



13th February 2026

Newlaithes Newsletter



Diary Dates:

Feb

23rd Back to school

Mar

13th Year 3 Easter Performance

16th 18th Book Fair

16th Y3C2 Swimming

20th Choc Bingo Non Uniform

18th Parents Eve

24th Parents Evening

25th Choc Bingo

26th Y5 Glasgow Museum

27th School finishes at 1:20pm

Handwriting

Our recent handwriting competition was a fantastic celebration of effort and progress across the school. Pupils showed great care with their presentation, working hard to improve their letter formation and neatness. Each class selected two special awards: an Overall Winner for outstanding handwriting and a Most Improved pupil who demonstrated fantastic determination and growth. Well done to everyone who took part — as always we are so proud of your hard work and achievements!



Football



Our Year 5/6 boys were fantastic at the Harraby 3G football festival, finishing with an impressive record of four wins, one draw and just one loss. They played brilliantly as a united squad, showing real determination, teamwork and skill throughout every match. Just as importantly, they demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship towards all their opponents. A huge well done to the whole team for representing the school so proudly.

Dear Parents,

What a wet, windy and rainy start to the new year it has been. However the gloomy weather has not stopped all the great activities happening in school.

The indoor table tennis has been well used and there is almost a stampede to get first in on your classes day.

This week is children's mental health week and I completed an assembly from Kooth.com. A great assembly for our year three and four children all about belonging and what that means in our community. Kooth.com is a super website full of helpful information for anyone struggling with mental health.

PCSO Ryley McDowall came to school on Monday to do an assembly on anti social behaviour. The year five and sixes listened really well and had great comments to make. I am told that there has been an increase of anti social behaviour by minors recently in the area. Children from our school causing a nuisance of themselves around the shops and near some of the old peoples houses. Please talk to your children about the consequences of such behaviour and perhaps make sure you know where they in an evening.

It's half term next week so I hope you all have a great break and do something you really enjoy.

TTRs

Last Friday, our school proudly secured **58th** place out of more than 4,000 schools in the National TTRs Tournament—an incredible achievement!

This result is a true testament to what we can accomplish when we work together with enthusiasm, commitment and team spirit. Our children have not only demonstrated outstanding performance, but have also strengthened essential skills while embracing important values such as teamwork, perseverance and determination. We are immensely proud of their effort, positivity, and resilience. We had 60 Ipads and 30 computers all being used in school before 9:00am! This is a fantastic accomplishment, and we are already looking forward to taking part in future events and aiming even higher!



Headteacher's Awards



Great start to our 2026 Head Teacher's Awards. Well done on all the hard work.

Panathlon



A massive well done to all the children involved in the Panathlon Bowling Event . The children represented our school brilliantly and there was plenty of strikes and spares to be seen. Kian even managed to get the highest score of the competition.

ActivAll Boards



As you know we are continually looking at ways to improve the school and in particular school playtimes. Here at NJS we are so lucky to have the resources we have. So its with great pleasure we have purchased two new activity boards. Designed to spark movement through fun and engaging play. The only problem is going to be keeping the adults off them—I managed a staggering 193 points this week! The boards are going to be timetabled for each year group so hopefully everyone will get their chance.



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SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY
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