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November 2025

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Dear families,

September and October have been a whirlwind of energy, excitement and achievement at Maxwellton! From the buzz of Maths Week Scotland to the enthusiasm around our Pupil Council, JRSO, School Captains and Vice Captains, Eco Committee and DigiBuds elections, our pupils have truly embraced every opportunity to lead, learn and grow. We have had Halloween discos, Goblin activities, our Harvest celebrations and our learning has gone from strength to strength.



We've also enjoyed the launch of our Fundamentals of Music programme, taken part in Football and Netball Festivals and kicked off a wide range of after-school clubs – all of which contribute to a rich and vibrant school experience. Alongside these activities, we've been focusing on strengthening Writing across the school, a key priority in our School Improvement Plan that will continue throughout the year.



At Maxwellton, we believe that high expectations for behaviour and learning are best achieved through strong partnerships. I'm incredibly grateful for the positive, respectful relationships we're building with our families and community. Your support, encouragement and collaboration are vital in helping us create a nurturing environment where every child feels safe, valued and inspired to do their best.

As we look ahead towards the festive period, we're excited to come together for our Christmas Fayre, Nativity, Christmas Carol Concert and many more! These moments of shared joy and creativity remind us of the strength and warmth of our school community.

We hope you will join us for all of our festive delights! In the words of Winston Churchill,

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."



With love and best wishes,
Elaine Cooke
Headteacher

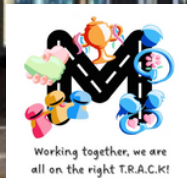
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Christmas Matters

The most wonderful time of the year is almost upon us again! We have lots of fantastic events and information to share with you:

Party Wear and Christmas Jumpers

Please hand in any donations of preloved Christmas Jumpers and Boys'/Girls' party clothes that you no longer require. Our Parent Council will be hosting a stall at the Christmas Fayre to increase sustainability by redistributing these items for a small donation.

All clothing donations to be handed in by Thursday 20th November. Thank you!

Everyone is welcome to wear a 'touch of Christmas' throughout December - for example, Christmas jumper or t-shirt or a festive hairband - along with their school uniforms.

Decorating Team

We will be decorating our school in preparation for the Christmas Fayre and the festive period on Friday 21st November. If you can spare some time throughout the day on Friday, we would be delighted to have your support! Please contact the office on 01355 222521 if you can help!

Christmas Fayre

We are hosting our Fayre on Friday 21st November from 6pm-8pm. We hope to see as many of you there as possible! Our Parent Council would be delighted with any more parent helpers who would be able to support, even for part of the event!

Elves

Our team of Elves (from P3-7) will be organising some Christmas Cracking fun over the month of December. Part of this will be to design an Advent Calendar of Activities for home learning next month. There will also be a few whole school activities too which we will share with you in due course!

Christmas Events

Please see the calendar for all of the dates for Christmas. For parties, children may come dressed to school in their party wear or be picked up at lunchtime for a home lunch. Please let the office know if this is your choice.



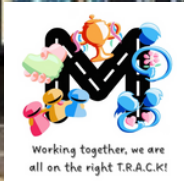
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Christmas Events continued...

Our Panto is on the 3rd December! Our office have requested some helpers and will be in touch if you have been selected. Thank you for your support. Children are welcome to wear their Christmas Jumpers on this day and bring a small snack with them.

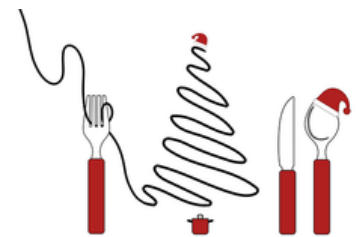
Our School Christmas Lunch will take place on Thursday 11th December. A leaflet has come home in your child's bag to identify your child's choice! Please can this be returned no later than Friday 21st November.

