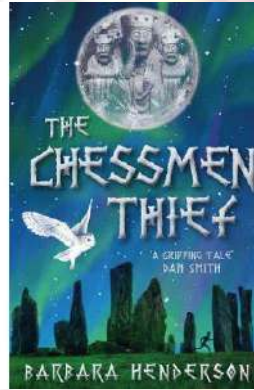




Naidheachdan Bun Sgoil Steòrnabhagh

22mh den Lùnastal / 22nd August 2025

Ùghdair Urras Leabhraichean na h-Alba Scottish Book Trust Author Residency



Stornoway Primary School are delighted to share that we have been successful in our application for a Scottish Book Trust Author Residency with Barbara Henderson. The Live Literature Schools Residency Programme is funded by the Walter Scott Giving Group and delivered by the Scottish Book Trust. The residency is designed to inspire a lifelong love of reading and writing amongst pupils. The school will work in partnership with Barbara Henderson over the course of the session and we are excited to see pupils' creative talents develop through this project. More information about Barbara's books can be found on <https://www.barbarahenderson.co.uk/>

Camanachd Shinty



We welcomed Katie Drain, Regional Development Officer for Shinty, to the school this morning. P6 and P7 pupils enjoyed taking part in the taster session with Katie. Any pupils wishing to join Lewis Camanachd training sessions are encouraged to contact the club on the following website <https://www.camanachdleodhais.com/>

Lorg Ulaidh Treasure Hunt



The Parent Council Treasure Hunt will take place on Friday 5th September. Please complete this form below if you are able to volunteer. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/WWRmbV1mb8>

Leasan an Spòrs Physical Education Lessons

All classes receive two hours of Physical Education each week. Please see the information below regarding the days that your child has P.E. Pupils should wear trainers to school on the days that their class has P.E. Thank you.

PE Lessons 2025-26						
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mrs R Macleod	GL 1A					
Mrs S McKenzie	GL 1/2					
Mrs Y Maciver	GL 2/3					
Mrs P Sinclair	GL 3A					
Mrs A McElhatton	GL 4A		Swimming			
Mrs H Mackay	GL 4/5					
Mrs L Macrae	GL 5A					
Mrs Y Macdonald	GL 6A					
Mrs E Mackenzie	GL 7A					
Mrs C Macleod	GL 7B					
Mrs S Maciver	GM1/2					
Mrs L Maciver	GM2/3					
Mrs A Macleod	GM4					
Mrs C Graham	GM5/6					
Mrs H Smith	GM6/7					

Là Leasachaidh Kodaly Kodaly Development Day

The Kodaly Development Day will take place on Thursday 28th August for Primary 5 pupils. Pupils will be walking to St Columbus Church Hall. Pupils should wear appropriate clothing for the walk and remember to bring a packed lunch.

A' Bhanachdach Flu Vaccination

Please ensure your child's flu vaccination letter has been returned to the school by Monday 25th August. Flu vaccinations will take place on Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th September. Thank you.

Saor-làithean School Holidays

School Term Dates and Mid Term Holidays 2025-2026

	Open	Closed	Last day of Term
Term 1	Monday 11 th August 2025 (Staff)		
	Thursday 14 th August 2025 (Pupils)		
Mid Term Holiday (National Mod)		Friday 10 th October 2025	Thursday 9 th October 2025
Term 2	Wednesday 22 nd October 2025 (Staff)		
	Thursday 23 rd October 2025 (Pupils)		
Mid Term Local Holiday		Friday 28 th November – Monday 1 st December 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025
Term 3	Thursday 5 th January 2026 (ALL)		
Mid Term Local Holiday		Friday 13 th February – Wednesday 18 th February 2026 (Pupils) Friday 13 th February – Tuesday 17 th February 2026 (Staff)	Friday 27 th March 2026
Term 4	Monday 13 th April 2026 (ALL)		
Mid Term Local Holiday		Friday 1 st – Monday 4 th May 2026 (ALL)	Friday 26 th June 2026
Proposed Start Date 2026-27	17 th August 2026 (Staff) 20 th August 2026 (Pupils)		

Biadh Fallain Healthy Snacks

Thank you very much to all the families that are trying hard to bring healthy snacks into school. We are now seeing much healthier choices.

