

# Glengowan Primary School and Nursery Class



# Newsletter - May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Another busy month at Glengowan has come to an end. We have welcomed new P1 children and our P7 children have been on secondary school visits. A very successful residential trip to Lochgoilhead took place. More information about this appears later in this newsletter. My sincere thanks to Miss Richardson, Mrs Swan, Mrs Allison and Mrs Farrell for accompanying the children. It should be noted that each of them volunteered to take part. I am so grateful to all four of them.

Thank you to everyone who donated a Tombola prize recently. I look forward to seeing you at the Strawberry Fayre on Saturday 6th June.

**South Lanarkshire Libraries  
Summer Reading Challenge:  
SPACE RACE**

We're delighted to invite your pupils to take part in this year's South Lanarkshire Libraries Summer Reading Challenge, running from **20th June to 15th August 2026**.

This year's challenge has an exciting **space theme**, encouraging children to explore new stories, discover different authors, and build a lifelong love of reading as they journey through the planets. Children can join at their local library, set their own reading goals, and collect rewards along the way.

Taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge helps to:

- Maintain and improve reading skills over the summer holidays
- Boost confidence and imagination
- Encourage a positive attitude towards reading for pleasure

Children can sign up at any South Lanarkshire library, and participation is completely free!

**GLENGOWAN'S  
SPORTS DAY**

A day of fun, community, and competition!

**Tuesday 2nd June**  
9.30am onwards for Primaries 4-7

**1.15pm onwards for Primaries 1-3**

# Lochgoilhead 2026



## Mrs Allison's Report

*Our P6 and P7 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable residential experience at Lochgoilhead, filled with adventure, teamwork and memories that will stay with them for years to come. From the moment we arrived, the children threw themselves into every challenge with enthusiasm, courage and a brilliant sense of fun.*

*Throughout the week, pupils took part in a wide range of exciting activities including abseiling, burn run, kayaking, raft building, archery and the thrilling Gladiator challenge. It was wonderful to see every child push themselves beyond their comfort zone, try new things and celebrate not only their own achievements but those of their classmates. The encouragement, teamwork and kindness they showed one another made us incredibly proud.*

*Evenings were just as lively, with scavenger hunts, campfire fun, and plenty of laughter. Not even the rain could dampen spirits — after every meal the children were straight back outside, playing, exploring and making the most of every moment. We are certain that each and every child had a truly wonderful time.*

*A huge thank you must go to Miss Richardson for her outstanding organisation, planning and dedication. She gave up her own time to ensure the residential ran smoothly, and without her commitment the trip simply would not have been the success it was.*

*We would also like to extend our thanks to all staff members who attended and supported the children throughout the week. Their time, care and enthusiasm made the experience possible, and we are deeply grateful for everything they contributed.*

*Finally, we want to recognise our pupils, whose behaviour was exemplary from start to finish. They represented our school beautifully and created memories that will last a lifetime.*



## **Mrs Kilgallon's Update**



### **Young Leaders of Learning: Building Relationships Outdoors**

On Thursday, 30th April, our Young Leaders of Learning visited Wiston and Libberton Primary Schools to explore how outdoor learning helps build strong Relationships. Following their trip, our inspiring leaders delivered a fantastic whole-school assembly to share everything they learned about teamwork and connection.

At Wiston Primary—a lovely one-classroom school—we ventured into the woods of Wiston Lodge. Teaming up with Wiston and Libberton pupils, our Young Leaders safely used saws and potato peelers to craft games out of branches and twine, proving that working in nature is a brilliant way to communicate and solve problems together.

Next, we traveled to Libberton Primary, where pupils introduced us to their "Backpack Resource"—special folders filled with emotional regulation activities, like breathing techniques, designed to help children manage big feelings. We finished the day by joining forces to build a massive team creation in Libberton's enormous outdoor sandpit. It was such a hit for teamwork that the Young Leaders are now on a mission to convince Mr Murray to let us get a giant sand pit of our own here at Glengowan! Watch this space...



