

Forth Primary School and ELC

April 2025 Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of the session at Forth Primary and Nursery. This session seems to have flown passed and I am certain the next few weeks will be just as quick. We have lots happening over the course of this term as we prepare our nursery children for Primary 1 and our P7 children for secondary school as well as our sports, end of term celebrations and school outings to name a few things!

As always, our doors are open at the school and nursery, and we welcome any feedback or comments you may have. Please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

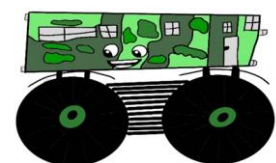
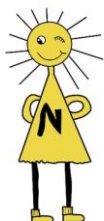
Elizabeth Steele
Head Teacher

New Primary 1 Pupils August 2025

As you are aware our new P1 children will be split across 2 classes: Primary 1 and Primary 1/2. I can confirm that the teaching staff for these two classes will be Mrs Andrews in Primary 1 and Mrs Roberts in Primary 1/2.

Final decisions around the children in each class will be communicated in the coming weeks but for the purpose of the transition visits all children will remain together spending time in the Primary 1 classroom with either Mrs Roberts or Mrs Andrews and staff from the nursery whom the children are already familiar with.

The learning and teaching experiences for the children in Primary 1 will be very similar regardless of the class they are in. Staff work closely with planning and where there are opportunities for all children to work together these will be maximised. Please be assured that decisions taken regarding the make up of classes are made in the best interests of every pupil.





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Transition Visits

On Thursday 8 May we would like to invite the parents and carers of pupils going into Primary 1 in August to attend an information session on what to expect in Primary 1. This session will take place in the school hall at 10am and will last no longer than 30 minutes. Thereafter there will be an opportunity to see your child in the Primary 1 class as this will be one of their transition visits.

The remaining transition visits will take place on Thursday 22 May and Thursday 5 June. Parents should not attend on these days, this will take place during the nursery/school day.

Primary 7 Transition Visits

Our Primary 7 pupils are preparing for their transition visits to Carluke High School and for their sessions with subject specific teachers taking place over the next few weeks.

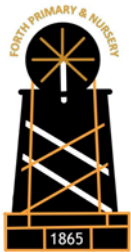
On Friday 2nd, 9th and 16th of May the Primary 7 children attending Carluke High School will be travelling by bus to Law Primary School for taster lessons as outlined below. Mrs Crone will accompany the children on these dates.

Primary school	Venue	2nd May (Friday) 9am-12noon	9th May (Friday) 9am-12noon	16th May (Friday) 9am-12noon
Forth Law Braidwood	Law Primary	9:30am ICT 10:15am Social 11am Tech	9:30am Spanish 10:15am Maths 11am Drama	9:30am Science 10:15am Art 11am English

The bus will be leaving Forth at 8:45am on these dates so pupils must be in school by 8:40am.

On Wednesday 7 May, parents, carers and pupils attending Carluke High in August are invited to attend an information evening at 6:30pm in Carluke High School. Here there will be an opportunity to order blazers, PE T-Shirts and this is usually when the children are informed of their class groups for S1.





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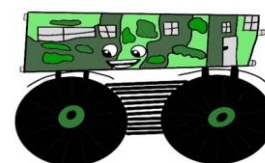
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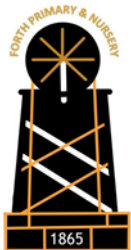
Primary 7 pupils will have their 2-day visits to Carluke High School on Wednesday 21 May and Thursday 22 May this year. Once again, they will be transported to and from Forth. Further information on timings will be communicated to Primary 7 parents and carers.

Primary 7 Big Bash – 10 June 2025

Last session the P7 pupils from Carluke Learning Community participated in a 'Big Bash' which was party/celebration and opportunity for the children to meet up with friends made at the transition visits on a more informal basis.

This event will take place on Tuesday 10 June at Carluke High School. Primary 7 pupils have an invitation in their bags for this event. Please return by 22 May to allow the High School to cater as appropriate. Last year Universal Connections offered transport to and from Forth but we have not received any information about this as yet.





