

ULSTER-SCOTS EDUCATION

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As nativities, concerts and services swirl around this Christmas season like **sna blawin***, we hope that you'll find something useful here to help ease the stress of the season!

**snow blowing*



Classroom Resources



Check out our **Ulster-Scots Christmas Activity** booklet. It's **fu tae tha gills wi*** fun activities to incorporate Ulster-Scots into your classroom over December.

From art to literacy to numeracy skills, we've got you covered.



From now on as we head into the heart of winter, there will be many a playtime spent inside.

Dreich Days* is a booklet packed with fun activities to wile away a wet day in the classroom. From Famous Freens to wordsearches, art and colouring, there's lots to choose from. Click the image to download your copy today.

**full to the gills with, Dull Days*



A Wheen o Tunes

Cecil Francis Alexander was born in 1818 in Dublin, she was the second daughter of Major John Humphries. The family moved to Miltown House in Co. Tyrone in 1933 when she was 15. Cecil Francis enjoyed writing poetry as a small girl to share her Christian faith. She married Rt Rev W Alexander, the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe in 1850.



Cecil Francis wrote nearly 400 poems and hymns. She published these for mainly for children. Some of them became really popular and are still regularly sung in church services today.

Some of her most famous hymns include 'All Things Bright and Beautiful', 'There is a Green Hill Far Away' and one that's become a Christmas favourite, 'Once in Royal David's City'.



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The Christmas Story

Check out the Christmas story from the **Fower Gospels in Ulster-Scots**. This translation of the Bible was completed in 2021. We've linked to Luke Chapter 2, which you can read online [here](#).

We're running a competition this relating to this passage. Check out our **Christmas Activity Book**. You'll find the passage and the crossword on pages 16 and 17. Match the English words with the Ulster-Scots words in the passage and complete the crossword. You can colour the images around the crossword too.

The closing date is **Friday 12 December**. Entries can be posted to **The Ulster-Scots Agency, 31 Gordon Street, Belfast, BT1 2LG** or emailed to competition@ulsterscotsagency.org.uk, include the child's name and the school on the entry. The winning entry will receive a £25 Lego Voucher.



Feedback



Over the past year, we've sent out lots of links to various resources for use in the classroom. If you've used any of the resources, we'd love to hear your thoughts.



Click on the link below to complete our feedback form, it will only take a few minutes. At the end of the survey, tell us what else would you would find useful in the classroom: literacy, numeracy, STEM, art or perhaps some teacher training sessions?

Your feedback helps us to improve, adapt and create resources so you can integrate Ulster-Scots into your teaching.

FEEDBACK



TV Programmes

As the weather takes a colder turn check out these programmes as they talk about the weather in Ulster-Scots.



These programmes have been funded by the Ulster-Scots Broadcast Fund.

Find out more about the fund [here](#).

The Weather from **Fi and Mac** looks at how the weather changes with the seasons. With teacher notes, online games, and extra resources, this episode could easily be incorporated into your current Literacy or WAU lessons.



Stories Frae the Loanen

'In the **Founthered** episode of **Stories Frae the Loanen**, Mrs Campbell and the weans discover more about CS Lewis on the Narnia Trail in Rostrevor. They talk about Robert Burns and some of his poems, perfect for the **coul winter days aheid***. You can find some resouces for [Up in the Morning Early at BBC Bitesize](#).



**cold winter days ahead*

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