



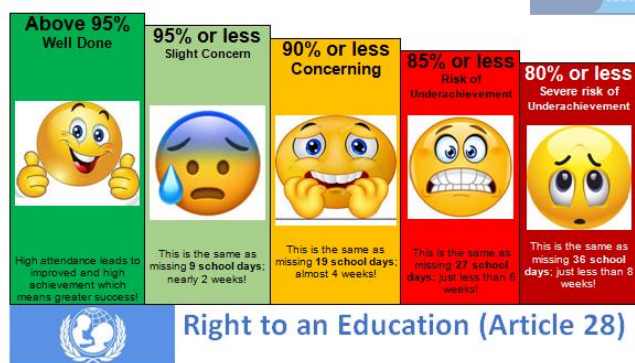
## December 2025 Newsletter

### Attendance and Punctuality



Attendance is crucial to supporting children's progress, wellbeing and attainment. Your child's attendance rate has a significant impact on their attainment and achievements:

#### WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



95% - 99%	Up to 10 days absence (2 weeks)
90% - 94%	Up to 20 days absence (4 weeks)
85% - 89%	Up to 30 days absence (6 weeks)
80% - 84%	Up to 38 days absence (7½ weeks)
Less than 80%	More than 39 days absence

Being at school on time each day is also crucial to your child's progress and learning. Did you know that being 15 minutes late every day, will result in your child missing approximately 50 hours of teaching per year? We greatly encourage everyone to try their best to be at school on time for the bell ringing at 9:00am to ensure your child can make the most of their education.

Further advice can be found in our parent information leaflet on our website -

[http://www.loch-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk/index\\_177\\_2002852574.pdf](http://www.loch-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk/index_177_2002852574.pdf)

### School Improvement



- Mrs Thomson has continued to attend the programme of ASD Training for Early Years to support our practice within the nursery.
- Mrs Munro attended the ICT Coordinator training to keep abreast of all new digital updates within South Lanarkshire Council (SLC).



### Reviewed School Curriculum Rationale

A Curriculum Rationale is a position statement that sets out the framework for meeting the needs of all learners. It ensures that everyone involved with the school can answer the question "what do we want for our children and how will we work together to achieve this?"

We have now completed the review of our school Curriculum Rationale through consultation processes with staff, children, parents/carers and other stakeholders. Our updated version can be found on our school website: [https://www.loch-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk/index\\_207\\_52937539.pdf](https://www.loch-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk/index_207_52937539.pdf)

Our Curriculum Rationale supports our whole school Vision of 'TEAM LOCH' which ensures everyone feels happy, healthy and nurtured within our school and that we all work together to achieve success!

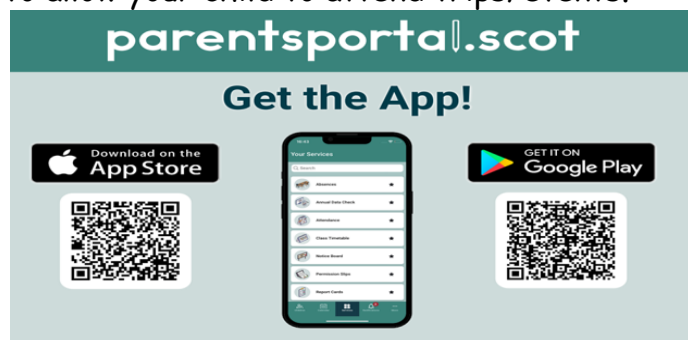
### Health and Safety



As we have children in the nursery and school with severe allergies, please remember that **Loch Primary School and Nursery Class is a 'NUT FREE' school**. Please keep this in mind when you are sending your child to school/nursery with a snack/packed lunch.

## Parents Portal App

**Parents Portal** is our main form of **communication**. Please ensure you download the Parents Portal app. We also kindly ask you to keep an eye out for any notifications and to complete permission slips as soon as possible to allow your child to attend trips/events.