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Community Litter Pick

On Monday 31 March and Tuesday 1 April all pupils from school and nursery will be participated in a community litter pick. The children and staff gathered lots of rubbish from the local area and it was lovely to read the comments from members of the community who saw the children at work.



Primary 5 Assembly and Primary 2 Assembly



We look forward to welcoming parents and friends of Primary 5 as they present their learning at their assembly on Friday 2 May at 9:30am in the gym hall. Visitors should enter via the canteen doors which

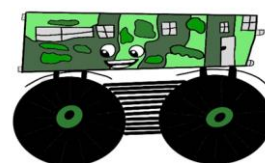
will be open from 9:15am.

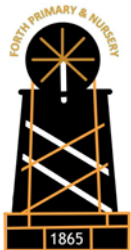
Our final class assembly will be on Friday 9 May for our Primary 2 children. This will also take place at 9:30am and visitors should enter via the canteen door from 9:15am.



Dress Down Days

We will continue to host a dress down day, normally the last Friday of the month. Friday 25th April will be the next dress down day of this year - any donations of up to £1 to support our Gala Entry and Parent Council School Funds would be great.





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Sponsored Bounce

Our sponsored bounce before Spring Break was a great success. The children had a wonderful day and we were truly overwhelmed once again by the Forth Family support. This event raised £4450 which is an enormous amount of money to help us support learning and provide additional experiences for all children in the school and nursery. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed.



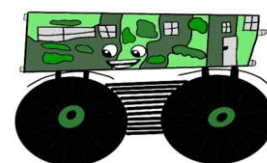
In-service Day

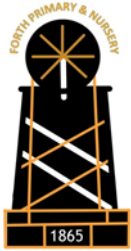
The final in-service day of the session is Thursday 1 May. Pupils should not attend school on this day.

Peer Review

As part of our commitment to continuous improvement we will be welcoming 2 headteachers and a member of staff from HQ on Wednesday 7 May to hear about the work we have been undertaking this year on SLC Skills Framework and Pupil Leadership. We are excited to share the progress we have made in this area and look forward to hearing their thoughts on the work we have done and how we can continue with this next session.

Here is our Fairtrade Leadership Team out and about in the community comparing produce available in the Co-op and Morrisons.





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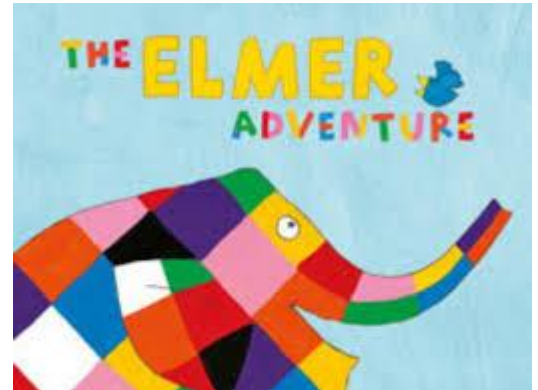


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End of Term Class Outings

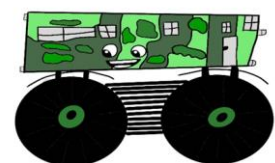
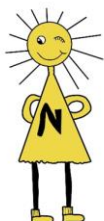
We are now beginning to plan and book our end of term class outings. The first of which will be for our Primary 1 pupils who will be going to Lanark Memorial Hall for 'The Elmer Adventure' on Monday 12 May. The cost of this outing will be £6 per pupil. This is heavily subsidised by school funds thanks to the money raised at the sponsored bounce. Please contact the school in confidence should you be struggling with this payment. All pupils will need a packed lunch on this day as we hope to take the children for lunch in the park (weather permitting) after the show. Packed lunches can be brought from home or provided by the school canteen.



Please keep an eye out for your child's class outing information in the coming weeks.

Correspondence

Finally, should you have any concerns or need to contact the school out with school hours please use the office email address to communicate rather than contacting individual teaching staff. Any information received by the school office will be shared with the necessary staff and dealt with as appropriate. The office email address is office@forth-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk – many thanks for your cooperation.





