

Glengowan Primary School and Nursery Class



Newsletter - March/April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

This newsletter is combined because a portion of April was a holiday. However, much has still been happening at the school.

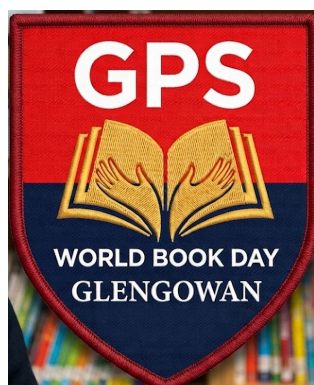
At the end of February and the end of March, some classes were able to participate in Kids' Kitchen with Chef Robert. This was an interesting experience, shared by many parents. Thank you to Mrs Gardiner for organising this.

Miss Richardson encouraged participation in World Book Day, with every class completing an activity. Our Community Cafe, led by Mrs Inglis, marked World Book Day with a selection of pre-owned books available to those who attended on Friday 6th March.

We had our first Operation Outdoors on Thursday 26th March. Mrs Allison will share a more about this event.

Our amazing P5 and P6 children, led by Mrs Farrell, Mrs Kyle, Mrs Warwick and Mrs Craig, delivered a memorable Easter Assembly on Thursday 2nd April.

The 2nd annual Nursery Daffodil Tea took place on Wednesday 1st April. £180 was raised for Marie Curie. Thank you to all involved in organising this and to those who attended.



Mrs Kilgallon's Update



Welcoming Our New P1 Families

*We have been busy preparing a warm welcome for our newest pupils! Our **P1 Transition Programme** is in full swing, and we are delighted to have already shared our "Dates for the Diary" with all new families.*

What's New This Year?

We are constantly looking for ways to make the move to "big school" as smooth as possible. This year, we've updated our programme to include:

- **More Family Visits:** *Increasing the opportunities for you and your child to get to know our staff and building.*
- **Our Own Custom Story:** *A unique tale created specifically for our school to help children envision their first days here.*

A Virtual Look Around

To help children familiarise themselves with their new surroundings from the comfort of home, we have two fantastic virtual resources available:

- **Sky-High Views:** *Check out the stunning drone footage of our school grounds. A massive thank you to **Mr. Reilly** for capturing these incredible views!*

[Glengowan Drone Footage](#)

- **Virtual School Tour:** *We are also incredibly grateful to **Remax in Carluke**. They visited us during the February in-service days to create a professional, interactive tour of the school interior.*

[Virtual Tour](#)

We can't wait to see our new P1s in the building very soon!

Young Leaders of Learning : Outdoor Adventures at Wiston and Libberton

On 30th April, our Young Leaders embarked on an inspiring visit to Wiston and Libberton Primary, trading the classroom for the great outdoors! It was a day defined by energy, collaboration, and fresh air.

The group split their time between two fantastic settings, proving that some of the best learning happens outside:

- **Wiston Primary:** *The team headed into the woods, where they navigated the natural terrain and embraced the challenges of the forest.*
- **Libberton Primary:** *Pupils took to the outdoors to master the sandpits and engage in team-building exercises.*

Stay Tuned! *We have plenty more stories and photos from this trip. Be sure to look out for our full feature in the next newsletter for a deeper dive into the day's activities.*

Mrs Allison's Update



We are delighted to share some of the fantastic achievements and experiences from across the school this term.

A huge congratulations to our netball team, who proudly brought home a **silver medal** from the recent tournament at Larkhall Academy. Their teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship were evident throughout, and we are incredibly proud of their success.

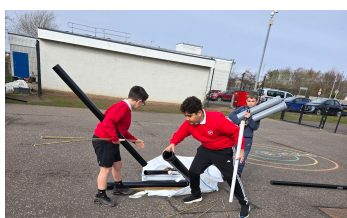
Our boys' football team continues to go from strength to strength and remain firmly in their winning ways. Their commitment and effort at training and in matches are clearly paying off—well done to all involved!

Pupils in **Room 14 and Room 15** have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in coaching sessions delivered by Larkhall Rugby. These sessions have been a fantastic opportunity to develop new skills, build confidence, and experience teamwork in a fun and engaging environment.

We also ended the term on a high with our **Glengowan Operation Outdoors** event. The children embraced a wide range of outdoor learning activities including den building, loose parts play, rock painting, clay modelling, and even parachute building. It was wonderful to see them working collaboratively to create imaginative dens and forts.

In addition, pupils enjoyed skipping, chalk drawing, and nature hunts around the school grounds, making the most of the outdoor environment. A special highlight was welcoming our nursery children, who joined in the fun and added to the sense of community and shared experience.

Well done to all our pupils for their enthusiasm, creativity, and teamwork.





Davie Cooper Memorial Tournament



Our school football teams did us proud at this year's Davie Cooper Memorial Tournament, held at the Hamilton Palace Sports Grounds. Both the boys and girls represented the school with skill, determination, and outstanding sportsmanship from the first whistle to the last.

Boys' Team: Strong Performances and Even Stronger Spirit

*The boys delivered an impressive run of results — **winning 2, drawing 2, and losing only 1**, narrowly missing out on a place in the semi-finals. Their performances on the pitch were matched by their attitude off it. They cheered on every team, encouraged one another throughout the day, and showed genuine respect by congratulating players from other schools. Their teamwork and sportsmanship were a credit to the school.*

Girls' Team: Champions After a Thrilling Final

Our girls' team shone from the very start, scoring goals with confidence and flair — so many, in fact, that we lost count. Their teamwork and determination carried them through the group stages and into the semi-finals, where they continued to excel.

*In a nail-biting final, the girls held their nerve and triumphed in a dramatic **5–4 penalty shootout**, securing the tournament win. Their grit, focus, and composure under pressure were nothing short of inspiring.*

Well done to all our players — and a special congratulations to our champions, the girls' team. You made the school proud

A Special Thank You

*A heartfelt thank you goes to **Tom** for his hard work and dedication in organising weekly training sessions for our pupils. His commitment, enthusiasm, and willingness to give up his own time ensure our children have the opportunity to develop their skills and take part in fantastic events like the Davie Cooper Memorial Tournament.*



Important dates

Thursday 7th May	In-Service Day. School closed to children.
Monday 11th-Thursday 14th May	Book Fair.
Thursday 14th May	P1-7 Disco
Friday 22nd May	HOLIDAY
Friday 25th May	HOLIDAY
Saturday 6th June	Strawberry Fayre



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