



LINLITHGOW PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

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Growth Mindset, Relationships, Opportunity, Wellbeing

April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school for Term 4, and our final term of the school session! We hope that you all had a happy and restful Easter break, with your families. It has been a pleasure see all of our children returning to school, with enthusiasm this week, ready to learn, reconnecting with friends and embracing the opportunities of the new term. Term 4 is always an exciting term, with lots of outdoor and sporting opportunities on offer for all children. Our Primary 7 children will be turning their thoughts to their move to S1 and with the end of their primary-school journey in site, will be making the most of the different experiences on offer, during the last weeks of school. As we begin this busy and exciting term, we are looking forward to a term full of progress, achievement and memorable experiences for all of our pupils.

Please read on for all of our latest news and keep an eye out on Seesaw (P1-3) and Teams (P4-7) for photos of children's learning.

Enjoy the rest of the month, everyone, and take care. 😊

Learning, Teaching and Assessment/School Curriculum: Battle 500! This term, all children in school will be learning about the Battle of Linlithgow-Bridge as part of the town's celebrations of the 500th anniversary of this important, historical event. The children will learn about the following aspects of local history, as well as studying aspects of the battle.

Primary 1: Linlithgow Palace (a home from the past)

Primary 2: Scottish, Kings and Queens

Primary 3, Primary 4/3 and Primary 4: King James V, King of Scotland

Primary 5: Land use around the battle site: Past, Present and Future

Primary 6: Lennox and Arran

Primary 7: The Battle of Linlithgow-Bridge!

We hope to welcome speakers into school and to get children out and about, within the local community to take part in local events, associated with the commemorations for the Battle.

Classes for Session 2026-27: Information on Number of Core Classes: We are beginning the process of liaising with our authority to plan classes for next session. At the moment, it's likely that we will continue to have 13 classes, across school, in session 2026-27. Parents/carers will be given information of their child's class and the name of their new teacher, on Monday 15th June. This is also, the date that pupil progress reports will be sent home in school bags. We will remind you all to check bags, carefully, that evening, nearer to the date. We hope that this information is helpful for everyone.

School Success: Attainment and Achievement News: Term 3: We were delighted to submit our Term 3 attainment data, to the local authority, last month, and to note that our school attainment is currently in a very strong position. Across the school, almost all of our children are making age-expected progress for their age and stage, and where children are not in this position, they are making progress at their own level and with the support given. Over the last four sessions, our year-on-year attainment has improved each session, meaning that children have continued to make progress in their learning over time and as they move through the school. This is great news for our school community. Well done to everyone involved and especially to our hard-working children.



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Building Works: School Roof Update: We are pleased to let you know that our school roofing works are almost complete with just a small section of the roof, still to finish. The roof is looking absolutely fantastic, and we are grateful to have had this work undertaken. Thank you for your co-operation whilst we have had the roofing work done. It's been greatly appreciated.

Health and Wellbeing Mini Champs: Calm Kits for Classrooms: We were lucky enough to receive a support grant, given to us by our local authority ASN fund, to help us with a wellbeing project in school. We have used the money to buy 'calm kits' for every classroom. The 'calm kits' contain a variety of sensory resources, which can be used by children, to help them to calm down, if they are feeling distressed. Our Health and Wellbeing 'Mini Champs', recently held an online assembly, for all classes, to show pupils how to use the kits. We are looking forward to seeing the impact of the kits in classrooms and we hope that our pupils benefit from the introduction of these.

Pupil Achievement: Individual Fundraising P6: One of our P6 pupils, Amy, has once again, chosen to fundraise, in her own time, to buy items for our school. Amy raised £25 by selling pocket-money toys, to friends and family. She is now looking forward to working with Miss Baillie, and our office staff, to choose how she'd like us to spend the money! Well done Amy for your efforts! 😊

Pupil Achievements: Primary 7 'Lightning Legends', Formula 1 STEM Team: A massive 'well done' to the following Primary 7 pupils who recently, represented our school at the Formula 1, STEM finals in Rotherham, Yorkshire: Morven, Grace, Jaxon, Luca and Cody N. The children presented a fantastic portfolio and 'pitch' for the design of their F1 car and put in a huge amount of work, to ensure that their work was of a very high standard. Thank you to Miss Noble and to all parents/carers and local business who supported the children and enabled them to attend the event and to have this wonderful opportunity. Well done to you all!