## Congratulations

We would like to say a huge 'congratulations' to our wonderful Active Schools Coordinator, Graham Reid, who won the 'Community Coach of the Year Award' at the Scottish Athletics Awards Ceremony. Everyone at TEAM LOCH is so proud of Graham who truly deserves this fantastic recognition!

## Bridgeton Burns Competition



On 5.12.25 we participated in the annual Bridgeton Burns Competition at St. Mungo's Academy in Glasgow. We are so proud of the 38 children who participated and represented our school in the solo verse and choral verse categories! A massive well done to the P1-4 Choral Verse Group who came 1<sup>st</sup> place in their category! We look forward to hearing soon about the Art and Newsdesk categories!



## Christmas Fayre

Our very successful Christmas Fayre took place on 2.12.25. A fantastic £2508.96 was raised which will go towards our school funds. Our Social Enterprise Committee will meet in the new year to discuss what we will spend this money on. A big 'thank you' to Mrs Barrett, Miss Stewart, Mrs Henderson, Mrs Munro and our P5-7 Social Enterprise Committee for organising this wonderful event!

We would also like to say a massive 'thank you' to the following people and businesses who provided fabulous donations to allow us to run this event successfully:

- Kraken Fish and Chip Shop
- Kids Complex
- Beijing Banquet
- Peking Palace
- Greggs
- Sweet P
- Studio One Dramatic Arts (SODA)
- Yogi Claire
- Flip Out
- South Lanarkshire Leisure
- Mia's Creations
- Home Bargains - Rutherglen Exchange
- Equi's Ice Cream
- Lucianos
- Morrisons
- Tesco
- Delta Force Paintball
- Roller Disco
- The Little Cafe
- Gloss
- B&G Hair and Beauty
- Team Sport - Go Karting
- EROS - 'We Will Rock You' tickets
- Celtic - stadium tour
- Rangers - stadium and museum tour
- Nationwide Paintball
- Kirkhill Lawn Tennis Club
- The Stand Comedy Club
- Lollipop Land
- Fitness Fashions
- Briarlands Farm
- Laser Quest
- Warburtons
- Willie Curley Butchers in Halfway for providing the sausages for the rolls!



## 'Cinderella' Pantomime



Primary 1 - Primary 7 enjoyed a whole school trip to see the 'Cinderella' pantomime at Eastwood Park Theatre on 3.12.25. This was a fantastic trip funded using our Pupil Equity Funding. It definitely put us all in good moods, ready for the Christmas celebrations!



## Primary 1 Enrolment 2026



The infant enrolment process for children due to start school in August 2026, will start from 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Parents/carers should enrol children from **5<sup>th</sup> January 2026** using the online registration form available on the SLC website.

To enrol your child, you will need to upload the following documents:

- Your child's full birth certificate.
- Two recent official documents showing your permanent home address. **This should be dated no later than the past 6-month period** (for example, a utility bill, Council Tax statement - this should be the statement for the current year, housing rent card, child benefit documentation). Proof of where the child lives may also be requested.

Details about the school enrolment process is available on the SLC website:

[https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary\\_school\\_information/392/enrolling\\_your\\_child\\_for\\_school](https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary_school_information/392/enrolling_your_child_for_school)

## Nursery Update



We have had a very busy December preparing for our Christmas celebrations. All the children have been working hard rehearsing for the Nativity and learning the songs and actions. It was great to see lots of family and friends at the performance and I'm sure you will agree the show and all the children were fantastic! We are so proud of everyone!

The children had great fun making their Christmas crafts and we would like to say a big 'thank you' to families for buying these and raising £46 for our nursery funds! We would also like to extend our thanks to everyone who attended the Christmas Fayre and the Parent Council (Friends of Loch) for all of the fundraising events they organise and providing treats for our children's parties at Halloween and Christmas. The Parent Council meetings are held monthly, and it would be great to have some nursery parents/carers involved to help to continue to raise funds for our school and nursery. Times and dates for the meetings are posted on Facebook and the school's website.

This month, we have been focussing on our 'Book of the Month', "Jack and the Beanstalk", and our 'Rhyme of the Month', "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" which we enjoyed performing at our Nativity.