Our Nursery Nativity will take place on Thursday 18th December at 10am, our P1-3 Nativity will take place on Tuesday 16th December at 10am and our P4-7 Christmas Carol Concert will take place on Thursday 18th December at 1.30pm. There will not be a charge for tickets for any of these events, but we will have the opportunity to buy raffle tickets to win a hamper and there will be a lucky programme available for a donation too.

Primary 7 have been invited to attend the Calderglen production of ELF on Tuesday 16th December. This is a free event and children should bring a small snack and a water bottle on this day. They will be walking so please dress for the weather!

Our P6/7 choir will be performing at the Christmas Fayre and at some community sheltered housing and local venues. If you are able to provide an opportunity for our choir to sing (such as at a supermarket) please get in touch to arrange!

School will be closing at 2.30pm on Friday 19th December for our Christmas holidays. We will reopen for pupils and staff on Monday 5th January.



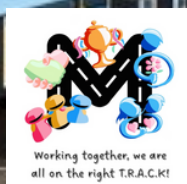
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Diary Date Matters

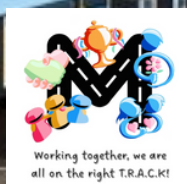
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17	18 P3 to Rural Life Museum Nursery Stay N Play P6-7 Girls' Football After School Club P3-4 Outdoor Learning Club (6 Week Block) P5 Multisports Club	19 You+Me Parent Workshop 4 P5 Fundamentals of Music P1 Heights and Weights check P5-7 Netball After School Club	20 Nursery Stay N Play P7 Transition Visit - Calderglen Staff Visiting Maxwellton P5-7 Athletics After School Club	21 Christmas Lunch Choices by today please! Christmas Trees Up! P4/5 Tennis P5-7 Football After School Club Christmas Fayre
24 Last week of after school clubs Flu Vaccines Today P5-7 Netball After School Club	25 Reverend Sarah Ross to visit P2 - St Andrew's P6-7 Girls' Football After School Club P5 Multisports Club P3-4 Outdoor Learning Club (6 Week Block)	26 You+Me Parent Workshop 5 P5 Fundamentals of Music	27 Road Safety Awareness Be Bright, Be Seen Day - Come dressed to school in the brightest colours! P5-7 Athletics After School Club	28 P4 to Vikingar P4/5 Tennis Sportshall Athletics Event P5-7 Football After School Club

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>1 Elves Advent Calendar for Home Learning this Month</p> <p>Christmas Jumpers can be worn all month!</p>	<p>2 Reverend Sarah Ross visiting P7 to support The Christmas Service</p>	<p>3 You+Me Parent Workshop 6</p> <p>Whole School Panto Trip</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 P4/5 Tennis</p> <p>Sparkle and Shine Day – wear sparkle for a Hamper Donation</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 P6/7 Choir of Loaves and Fishes</p> <p>P5 Fundamentals of Music</p>	<p>11 Pupil Christmas Lunch</p>	<p>12 P4/5 Tennis</p>
<p>15 Nativity Rehearsal</p> <p>P6/7 Party</p>	<p>16 10am P1-3 Nativity</p> <p>P7 to Calderglen to see ELF</p> <p>P4/5 Party</p>	<p>17 P6/7 Choir to Wingate Nursing Home</p> <p>Nursery Nativity Rehearsal</p> <p>P5 Fundamentals of Music</p> <p>P1-3 Party</p>	<p>18 10am Nursery Nativity</p> <p>1.30pm Christmas Carol Concert</p>	<p>19 P7 leading Christmas Service for whole school</p> <p>School closes at 2.30pm</p>
<p>22 HOLIDAY</p>	<p>23 HOLIDAY</p>	<p>24 HOLIDAY</p>	<p>25 HOLIDAY MERRY CHRISTMAS!!</p>	<p>26 HOLIDAY</p>
<p>29 HOLIDAY</p>	<p>30 HOLIDAY</p>	<p>31 HOLIDAY</p>		