Health and Wellbeing Pupil Leadership Group: Pupil Sporting Achievements: Written by our Children: Our Wellness Wanderers (Pupil Leadership Group) would like to feature a selection of sporting achievements from our pupil body, in all forthcoming newsletters. We think that this is such a great idea and to kick-off this new addition, to the newsletter, here are the most recent sporting achievements from P1-7. Thank you to Evie, Daisy and the rest of the Wellness Wanderers for going around classes and providing this information.

P1 - Murray swam by himself and can swim on his back now.

P2 - Romi won a dance competition and got three medals.

P3 - Clara has moved up in her swimming and is now confident in back stroke and front crawl.

P4 - Iona was a great team player in her football team.

P5 - Ariana in P5A won a gold medal in football and she plays for Linlithgow Rose.

P5 - David played a rugby tournament and beat four teams out of five, and won second place. Well done!

P6-Brody won a rugby tournament with Archie, Julian and Olly and they are going to England to play, next. Well done!

P6-Ella won two gold medals in swimming, in both front stroke and back stroke. Well done!

P7-Callum in P7B took part in a skiing competition, in Italy at the end of February/

P7-Murray in P7B's team, 'The bombers', won last session's game for the first time in two years!



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STEM Room/Maker Spacers Plea: One Person's Trash is Another Person's Treasure!

This month, we are collecting craft materials for our Battle 500 project. We'd be grateful for any of the following, that you may have lying around at home:

- Pieces of tartan, sacking or hessian.
- Tartan ribbon
- String, tin foil and pieces of corrugated cardboard
- Variety of fabrics, sheeting etc.

Japanese Culture Lessons: P1-7: Learning New Words and Phrases: Before the Easter break, we were delighted to welcome two, Japanese teachers to our school, to help our pupils to learn some Japanese words and phrases as well as to provide information on the Japanese culture. Here are some Japanese words and phrases that we have been learning:

- Konnichiwa (Hello)
- Arigato (Thank you)
- Oyasumi (Goodnight)
- Hai/le (Yes/No)
- Sumimasen/Gomennasai (Excuse me/sorry)

Tesco Grants Programme: Vote for our school, in stores from 27th April: Digital Technologies

Grant: Our Parent Council have recently secured a successful bid with Tesco, to enable all shoppers to vote for our school in the 'Tesco Grant Programme', in stores from 27th April onwards. If we get the highest number of votes, the grant of up to £1,500, will enable us to buy digital technologies for pupils to use, for learning purposes, in school. If you, or a member of your family, shop in Tesco, please vote for our school and help us to secure this grant. It will make a huge difference to us, if we are successful! Thank you for your support, everyone. 😊

Pupil Leadership Group News: P2-4 STEM Group: Innovation Nation: The Innovation Nation pupil leadership group have had a very busy year. They have looked at how STEM is used to help people in different ways. For example, by creating artificial hands, to help people to do tasks in industry and at home. They have also created their own rockets, and they have conducted experiments on how far each can travel. The group have also looked at how STEM is used to solve problems and designed their own 3D models, representing an aspect of Science, Engineering, Technology and Maths.

Health and Wellbeing: Walking Bus Update: Unfortunately, our Walking Bus, won't run this term due to lack of demand. We are really sorry that this is the case and have done all that we can to try to 'drum up' support for this initiative. We will try again in August, to re-launch the Walking Bus service for all pupils/families. In the meantime, if there are any parents/carers who would like to help us to run or Walking Bus or have any ideas for how to increase demand for its use, please reach out to us, via our school office. Thank you to Mrs Ferguson and Mrs McCluckie who have run our Walking Bus for the past 12 months, on Mondays and Fridays and around the Braehead area of our community.



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Partnership Working: Burgh Beautiful: Our partnership with Burgh Beautiful continues to grow, with Lesley Cook, from the team, coming in to join us, this term, to support Primary 3 with the planting of seedlings, to grow in home gardens and around our local community. Burgh Beautiful is a local organisation, made up of volunteers, who keep Linlithgow 'in bloom' during the different seasons and months of the year. We are so grateful to Burgh Beautiful for their ongoing support to help us to educate children about gardening, environmental issues and sustainability.

Outdoor Learning News: Celebrating our Work in School: Just before the end of Term, P7B were outside creating artwork inspired by nature. The children were creating a range of shades and tones, to colour-match living things in the outdoor environment. Here is a lovely photo, of some children sitting around a tree, admiring its beauty and using it as a stimulus to mix, paint colours.



