

Diary Dates:

Last day of term 19th
December 1:20pm FINISH
5th Dec Christmas Disco
8th Dec Year 5 Christmas Assemblies 2:00pm & 5:00pm
12th Xmas Dinner and jumper day
14th Dec Year 4 and Choir Carol service 2:00pm St Lukes Church

[Parent Calendar](#) [click here to access the parents calendar.](#)

Carol Service

On Thursday 14th Dec Year 4, the Choir and a small brass band will be performing at St. Lukes Church at 2:00pm. Any family members of those taking part may attend. Seats will be on a first come basis and I believe St. Lukes will be selling hot drinks before the performance.

Christmas Disco

Another great event by our PTFA. Who doesn't love a Christmas song.

School visitors

Rachel Gleave from NISCU and Nina Orchard from St. Lukes came to school this week to teach Year 3 and 5 children about Christmas. They also did a whole school assembly. It's great having members of our local community coming into school. I am always on the look out any other visitors who could share their learning with the children. Do we have any STEM ambassadors or parents who have interesting careers that would inspire our children? Please get in touch if you know someone or think you can help.

School Dinners

Reminder – Please check you have funds on your account when ordering school dinners and click the order button at the bottom of the page. Otherwise the order does not go through.

Dear Parents,

A little bit of snow, a trip to town and a drive up Langrigg Road - Christmas is definitely 'all around us'. The year five Christmas play is now in full practice mode. Lights and trees are popping up all over school and there is even an Elf causing havoc, (and I don't mean Mr Sanchez!). Christmas is a magical time and really is just the best when working in a school.

The school bingo evening was a great success, everyone managed to go home with some chocolate, raising over £500 is an absolute bonus. Thank you to our PTFA for their hard work organising the event, to Mrs Taylor for being a fantastic caller and to the children and families who supported the evening. I'm pretty sure everyone had a great night.

Thank you to all those who filled in the school values survey. The survey went out to all parents and staff and I have merged the two together. I have taken out Safety as that is paramount in everything that we do here at Newlaithes and made a top ten of the other choices. Please can you take one minute to choose your [most important six values on the form](#) which will then form the basis of what we stand for. In time you will see these values threading their way through everything that we do.



School Trips

Heads up that school trips are changing. The residential will now be held in Year 4 and year 6 so that the large expense is spread over a longer period of time and not one year after the other. All the other year groups will have smaller and closer trips that are connected to their learning in some way. Please keep an eye out for school trip letters, as always we will accommodate payment plans.

Infant Admissions

[Don't forget to complete the online admission form if you have a child starting school in September 2024.](#) Deadline is the 15th January 2024.

[LINK](#)

Head Teacher's Awards

Well done to our Head Teacher Award winners last week. You should all be really proud of yourselves.



Governance

We are always looking for new Parent Governors to join our Governing body. Any parents who are keen to support the strategic development of the school please get in touch with Mrs Rankin in the school office. Thanks.

Girls Football



What an achievement to be proud of. For the first time in quite a few years our girls football team won the county finals of the ESFA Pokemon Cup. This means our girls now go on to represent Carlisle United in the next round of the competition. The girls were fantastic throughout the tournament in some pretty cold conditions. They never gave up throughout and with a few draws and loss we thought that we were not going to make it through. However the two goals in the last game gave us the difference to top the table and come away with the trophy. I'm not sure who was more surprised our girls, Mr King or the parents! A fantastic team who showed grit, determination and a fabulous attitude throughout.