask questions.

To book the lunchtime session (12-1pm): <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/keeping-children-safe-online-webinar-lunchtime-session-tickets-1996626549758?aff=oddttdtcreator>

The evening session (5-6:30pm): <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/keeping-children-safe-online-webinar-evening-session-tickets-1996626517662?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Stress Control Classes

Please see the attached flyer for free, NHS Stress Control Classes. These classes will teach practical skills to help manage stress, anxiety, low mood and low confidence.

Jam and Ham

The annual Jam and Ham Festival will take place in Carluke on 26th September between 1000-1600hrs, in the Market Square and Carluke Masonic Community Hall. Activities include market stalls, fun fair, live music, a food village, a fire station open day, art exhibitions, magic shows, owl displays and a local baking competition.

Letting the Village Hall

A community group manage the village hall. To check availability, should you wish to book the hall, please contact Jonathon Gibson via the email: crossfordhall@gmail.com

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

A combined meeting for both groups has been arranged for Thursday 17th September at 1830hrs. This meeting will take place in the school, and we encourage all parents to come along or to notify the school office if you are unable to attend but would like to help at their events.

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

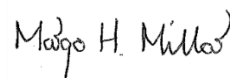
Please be aware that our school office isn't always manned due to staff assisting with supervision duties and helping with the buses at

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)

15 Sept – JRSO Information Session

16 Sept – School Photographs

16 Sept – After School Cross Country Club

17 Sept – P5 Swimming

17 Sept - P6 & P7 Bikeability

17 Sept – Combined Parent Council and PFA Meeting, 1830hrs

18 Sept – P4/5 Multi Sports After School Club (Final Week)

23 Sept – After School Cross Country Club

24 Sept – P5 Swimming

24 Sept - P6 & P7 Bikeability

25 Sept – School closed

26 Sept – Jam and Ham Festival, Carluke

28 Sept – School closed

30 Sept – After School Cross Country Club

1 Oct – P5 Swimming

7 Oct – Cross Country (Details to follow)

7 Oct – Parent Consultations (Details to follow)

8 Oct – P5 Swimming

12 Oct – School closed for October break

19 Oct – School reopens

22 Oct – Football Festival (Selected pupils)

29 Oct – PFA Halloween Disco (More information to follow)

9 Nov – Inservice Day (No pupils)

13 Nov – Netball Festival (Selected pupils)

16 Dec – School Flu Immunisation