- Vegetable sticks – such as cucumber, peppers or carrot
- A piece of cheddar cheese or babybel
- A piece of fresh or dried fruit such as apples, satsumas, pineapple, mango, plain raisins, apricots, blueberries, banana slices
- Bread sticks, plain pretzels, banana bread, oat/rice cakes, pancakes
- Homemade snacks - flapjacks or other oat/whole grain-based snacks



We are aiming for a common-sense approach, with the key being to keep snacks healthy and no chocolate or sweets.

We encourage pupils to stay hydrated by taking a water bottle to school every day. Please do not put diluting juice or fruit juice in water bottles.

Biadh Sgoile an Asgaidh agus Tabhartas Aodaich Free School Meal and Clothing Grant Applications

Applications for Free School Meals & Clothing Grant are now open for the term August 2025 – June 2026. Applications can be submitted via: [Free School Meals - Assistance with School Clothing - Introduction - MyCnES \(achieveservice.com\)](#)

Please ensure that you have all the necessary supporting documentation ready prior to submission. Our eligibility criteria is listed on the next page:

Free School Meals & Clothing Grant Eligibility Table

Benefit	School Meals	Clothing Grant	Evidence Required
Income Support	✓	✓	Letter confirming entitlement to benefit
Job Seekers Allowance (Income-based)	✓	✓	Letter confirming entitlement to benefit, bank statement showing receipt of benefit
Employment & Support Allowance (Income Related)	✓	✓	Letter confirming entitlement to benefit, bank statement showing receipt of benefit
Universal Credit (earned income reported by employer of £850 or less)	✓	✓	Full Universal Credit statement - all pages required
Universal Credit (earned income reported by employer of up to £20,000 or less per year)	X	✓	Full Universal Credit statement - all pages required
Support under V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999	✓	✓	Confirmation letter: a valid ARC and tenancy agreement
Scottish Child Payment (Primary 6/7 pupils only)	✓	X	Letter confirming entitlement to benefit

Amounts paid for Clothing Grants are:

- £130 Per Primary Pupil
- £160 per Secondary Pupil

Dihaoine latha d' aodach fhèin

Free Dress Friday

Friday 29th August
Friday 26th September
Friday 31st October

Donations are welcome but not necessary. No fancy dress or football shirts please. Thank you.

Club Bracaist Rise and Shine Club

Our Education Attainment Apprentices run a daily Rise and Shine Club between 8:30-9:10am. All pupils are welcome to attend the club and will be offered breakfast. Any pupils wishing to attend should enter through the main door from 8:30am.

Seesaw

Seesaw is now active and has been updated with new classes. Seesaw is a platform that is used to share and celebrate learning. Please contact the school office for assistance in connecting to your child's Seesaw journal. If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's health and wellbeing or learning, please make contact through the school office on 01851 703418 or stornowayprimary@gnes.net

Easy Fundraising

A reminder that Stornoway Primary School is now registered with Easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use Easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our Easyfundraising page at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stornoway-primaryschool/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

Or scan this QR code



Sàbhailteachd Chloinne

Pupil Safety

To ensure the health and safety of all pupils, parents/carers **should not** park in the staff car park. Thank you for your co-operation.

Comhairle nam Pàrant Parent Council

The Parent Council works together with the school to promote partnership between the school, parents/carers and pupils. It aims to represent the views of all parents/carers. All parents and carers are warmly encouraged to attend. If you have any queries or questions for the Parent Council, please send them to syprimaryparentcouncil@gmail.com

Aodach Sgoile School Uniform

There is a large selection of pre-loved, good quality school uniform available in the school foyer. We encourage all families to have a look at what is available and take any items that would be suitable. As we are now an Eco School, we hope that most of the uniform can be reused. If you cannot find items that are suitable, please let us know the items and sizes that you require and we will try to source these for you. Alternatively, all items are available to order directly from www.ahyde.co.uk. Orders over £35.00 will receive free delivery.

