



Largs Academy Newsletter

DECEMBER 2025

Strictly Come Dancing



Our school recently hosted the much-anticipated Staff and Pupils Strictly Come Dancing, and what an afternoon it was! Congratulations to our pupil winners, Keira and Lara, who wowed the judges with their incredible talent, energy, and show-stopping performance. It was also third time lucky for our staff winners, Mr and Mrs Love, whose dazzling routine left the audience and judges cheering. A huge thank you to LA Events for organising another spectacular event full of excitement, glamour, and community spirit. Well done to all participants for their courage, dedication, and fantastic performances— one to remember!

Reward Trip to King Pins

Our SI reward trip was a fantastic day out at Kingpins Ten Pin Bowling and Silverburn Shopping Centre! Throughout December, tokens were awarded by teachers for effort and positive behaviour and our SI pupils were the resounding winners, earning a well-deserved treat. The day was filled with laughter, strikes aplenty on the bowling lanes, and plenty of shopping. By the end of the day, everyone returned on the coach with tired feet but big smiles, making it a truly memorable reward trip for our hardworking SIs.



Christmas Concert



Our Christmas Concert was a spectacular celebration of talent, featuring an array of musical and drama performances, alongside our fantastic choir and band. Pupils showcased their skills with a mix of festive favourites, classical pieces, and contemporary hits, keeping the audience entertained from start to finish. The combination of music, drama, and song created a vibrant, joyous atmosphere, leaving everyone feeling both festive and impressed by the sheer talent on display. A huge well done to all pupils and staff involved for their hard work, dedication, and commitment in making the concert a truly memorable seasonal highlight for our school community.

Spotlight on... Attendance



The Challenge

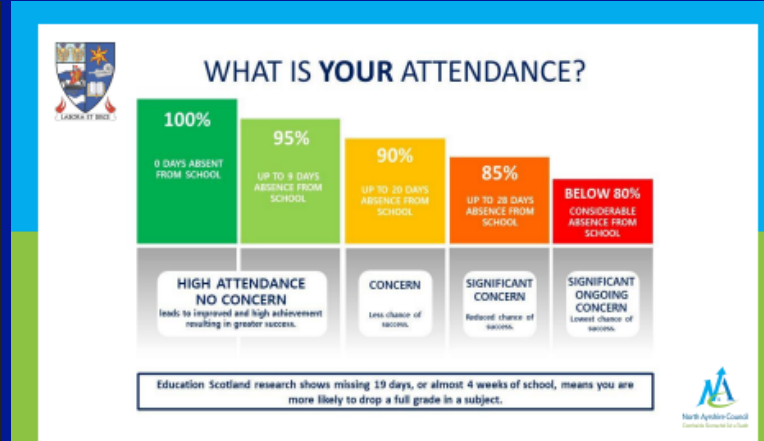
School attendance across Scotland is falling. Our data tells us this is negatively impacting the academic performance and wellbeing of our learners.

- Regular attendance supports mental health and belonging
- Pupils with attendance below 90% are less likely to achieve learning outcomes and qualifications.
- Poor attendance linked to lower earnings and more unemployment by age 23

<90% = Persistent Absence | <80% = Serious Concern

Even 95% = 10 full school days missed per year

No poverty of expectation, opportunity and aspiration for our young people and families.



At Largs Academy, regular attendance is one of the most important factors in a pupil's success. Positive attendance not only ensures that pupils don't miss vital learning but also helps them develop confidence, routine, and strong relationships with teachers and peers. Pupils who attend school consistently are better placed to achieve their potential, engage fully in lessons, and participate in wider opportunities such as clubs, events, and trips.

Parents and carers can easily check their child's attendance via Parent Portal, which provides up-to-date information on days present, absent, or late. The attendance graph in this newsletter (top right) gives a snapshot of where your child sits, helping families to monitor progress and celebrate consistent attendance.

We know that sometimes there are genuine barriers to attendance, and we want to work with families to overcome them. If your child is struggling to attend school for any reason, please contact us as soon as possible. Our staff are committed to supporting every pupil to access learning fully and to ensure that attendance issues are addressed promptly and sensitively. Together, we can help every Largs Academy pupil thrive.

Key Dates – January 2026

Jan 5th:
School reopens for all pupils at 9am

Jan 8th:
Term 3 Welcome Assemblies

Jan 12th – Jan 28th :
Higher and Advanced Higher Prelims

Jan 13th:
S4 Reports issued

Jan 23rd:
S1 Tracking Report Issued