Partnership Working: Linlithgow Cricket Club: We are thrilled to have had members of Linlithgow Cricket Club in school, recently, to work with interested P6 and P7 pupils, who took part in a 'taster session' with the club. It was great to see the children improving their throwing and catching skill and working on their batting and bowling. We hope that some of our children will start to attend the Cricket Club and possibly, be the next generation of cricketers for the club. 😊

Forthcoming Holiday Dates: We have the following holidays coming up this term:

-Monday 4th May- May Bank Holiday- school and nursery closed.

-Thursday 7th May- INSET day-School closed to pupils/nursery open

-Tuesday 16th June- Linlithgow Marches Day- school closed/nursery open

We break up for our summer holidays on Friday 26th June at 12.25pm. Our nursery will remain open, over the summer period.

School re-opens for pupils on Wednesday 12th August 2026, and for the start of session 2026-2027.



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UNCRC/Children's Right of the Month: Article 6: The Right to Grow, Develop and Thrive: At Linlithgow Primary School, we are committed to supporting every child's right to grow, develop and thrive, as set out in Article 6 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Indeed, the initial letters of our school values; Growth Mindset, Relationships, Opportunity and Wellbeing, spell the word GROW. We work hard to make sure our school is a safe, caring and supportive place where children feel happy, healthy and ready to learn. Through our focus on wellbeing, nurturing relationships and positive behaviour, we support pupils' emotional, social and physical development. Where needed, we work closely with families and partner services to make sure children get the right help at the right time.

Every day, we provide learning experiences that help children build confidence, resilience and independence. By keeping Article 6 at the heart of what we do, we help ensure that all children at Linlithgow Primary School are supported to reach their full potential.

Neurodivergent Learner: Parent Support Group: Feedback and Next Meeting Date: Thank you to all families who attended our most recent meeting, in March, of this group where we looked at the typical profile of a child with a Neurodivergent diagnosis and their possible support needs. Our next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 22nd April, in school, at 2pm**. All families who feel that they would benefit from this support, are warmly invited to attend.

Reminder: Changing for P.E: For hygiene reasons and to practise the life skill of changing, organising clothes and sorting personal belongings, we encourage all children to change for P.E during each lesson. We would really appreciate the support of all parents/carers to ensure that all children have a gym kit in school for changing into, or that they come to school with their P.E kit on, under their school clothes, ready to change for P.E, on P.E days. Thank you for your support with this, we're so grateful. 😊

March Family Learning Events: Feedback: Daffodil Tea and Easter Bonnet Making! Thank you to all family members and friends who attended our Daffodil Tea and/or Easter Bonnet Making events. It was so lovely to see you all, in school, and we are hope that you enjoyed taking part in the different activities on offer. Thank you especially, to the parental volunteers who helped with the Daffodil teas. We couldn't have run the event without this support. We'd also like to thank Linlithgow Care Home for coming along, with a handful of residents, to the event and for providing such lovely feedback. The residents had such a lovely time, interacting with the children and receiving Easter crafts that had been made for them.

Health and Wellbeing: Save the Date! Sport Day: Wednesday 27th May: Our Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 27th May, with the P4-7 children's events, commencing in the morning, from around 9.30am and P1-3 children's events, taking place in the afternoon from, around 1.30pm. More information will follow, in coming weeks. Sports Day will take the form of potted sports plus, optional running race (both short and longer distance). All parents/carers are warmly invited to come along and cheer all children on, at Sports Day. We'd love to see you all, then. 😊

Uniform Swap Shop: Friday 1st May: Our next Uniform Swap Shop will take place on **Friday 1st May from 8.50am-11.30am**, in our school foyer. Everyone is welcome to come along on that morning to either donate, 'pre-loved' school clothing or to pick up items, to take home. 😊



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Nursery News: Forces and How Things Move! The nursery children have finished a block of learning about the local community and are now following their interests to explore Forces and 'how things move'. They are using guttering and balls in the garden, to experiment with the force of gravity, putting the guttering at different heights and gradients to see how fast the ball travels down the slope. Lots of fun has been had by all!

Reminder: Parking in Our School Car Park: A little reminder, that our school car park is for the use of staff and visitors to the school, only. We know that parking around our school can be difficult and we'd ask families to walk to nursery/school as much as possible. Where this isn't an option, please park safely and sensibly. Please also, avoid parking in our disabled space, unless you are a 'blue badge' holder. Thank you so much for your support with this.