The 'Tiny Talking Team' have been helping to plan our Christmas party which will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December. We are keeping our fingers crossed for a visit from a very special guest!

Our Nursery closes for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year and look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.



## There's Lots Going On At Loch!



- Primary 5 are continuing to participate in the Youth Music Initiative programme.
- Primary 5 have been participating in 'Bible Alive' weekly workshops with the Reachout Trust Team.
- Our 'Rutherglen 900' choir group participated in rehearsals at Bankhead PS on 2.12.25.
- A Nursery 'Bookbug' session took place on 4.12.25 with lots of parents/carers and younger siblings also participating!
- Primary 1 and Primary 1/2 performed very well and entertained the audience when carol singing at the Whitlawburn Community Centre on 5.12.25.
- Primary 6 enjoyed participating in the 'Christmas Unwrapped' workshop with the Reachout Trust team and pupils from St. Anthony's PS on 9.12.25.
- Primary 4 and Primary 6 had a great time on their class trip to the Science Centre on 10.12.25.
- We enjoyed a delicious Christmas Lunch on 11.12.25!
- 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day' took place on 11.12.25 - a big 'thank you' to everyone for their kind donations! The final total raised will be shared soon.
- Our fantastic Primary 1-7 Nativity and Christmas Concert took place on 12.12.25 where all of our children participated with enthusiasm and excitement!
- Our fabulous Nursery Nativity took place on 15.12.25. The children were amazing during their performance which was greatly enjoyed by everyone who attended!
- All of our classes enjoy participating in our weekly assemblies. This month our focus has been on preparing for our Burns Celebrations, input from the Reachout Trust team on 'Christmas', and celebrating our weekly achievements and awards!

## GOOD NEWS!



The Head Teacher Awards this month were presented to:

- Ava Stewart, P6, for being a kind friend.
- Primary 5-7 Social Enterprise Committee for organising a fantastic Christmas Fayre.

Our children continue to make nominations for our Citizenship Awards each week. This month the winners were:

- Alexis MacAree, P2, for picking up litter in the playground.
- Connor Seery, P3, for taking care of an injured peer.
- Sofia Anghelide, P1, for showing impeccable manners on our school trip.

Every week a child in each class receives a Star Award for being a Successful Learner, Confident Individual, Effective Contributor or Responsible Citizen. We also enjoy celebrating the successes and achievements of our children. Please encourage your child to share their achievements outwith school with us during our school assemblies on a Friday. This month we have heard from:

- Alex Syme, P2, for an impressive football season.
- Crystal Codona, P4, for achieving her orange belt in her Karate grading.
- Cydney Codona, P2, for achieving her yellow belt in her Karate grading.
- Harper Taylor, P3, for achieving her red belt in her Karate grading.
- Alisha Kennedy, P2, for receiving a medal for her hard work & determination in her Dance show.
- Leah Cochrane, P2, for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in her Gymnastics competition.

Kracken Chippy have very kindly provided vouchers for all children (Nursery - Primary 7) to receive a free Kids Supper over the holiday period. These will be issued to all children - a big 'thank you' to the Kraken team for thinking of TEAM LOCH!

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You!

### Diary Dates



- Christmas parties will take place on the following dates:
  - \*Primary 4 and Primary 5 (including P4 pupils from P3/4) - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 1:15pm.
  - \*Primary 6 and Primary 7 - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 1:15pm.
  - \*Primary 1 - 3 (including P3 pupils from P3/4) - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 1:15pm.
  - \*Nursery - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.
- **The school closes for the Christmas holidays on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm. This will be a non-uniform day.** The school will re-open on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.
- The school will be closed for the February weekend on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February and the Inservice day on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Children will return on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

### Facebook Group



Following the closure of our Twitter (X) account, we now have a Facebook account - 'Loch Primary School and Nursery'. Use the QR code or search for us on Facebook. Due to this being a private account, you will be asked questions before your request is accepted.



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Everyone at TEAM LOCH would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy 2026! We will see you in the New Year!