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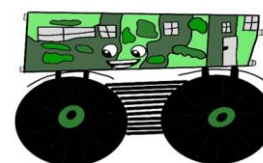


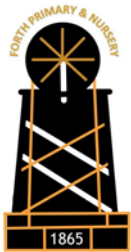
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Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
25.4.25	Dress Down Day
1.5.25	Inservice Day 5 – School Closed for Pupils
2.5.25	Primary 7 at Law Primary - Transition
2.5.25	Primary 5 Assembly 9:30am
5.5.25	HOLIDAY
7.5.25	Primary 7 Parents' Information Session at Carluke High School 6:30pm
8.5.25	Pupils from S1 CHS to visit Primary 7 Nursery Information Session 10am
9.5.25	Primary 7 at Law Primary – Transition Primary 2 Assembly 9:30am
16.5.25	Primary 7 at Law Primary – Transition
21.5.25	Primary 7 Transition Day at Carluke High School
22.5.25	Primary 7 Transition Day at Carluke High School
23.5.25	HOLIDAY
26.5.25	HOLIDAY
28.5.25	Sports Day – 10am Willie Waddell Centre
30.5.25	Dress Down Day
10.6.25	P7 Big Bash at CHS 6:30-8pm
11.6.25	Nursery Graduation 10am and 2pm
20.6.25	P7 Leavers' Assembly 10am
21.6.25	Forth Gala Day
23.6.25	P7 Leavers' Disco 6:30pm-8:00pm
25.6.25	School Closes 1pm Dress Down Day





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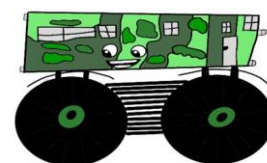


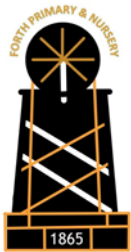
Easter Fun!

Throughout the week the children have been exploring a range of Easter experiences across the playground.

They have had the opportunity to be creative, problem solve, use their fine motor skills and have developed knowledge of religious celebrations.

The sun has also been shining with lots of outdoor play on offer.





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Community Litter Pick

The children took part in the school and nursery community litter pick. The nursery children used the litter pickers and ensured the school and nursery grounds were clean and clear of all litter. All the children were responsible citizens and showed care for their environment. Well done Everyone!



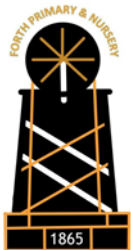
Buddies

All the pre-school children have been allocated a P6 soon to be P7 buddies. The older children will be spending time with the pre-school children preparing them for their transition into P1 so they have a friendly face they know within the school and when out in the playground. Over the coming term they will visit the nursery children and will take part in a range of different opportunities to build upon their relationship. Please ask the children about their buddies.

Sponsored Bounce

Thank you to everyone for all the sponsor money that was raised during our sponsored bounce. The children had great fun taking part in the bounce and our preschool children's buddies came to join them building on our transition process for moving forward to P1 the children all had a fun time. Great bouncing by all!





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Stay and Play

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend our Easter stay and play and hope you all enjoyed spending time with your children and taking part in fun Easter opportunities to see how your child learns at nursery. We received lovely feedback which is displayed on the notice board within the bubble at the coat area.





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Earth Day

The children celebrated Earth Day through a range of opportunities in which discussions were had regarding how we can look after our planet and the importance of caring for the world. The children spoke about recycling and reusing and how we do this at home and within the nursery.



Reminders

A reminder to provide a white t-shirt for your child's graduation celebration. All children who require one were given a slip. Please could this be handed in with your child's name on it as soon as possible.

Parent consultations for pre-school children will be the week of June 2nd to go over children's school reports. Appointment sheets will be put up in the bubble to arrange a time with your child's keyworker.

Please remember to apply suncream to your child before nursery as the warmer weather is now upon us. Please supply a hat with your child's name. If you have not already done so, please supply the nursery with a bottle of suncream for your child. Thank you.

This term will be a busy term please keep an eye on journals and the app for regular updates.

