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# Woodie News December 2025



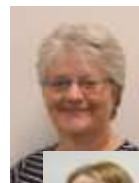
Dear Parents/Carers

We are on the count down to our '**Festive Funday**' on **Wednesday 17th December**. Please remember that this is a non school uniform day and due to your kind donations on our 'dress down days' **there is no cost**. Anything goes..... Christmas jumpers, party clothes or just casual gear. Its going to be a packed day with P1-3 parties, P4-P7 obstacle adventures, pop up elves and movies. Hopefully, (if he is free) Santa may pay a visit to our Primary 1 children too! It's still a few weeks away so it will be a challenge containing all our excitement until then! On Friday 12th December our Christmas Service will take place in St John's Church at 10am. Our Primary 1 children are currently rehearsing the Nativity. A big 'thank you' to Mrs Aitcheson and Team Primary 1 for leading this. All our Primary 6 children, our musicians and Big Singing Group will join Primary 1 in the Church building. All other classes will remain in school and beam into the service live. Families and friends are welcome to join us in St John's Church.

Thank you to all who joined us for our 'Open Morning' last Friday. This is another way of reporting our children's progress to our parents/carers. We hope it gave you an insight into how the children are learning in class and gave you some ideas on what you can use to support learning at home. I hope you enjoyed seeing your child in their learning environment. We reckon **80%** of the children who were in school on Friday had a visitor. Thank you for supporting this. Thank you to everyone who completed a wee feedback postcard on their way out. We appreciated your positive comments. Please read over to view a selection of these.



Mrs Muncie, our School Support Assistant, will be retiring at Christmas. She has been with us for 8 years and is looking forward to spending more time sewing and making special baby blankets. I know many of our pupils will miss her supportive words or wisdom and care and we wish her well. Thank you Mrs Muncie for looking after our Woodie Weans. Miss Robyn Dick has joined our team this week, here on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.



Finally, whatever you and your family have planned over the next few weeks I'd like to wish you lots of festive fun. We are very grateful for your support in all we do.

Best wishes,  
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## Dates For Your Diary

9th Dec	Christmas Lunch
12th Dec	Christmas Service at St Johns Church at 10am Homework stops
17th Dec	Festive Funday Dress down and be ready for fun.
19th Dec	School closes at 2.30pm
5th Jan 2025	School reopens Enrolment week for new Primary 1 children
9th Jan	Newsletter online
12th Jan	Class Newsletters out this week
21st Jan	Parent Council meeting at 7pm. All welcome

## Woodie's Wonder Wall

Please remember to fill in the special postcard which came home in October to highlight your child's '**out of school**' special achievement. If you need a new postcard then please let us know. We aim to have every child's face on our wall by the end of the June.

**Please remember that we are a NUT FREE school.**





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## Accidents and Bumped Heads

I am sure you can imagine that during the school day we have a large number of accidents resulting in children requiring medical supervision from either the SLT or the Support Assistants for a wee sore finger, knocked knee or sore tummy. We deal with these incidents on a individual basis and make a decision on whether a call home is needed.

We will endeavor to make sure a parent is called if there has been a bump to your child's head and they have reported this to an adult. We now have new stickers which also highlights this accident to all staff. Fingers crossed your child will NOT come home wearing one any time soon!



**Masterclasses** - On Friday afternoons on the 14th, 21st and 28th of November all our children engaged in one of their chosen Masterclasses. The children selected a Masterclass from a choice of options and these took place across their floor. We had loads of different activities on offer from Music, Lego, Reading, Science, Cartoons, Arts and Crafts, Business, Board Games, IT, Drama and many more! Many of our classes were delivered by S6 pupils from Hamilton Grammar (with lots being previous Woodie pupils). It was great to see all our children mixing with new peers and having fun on a Friday! The children will select a different Masterclass in the new term and these will take place throughout February.



## Book Week Scotland

In the week beginning 17th November the whole school celebrated 'Book Week Scotland' where we hoped to inspire a love for reading across our school community.

Across the school we had loads of different activities taking place from P1-3, receiving their Book Bug Bags and completing activities linked to these, and P4-7 created graphic novels/comics. (Watch out for these in the near future in local businesses to read while you wait) To coincide with our PJ dress down day all children had a 'Bedtime Story' read to them by either their Big Buddy, Mrs McKellar or Miss McLarnon. Please remember that you can help yourself to a book from the bubble at the office or our parents room for you or your child.



## Hamilton Grammar School

Over the last few weeks the majority of our P7 children have visited HGS. They were given a tour of the building, did an activity in a class and had the chance to share their thoughts or ask questions. They also had a very informative visit from the Head Girl and Head Boy and 2 House Captains ( 2 were previous Woodie weans ! ) Lots of sensible questions were asked.

## UNCRC Linked Rights

**Theme:**  
International  
Day of Persons  
with Disabilities  
3<sup>rd</sup> December

'Fostering  
disability-inclusive  
societies for  
advancing social  
progress.'



### Article 2 (Non-Discrimination)

All children have these rights, no matter who they are or what they look like.



### Article 23 (Children With Disabilities)

The right to live a full and decent life with independence and to play an active part in the community no matter what your disability is.



## Gym Shoes

If you are out and about in the sales at Christmas please can you make sure your child has gym shoes for indoors at school and for PE lessons. Our playground becomes a mud pit in the winter and we need our children to change their shoes when they are indoors. Thank you.



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**Absence rates** We always monitor our absences across the school and will get in touch with you by letter if your **child's rate drops below 90%** or if they are **often late** for school. We will be sending out letters before the holidays. table below highlights the importance of being in school.

<b>100%</b>	<b>0 days missed</b>	Best possible chance of success and reaching full potential
<b>95%</b>	<b>9 Days of Absence</b> 1 week and 4 days learning missed	Is likely to make it harder to achieve full potential and secure the best possible outcomes
<b>90%</b>	<b>19 days of Absence</b> 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed	
<b>85%</b>	<b>27 Days of Absence</b> 5 weeks and 3 days of Learning Missed	Is likely to impact significantly on learning and progress which can lead to poorer outcomes in achievement, wellbeing and social and
<b>80%</b>	<b>36 days of Absence</b> 7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed <b>Half of a term missed</b>	

## Your feedback from our Open Morning

- **63%** of parents ( of those present ) completed a postcard . Have a read at what they said.....
- **99.6%** of parents stated their child was able to 'teach them ' how they learn.
- **100%** of parents felt the tasks let them see how their child is learning in school.
- **100%** of parents have ideas on how they can support their child's learning at home.

Here is a very small select of the lovely positive comments.

*" Great to see my child's learning environment. He loves his class and his teacher."*

*" Its was lovely to see all the different activities the children have in the classroom. The whiteboards are a great idea for numeracy, we will get one for home."*

*" It was just so lovely to come in and see my girls in class, thank you."*

*" Nice to see first hand the different things the children are working on in class."*

*" Lovely classroom environment. It was great to see the tools the children use to learn in class."*

*" It was lovely to get an insight into my daughters day and how enthusiastic all the children are."*

*" Very impressed with the range of learning techniques and teachers support."*

*" Very good session. Enjoyed seeing my daughter in her class and how relaxed she was. "*

*" Really enjoying learning strategies and seeing how the answers are generated. "*



## Staff Christmas Collection

Finally .....Instead of buying gifts for each other or our classes our staff have all supported the 'Hamilton Baby Bank' Christmas campaign by purchasing warm clothing items for children aged from 0-16 years. Mrs Aitcheson delivered these to the centre last week.