Banca Bìdh nan Eilean Siar Eilean Siar Foodbank

Eilean Siar Foodbank can provide food and support to families. It is located on 15 Keith Street, Stornoway. Contact can be made with the Foodbank by Facebook messenger, telephone on 07437855920 or email eileansiarfoodbank@gmail.com



**Clàr-bidh
Canteen Menu**

Week 2	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Pudding
	Pizza, Wedges, Carrot Sticks, Spaghetti Hoops, Green beans	Vegetable Soup & Tuna Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Angel Delight or Rice Pudding & Fruit or Fruit
Tues	Spaghetti Bolognese with Peas & Sweetcorn	Tomato Soup with a Ham Sandwich	Cheese Salad	Shortbread & Fruit or Fruit
Wed	Chicken Goujons Wrap with Mayo, Savoury Rice, Mixed Salad & Coleslaw	Lentil Soup & Egg Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Ice Cream & Fruit or Fruit
Thurs	Roast Ham, Yorkshire Pud, Mashed Potato, Carrots and Cabbage	Leek & Potato Soup & Ham Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Jelly & Fruit or Fruit
Fri	Pastry Sausage, Chips (Mash if Nursery) with Peas & Beans	Carrot & Coriander Soup with Tuna Sandwich	Baked Potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Yogurt or Crackers & Cheese with Fruit or Fruit

**Tachartasan Choimhearsnachd
Community Events**

After School Activities – Sports Centre

<https://www.cne-siar.gov.uk/leisure-sport-and-culture/sport-and-health/sports-centres/ionad-spors-leodhais-isle-lewis-sports-centre-timetables/sports-activities>

Term 1

August – October 2025

Monday

Gymnastics

P1 & P2 16:00-16:45

P3 & P4 16:50-17:35

Tuesday

Girls Football

P1-3 16:00-16:45

Wednesday

Fun Athletics

P1-3 16:00-16:50

Squash

P5-7 16:00-16:45

Friday

Mini Kickers

Pre-school 13:30-14:00

Basketball

P5-7 16:00-16:45

Calum's Cabin

**Colour Run Castle
Grounds**
SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST
Registration opens @ the Mill from 8.00am, Run starts at 9pm
<https://www.facebook.com/ColourRun.Grounds>



Sign up @ <https://www.entrycentral.com/colourruncastlegrounds>
(T-shirts not included)

Adults: £15
Under 16s: £10
Under 10s: £5
Under 5s: £2.50
Under 3s: Free
Family Package £30
(2 x adults + 2 x U10/u5)

Special thanks to:



All Proceeds going to
CALUM'S CABIN
Charity no: SC038054

<https://www.entrycentral.com/colourruncastlegrounds>



**JUNIOR
BADMINTON**
Every Saturday at Lewis
Sports Centre



P4-P7 ~ 9AM-10:30AM
S1-S4 ~ 10:30AM-12PM
NO BOOKING REQUIRED
ANY QUERIES CONTACT
westernislesba@gmail.com

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CONSTRUCTION

STORNOWAY UNITED TRAINING

**PLEASE NOTE TRAINING RESUMES FOR THE FOLLOWING
AGE GROUPS ON THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST**

U7* 5:00 - 5:45 ALL-WEATHER PITCH, SMITH AVENUE

U8 6:00 - 7:00 ALL-WEATHER PITCH, SMITH AVENUE

U10 6:00 - 7:00 ALL-WEATHER PITCH, SMITH AVENUE

U12 6:00 - 7:00 ALL-WEATHER PITCH, SMITH AVENUE

***U7 STARTING SCHOOL NEXT AUGUST, P1 & P2. FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN
WE WOULD ASK THAT PARENTS STAY FOR THE DURATION OF THE SESSION.**