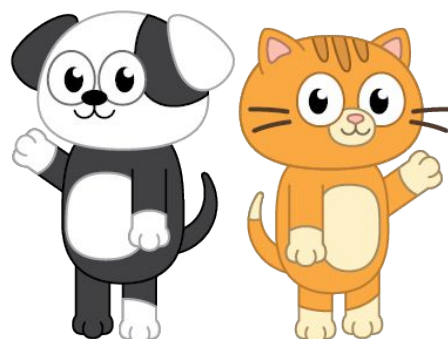
### **Welcoming Our New Primary 1s: Teddy Bears' Picnic!**

We were absolutely delighted to welcome our incoming Primary 1 pupils back to Glengowan for their second transition visit! The theme of the morning was a "Teddy Bears' Picnic," and the classrooms were buzzing with excitement as the children arrived proudly holding their favourite soft toys.

It was a very quick and busy morning packed with special introductions. The children were thrilled to meet Glen and Gowan—our very own school cat and dog! They also spent some time getting to know their Primary 6 buddies, who will be there to look after them, guide them, and be a friendly face when they officially start school in August.

To wrap up the morning, the children and their fluffy friends headed to the canteen for a wonderful indoor picnic. A huge thank you goes to our fantastic facilities team for preparing such a lovely treat for the wee ones!

While the children were busy, parents gathered in the hall with Mr. Murray and Mrs. Kilgallon for an informative "Starting School" presentation. Thank you to everyone who attended—it was another fantastic step in ensuring a smooth, confident, and happy start for our newest pupils.



## Mrs Allison's Update

*We are incredibly proud of the fantastic achievements of our pupils across a wide range of sporting activities this term.*

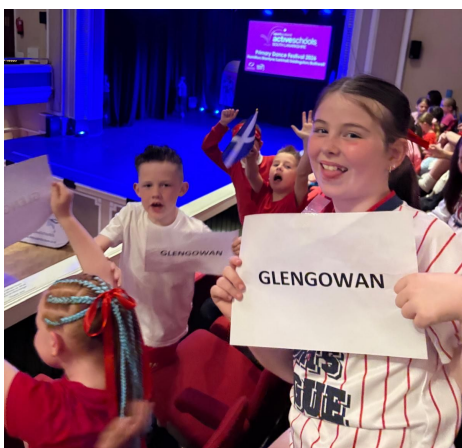
*Our talented dancers represented the school superbly at the South Lanarkshire Dance Festival held at Hamilton Town House. Their performances were outstanding, and we were even treated to a special performance at assembly afterwards. We certainly have some budding Strictly performers in our midst!*

*Our girls' football teams continue to impress, tallying up the goals at local football festivals and showing excellent teamwork and determination. The girls are now eagerly looking forward to taking part in the Girls' Football Day in June.*

*Our boys' football team have also been playing some outstanding football this session. Their hard work and commitment have been evident in every match, and they are excited to participate in the upcoming Robert Wilson Tournament.*

*A huge congratulations must also go to our Track and Field athletes, who performed brilliantly at recent competitions. Our medal haul currently stands at an amazing 1 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze medals. We are delighted that several athletes have now qualified for the finals taking place in the coming weeks.*

*Finally, we would like to extend a very big thank you to Tom for giving up so much of his time to coach and support our football teams, and also to Mrs Semple and Mrs Farrell for leading our after-school dance club. Our pupils are incredibly fortunate to have staff who so willingly give their time to provide such wonderful opportunities and experiences for them.*



## Important dates

Tuesday 2nd June	Sports day.
Saturday 6th June	Strawberry Fayre
Thursday 11th June	New P1 transition event
Monday 15th June	HOLIDAY
Friday 19th June	Nursery Graduation (pm)
Wednesday 24th June	P7 Leavers' Assembly (pm)
Thursday 25th June	1pm close



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PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Yours faithfully,  
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