Assembly Calendar: Term 4:

This term, we have the following batch of assemblies planned for pupils, as part of the overall curricular experience:

- Friday 17th April- UNCRC/Children's Rights assembly- led by our 'Equality Enthusiasts', Pupil Leadership Group.
- Friday 24th April- Wellbeing Assembly- 'I am Responsible'
- Friday 1st May- Wellbeing Assembly- 'I am Included'
- Friday 8th May- Global Citizenship Assembly-'Celebrating Diversity'
- Friday 15th May- Class Assembly- led by P5A- parents/carers invited at 9.45am
- Friday 22nd May- Wellbeing Assembly- 'I am Active'
- Friday 29th May- Class assembly- led by P1A and P1B- parents/carers invited at 9.45am
- Friday 5th June- Class assembly- led by P2A- parents/carers invited at 9.45am
- Friday 12th June- Class assembly- led by P2B- parents/carers invited at 9.45am
- Friday 19th June- Wellbeing Assembly- 'Transitions and Changes'
- Friday 26th June- Wellbeing Assembly- 'Summer Safety'

Family Learning Event: STEM in the Outdoors: Thursday 30th April 3.30pm: All families are invited to come along to our 'STEM in the outdoors', Family Learning event from 3.30-4.30pm on Thursday 30th April. Please meet in our front playground at 3.30pm, if you'd like to come along and take part. Everyone is very welcome. 😊

Blether Café, Thursday 30th April 2.00pm: Please come along and support our Cafe which will be held on Thursday 30th April from 2.00pm - 3.00pm. If you are able to donate any home banking this would be greatly appreciated. Please pass on this information to anyone in our community, who would like to come along. A hot cuppa, a smile and a blether are all guaranteed! Thank you for supporting our Café, all proceeds go to River Kids.

Street Fair Ball Race, Saturday 9th May - £1 per ball, iPay shop now open! On Saturday 9th May, over 1000 multi-coloured ping-pong balls will be released down the steps at the Rose Gardens and the first 5 numbered balls to reach the bottom win a prize!

Also, children there on the day can take part in the Golden Ball Scramble to find one of the 10 gold balls to win a bonus mini-prize!



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Entry costs £1 per ball and there is no limit to the number of balls that you can purchase through the iPay shop. To find the shop on iPay, please click "Accounts", then "Select" next to your child's name. The deadline for purchasing balls for the race is Friday 8th May. All proceeds from this event will go to school funds. We are so grateful to the Deacon's Court for supporting our school in this way.

A numbered ball will be allocated against each entrant before the event (from the iPay shop purchase list) and winners will be called out on Saturday 9th May at around 3.30pm at the Rose Gardens, just off the Cross. If the winners aren't present, the Deacon's Court will contact the school to arrange delivery of the prize(s). Good luck!

Pupil Writing: P7: Holocaust Memorial: Primary 7B, recently created the beautiful 'Butterfly Memorial', pictured below, based on the poem 'The Butterfly', which was written by Pavel Friedmann, at Theresienstadt concentration camp on 4th June 1942. The poem was written in memory of people who lost their lives to war, including during the Second World War, and also, to inspire hope, even in the darkest of times. The children wrote messages of hope, in the butterfly shapes, to any family who have experienced war and or have survived a war.

Here are some of the children's messages:

- "Walk into the light, not the darkness"

- "For every shadow, there is light"

- "Peace brings kindness"

- "The power of love will always beat the love of power"

Conall

Ryan, Taylor and Oliver

Ianna

Hannah

During a time, when war is sadly, still a major issue in many countries, around the world, the children's messages seem even more pertinent.





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REMINDERS:

Parking and Stopping around School: Please drive and park safely on Preston Road for the safety of all children. Please also, avoid using our school car park or the turning circle for parking or stopping at any time. The car park is for staff use only, unless you are a Blue Badge holder, and the turning circle is for buses and coaches only.

Child Protection: Please speak to Miss Baillie/Mrs Gordon if you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of any child in our school community. You can also phone Broxburn Social Work Department (Children and Families), to report a concern for any child on 01506 284440 at any time. It's the job of everyone to keep children safe.

P.E Kit: Please can we ask that children have a P.E kit available at all times in school? Sometimes, staff will take children for an extra P.E lesson and or activity that is better suited to sportswear. In younger years, a P.E kit is helpful if children have an accident and need to be changed in school. Thank you for your help with this.