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN COMING ALONG CAN CONTACT STYUNITED@OUTLOOK.COM
OR COME AND SPEAK TO ONE OF THE COACHES BEFORE THE SESSION STARTS.**

 **MAYBURY**
GARDENS

M **MACLEOD**
INSTALLATION
KITCHEN AND BATHROOM

STS
24-hour 704444
01851 704177



Stornoway Athletic Football Youth Training resumes on Monday 18th August

Astro Turf, Smith Avenue

Age Groups

U8, U10, U12 - 5pm - 6pm

U16 & Girls - 6pm - 7pm

U14, U18 - 7pm-8pm

All New Primary One Pupils Welcome



Sensory Processing Workshop

15th September 2025

19th January 2026

30th April 2026

10am – 12pm

6 pm – 8pm

12.30pm - 2.30pm

Live online session with the Occupational Therapy service for parents/carers (adults only).

- Does your child get upset by certain sensations?
- Are they always moving and fidgeting or constantly touching things?
- Are they easily distracted?
- Do they struggle to engage in everyday activities because of this?

If so, they may have difficulty processing sensory information

Join our online session where you can learn about the senses and the impact these can have on a child. You will leave with a few ideas to try to support your child to be more able and confident in their everyday lives.

For further information or to book your place contact

wi.childot@nhs.scot





Help for fussy eaters

Are your mealtimes stressful? Does your child refuse to eat? Are you concerned about their nutrition?

We can help!

Join our live online session to get ideas to make food and mealtimes fun. It will be delivered by a dietitian, occupational therapist and speech and language therapist who will be happy to answer your questions. This session is for residents of the Western Isles only.

Tuesday 2nd September 2025
6-8pm

Live online session

To book your place please email wi.childdot@nhs.scot

STORNOWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL




**PARENTS/CARERS
(OF CHILDREN OF ANY AGE)**

**FREE ONLINE
SESSIONS**

**HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE STAY
SAFE ON SMARTPHONES AND ONLINE**

- ✓ Use of smartphones by young people
- ✓ How Qwell works as a mental health service for parents/carers
- ✓ Tips to support young people to be safe on online spaces
- ✓ How Kooth supports your child's mental health

CHOOSE FROM TWO ONLINE SESSIONS

- WED 27 AUGUST, 6.30PM
- THURS 4 SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM

SIGN UP AT:
<http://bit.ly/46WgDG1>




Unable to attend either date?
If you're unable to attend, you can still complete the online sign-up form and select the option to receive the session recording.

**NEWTON
YOUTH CLUB
STARTING BACK!!**

P1-3 6-7PM
P4-7 7:15-8:30PM

STARTING WED 27TH AUG
WED 10TH SEPT
WED 24TH SEPT &
WED 8TH OCT

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE FILLED IN A CONSENT FORM ONLINE, EVEN IF YOU DID ONE LAST TERM. EVERYONE NEEDS A NEW CONSENT FORM THIS SESSION!

SEE WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/HOTSPOTINTERVENTIONTEAM OR
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/NEWTONWARDCOMMUNITYASSOCIATION FOR MORE INFO!



Scan me!






**Book your
place now or
find out more:**



Fee waivers are available for UHI, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Highland Council, NHS Western Isles and NHS Highland staff, as well as parents and carers of children in Gaelic Medium Education.



**Bòrd na
Gàidhlig**



Should I keep my child off school or childcare?

 Yes

Illness	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the advice on NHS inform if they've tested positive for COVID-19
Impetigo	their spots have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

X No

but make sure you let their school or childcare know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Head lice	Threadworms
Glandular fever	Tonsillitis	Slapped cheek

Parents and carers can find further health advice on nhsinform.scot

Advice and guidance

To find out more, scan the QR code or visit publichealthscotland.scot/hpcyp





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