



Dear Parents/Carers,

Now the clocks have changed we will be facing darker mornings and afternoons and colder, wetter weather. Please make sure your child comes to school with a waterproof jacket and a hat and gloves if needed and have them named as that makes it much easier to be able to re-unite children and lost clothing. Cyclists should wear something reflective and have lights fitted to their bikes.



### **TERM DATES**

Flu immunisation – Friday 7 November (only for those children who have been given permission)  
P5/6 Class assembly – Friday 7 November 10am  
In Service – Monday 10 November and Tuesday 11 November  
Dress down day – Friday 14 November  
Parent Appointments – Wednesday 19 November 5pm – 7pm  
Parent Appointments – Thursday 20 November – 3.30pm – 5pm  
P4 Class assembly – Friday 28 November 10am  
Christmas Fayre – Friday 5 December 3.45pm – 5.15pm  
P3 Nativity – Tuesday 9 December 11am/2pm  
Christmas church service – Tuesday 16 December 10.30am  
School Christmas lunch – Wednesday 17 December  
Last day of term – Friday 19 December  
School re-opens Monday 5 January 2026

### **ALLERGY AWARENESS**

We are a 'nut free' school. Please check snacks and packed lunches do not contain any nut based products – Nutella, pesto, satay etc

### **HEADLICE**

Be vigilant about checking your child's hair each week for head lice. If you have any questions you can ask your local pharmacist or contact the school nurse at the Health Centre.

### **ACTIVITIES AND FUNDRAISING GROUP EVENTS**

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped at the fancy dress discos. These events rely on your help and support to go ahead. The children had a great time and there were lots of amazing costumes.

On behalf of the AFG we would like to thank you all for your patience on Wednesday night while you waited to enter the P1-3 disco. We have tried a variety of different approaches to make the "line" move quicker and are still reviewing how we improve this. One idea we are considering is the pre-sale of tickets, which we will trial at the next disco.

Thankfully on Wednesday it wasn't raining however we recognise queuing for any length of time, particularly with a younger child, isn't ideal. We appreciate your ongoing support to ensure these events can still take place.

On Friday 14 November we will have a dress down day for the very popular Chocolate Chances stall. On this day pupils can wear yellow or polka dots for Children in Need if they want to as long as they bring in a bar of chocolate for the stall. Please make sure the chocolate is still in date, thank you.

The Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 5 December. Various stalls and refreshments will be available. Volunteers and donations welcome; look out for the flyer coming soon.

### **CYCLING TO SCHOOL**

Please remind your child if they are cycling to school to be aware of others, taking care at junctions the rules around being on the pavement.

### **IN SERVICE DAYS**

School is closed to pupils on Monday 10 and Tuesday 11 November for staff training. School staff will be working on our maths curriculum.

### **CHRISTMAS DATES**

Further information with times will be sent out before the end of November. This will include dates for class/year group parties, a reminder about the P3 Nativity performances (11am or 2pm) and for our church service at St Leonard's.

### **SEVERE WEATHER AND POSSIBLE SCHOOL CLOSURE**

If severe weather is expected and there is a chance that the school may have to close, please endeavour to undertake one of these options:



1. Look out for a message on Dojo
2. Listen to Moray Firth Radio which has regularly updated information – 97.4FM
3. Use Moray Council's website
  - <https://secure.moray.gov.uk/mcalerts/portal/servicestatus.aspx>and go to Schools

BBC Radio Scotland and Moray Firth Radio will pick up the closure notice. A post will also be made on Twitter @theMorayCouncil



How did it get to be November? This school year is flying in.

Our first meeting of our Pupil Voice groups has taken place and there are lots of plans to make our school even better. Look out for information coming out on Dojo in the future.

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