Drinks in school: Please help us to help our children to learn best, by only providing water for them to drink in school. We don't allow energy drinks in school as many of these aren't recommended for children's consumption.

Dogs in the playground: Please remember that it is West Lothian Council policy that dogs are not allowed in our school playground or grounds at any time. Thank you for your help with this important matter.

Labelling clothing: We still have a large volume of lost property in school each day. Please help us to reunite lost items with their owner by labelling all items that children wear and/or bring to school.

Outdoor Clothing: Please help us to allow children to play and learn outdoors, in all weathers, by ensuring that they come to school wearing waterproof jackets and have appropriate footwear. Many thanks for your help with this.

Nut Free School: A reminder that we are a 'nut free' school. Children should not be sent to school with nut products for snack, or with lunchboxes containing nuts or nut butters, at any time, due to the risk that this poses to children with nut allergies. This important measure will help us to keep all children safe in school. We appreciate your support with this.



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DATES FOR DIARIES: Term 4 (April- June 2026):

- Wednesday 22nd April- Neurodivergent Learner: Parent Support Group at 2.00pm.
- Wednesday 22nd April- P7 Camp Information Session for parents/carers- online at 4.30pm- link to follow.
- Saturday 25th April- Scottish Schools Athletic Association- Cross-Country Championships.
- Sunday 26th April- Football tournament at Xcite- Walk for Jock.
- Monday 27th April- Digital Safety Escape Room for P7A and P7B.
- Tuesday 28th April- Burgh Beautiful in school to work with P3- seedlings planting.
- Thursday 30th April- Community Blether Café- school hall at 2pm.
- Thursday 30th April- Family Learning Event: STEM in the Outdoors at 3.30pm.
- Friday 1st May- - Uniform Swap Shop in foyer from 8.50am-11.30am.
- Monday 4th May- May Bank Holiday- school and nursery closed.
- Wednesday 6th May- P2A and P2B to National Museum of Scotland.
- Thursday 7th May- INSET day-School closed to pupils/nursery open.
- Sunday 10th May- George Allan Memorial Football Festival at Linlithgow Rose Football Club.
- Monday 11th May- Friday 15th May- P7 to Lagganlia residential camp.
- Friday 15th May- P5A class assembly, parents/carers welcome at 9.45am.
- Thursday 21st May- P1 information session (online) for parents/carers at 4pm.
- Monday 25th May-Friday 29th May- Health Week- more information to follow. 😊
- Wednesday 27th May- Sports Day, P4-7 from around 9.30am and P1-3 from around 1.30pm, more information to follow.
- Thursday 25th May- Family Learning Event: Parent Football Match- more information to follow. 😊
- Friday 29th May, P1A and P1B class assembly, parents/carers welcome at 9.45am.
- Wednesday 3rd June- P6A and P6B to Edinburgh Zoo.
- Thursday 4th June- P3, P4/3 and P4 to Muiravonside Country Park, details to follow.
- Thursday 4th June- P1 and P2 to Linlithgow Palace, details to follow.
- Friday 5th June- Uniform Swap Shop in foyer from 8.50am-11.30am.
- Friday 5th June- P2A class assembly, parents/carers welcome at 9.45am.
- Sunday 7th June- Linlithgow Round Table Annual Football Festival at Xcite Linlithgow.
- Wednesday 10th June- P5A and P5B to Dynamic Earth.
- Thursday 11th June- P7A and P7B to Blair Drummond Safari Park.
- Friday 12th June- P2B class assembly, parents/carers welcome at 9.45am.
- Friday 12th June- New P1, transition afternoon in school- 1.30-2.30pm.
- Monday 15th June- Pupil Progress Reports, plus class and teacher information for session 26-27, sent home in school bags. Please check bags carefully that evening. 😊
- Tuesday 16th June- Linlithgow Marches Day- school closed/nursery open.
- Wednesday 17th June-Friday 19th June- P7 transition days to Linlithgow Academy.
- Wednesday 17th June- P1A and P1B to Almond Valley Heritage Centre.
- Friday 19th June- 'Move it up Friday'- P1-6 transition morning. in school- more information to follow.
- Friday 19th June- New P1, transition lunch in school- 11am-11.30.
- Saturday 20th June- Linlithgow and Linlithgow-bridge Gala Day. 😊
- Thursday 25th June- P7 Leavers' Assembly at 5.30pm.
- Friday 26th June- School staff and pupils break for summer holidays at 12.25pm.



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Nursery will be open all summer. 😊

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