

Naidheachdan Lacasdail

Laxdale News

7 November 2025



GOLD SCHOOL SPORT AWARD FOR LAXDALE!



This week we found out that Laxdale has been awarded a *SportScotland* Gold School Sport Award for the third time! This is an achievement we are very proud of! The Gold School Sport Award is recognition of our school's achievements in putting sport at the heart of our planning, practice and ethos.

A big, big, huge well done to all staff and pupils for working together to achieve this.

Special thanks to Mrs Morrison for leading us all and to Mr Campbell for his support in preparing all the evidence for the submission.

COMMUNITY BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS NIGHT

This Friday, Laxdale Parent Council will be hosting a Community Bonfire and Fireworks Night at Laxdale School. The event starts at 6:00pm where there will be a bonfire and fireworks display around 7:15/7:30pm. Entry will be through the main gate to the staff car park only. Donation buckets will be at the gate. Big thanks to the Newmarket Playpark Committee for their continued support and to *Calmax* and *Lewis Builders* for sponsoring the fireworks. Please come along to support and make this a successful community event!



GOLFING SUCCESS

Big congratulations to Avery and Sebastian Rowlands, Zach and Ivy Macleod, Fergus Robb and Brodie Scott who all achieved golfing success at the end of season Junior Session Presentation this week.

They were presented with certificates for completing various levels of the *Scottish Golf Learn to Golf* and for participating in the *Scottish Golf Skills Challenge*.

Special congratulations to Avery Rowlands who achieved fifth place overall in Scotland in his age group. He also won the Top Skills Challenge Points in the local Boys 7-9 category.

Huge congratulations to Avery, Zach and Sebastian who formed part of The Stornoway Sixes Team who also won an online league against Skye Golf Club. Fantastic to see such a keen interest in Golf amongst our pupils. Well done all. Missing from the photo is Ivy Macleod.



LIBRARY REFRESH

We are very grateful for this great team of leaders and Miss Maclellan who stayed behind after school on Monday to help tidy and arrange the Novels section of our library. They will in turn lead the learning in their own classes teaching their classmates how to find a book. We will continue to tidy and refresh our library over the next few months. Well done all!



REMEMBRANCE EVENTS

This morning, Rev. Calum Murdo Smith lead our Remembrance Assembly. We were reminded that this special day is to commemorate the end of World War I and to honour and remember all who have served and sacrificed in wars and conflicts. It is a day to reflect on the service of armed forces and to acknowledge the courage and sacrifice of those who have defended their countries' freedoms and way of life. Our pupils beautifully sang "We Sing for Peace" and "In Flanders Fields". Many thanks to Rev. Calum Murdo Smith for sharing this message with our pupils.

Four of our House Captains will attend the Remembrance Service this Sunday morning in St. Columba's Church along with Mrs J Macleod and Mrs A Rigg and then lay a wreath on behalf of the school at the War Memorial service.



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Yesterday, Mrs Macleod held a special Assembly to talk about a new plan to raise standards of behaviour in Laxdale. We learned how our behaviour can affect us and those around us, positively or negatively, depending on our actions/words. Going forward we are going to work hard at demonstrating our School Values as we work and play in school. **Kindness, Respect and Friendship** will be a focus for all.

Each month, one pupil per class will be selected to receive a certificate at Assembly for modelling, encouraging and/or noticing **Kindness, Respect or Friendship**. We look forward to the positive change ahead and working with parents/families to ensure our school is a safe and happy place for all pupils.

In a world
where you can
be ANYTHING
BE KIND

NON-UNIFORM DATES FOR SESSION 2025-26

Friday 21 November 2025

Thursday 19 December 2025

Friday 30 January 2026

Friday 27 February 2026

Friday 27 March 2025

Friday 24 April 2026

Friday 29 May 2026

Friday 26 June 2026

CHILDREN IN NEED 2025

Children in Need will be held next Friday, 14 November. Miss Afrin, Miss Macaskill and all the P7 pupils have been busy preparing and Talent Show Auditions are being held across classes. We look forward to all that is planned. Please see information sheet below and support if you can!

Children in Need 2025 – Information letter

Children in Need takes place on Friday 14th November.

From Friday 7th to Thursday 13th November pupils can bring in £1 to buy a Pudsey wristband or pen from P7 pupils.

On Friday 14th November pupils are invited to bring in a one-off monetary donation for the CiN charity.

All pupils will receive a row of 20 tickets ('Pudbucks') to spend in the gym at the stalls and activities.

Each stall will cost 1 ticket. More can be won on the day.

Stalls Include:	Nail paints	Face paints	Bake Sale	Spin the Wheel	Guess Pudsey's birthday
Lucky dip	Raffle	Boccia Bowling	Sweets in the jar	Bottle flip challenge	Toy Sale

The dress-up theme is:

Famous Face Fancy Dress / Colourful Characters

Dress up as your favourite book or movie character, sports star, historical icon, or even just in your favourite colour!

Pupils will audition for the Talent Show in their own classes over the coming days, where two acts from each class will then be voted by pupils to perform at the final.

We are looking for donations of baking and donations of toys/bric-a-brac in good condition. The toys can be brought to school from Friday 7th; baking on Friday 14th please.

Lots of classes have had a part to play in preparing the fundraising day, and we look forward to it very much.

We appreciate your help with donations and funds given for events like this.



DATES FOR THE DIARY – TERM 2

Please notes dates for the term ahead.

Friday 7 November	Remembrance Assembly led by Rev. Calum Murdo Smith, Free Church, Stornoway
Friday 7 November	Laxdale Parent Council Community Bonfire and Fireworks Night
Sunday 9 November	Four House Captains to attend Remembrance Church Service at St. Columba's Church, Stornoway and lay wreath at War Memorial Service afterwards
Wednesday 12 November	World Diabetes Day
Friday 14 November 2025	Children in Need
Tuesday 18 November 2025	Toast Tuesday to raise funds for P7 Trip
Thursday 27 November 2025	Christmas Lights Switch On at 3:00pm. Parents invited to join us for a Christmas Sing Along in the front playground from 2:45pm
Friday 28 November and Monday 1 December 2025	School closed for November weekend
Friday 5 December	Celebration Assembly with GM5-7 and GM3-4
Wednesday 10 December	Human Rights Day
Wednesday 17 December	Carol Service Sing Along for Parents 1.45pm – 2.45pm (followed by tea/coffee)
Friday 19 December	Christmas Assembly led by Rev Brian Macleod, Martin's Memorial Church, Stornoway

I wish all pupils, staff and families a restful weekend.

Mrs J Macleod, Acting Head of School