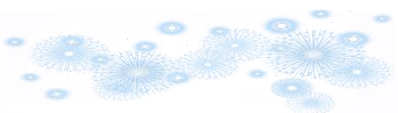


Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and a very warm welcome back to school, at last! Please can you make sure your child comes to school with a warm and waterproof jacket, hat, gloves, scarves and wellies or boots. Spare socks and shoes are also useful. The playground will be wet and icy for a few days so keeping warm and dry is important.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12 to 16 January – P7 Ski Week

Friday 23 January – AFG meeting 2pm

Tuesday 3 February – P7 parents meeting at
Forres Academy 5.30pm

Wednesday 4 February – Parent Council
meeting 7pm

STEM event – 9 to 11 February

**Thursday 12 February – In Service day, school
closed to pupils**

Friday 13, Monday 16 and Tuesday 17

February – mid term break

Wednesday 18 February – AFG Family Quiz
tbc

Tuesday 24 February - Dental Inspections P1 +
P7

Friday 27 February – P5 class assembly 10am

Wednesday 11 March – Parent appointments
5pm – 7pm

Thursday 12 March – Parent appointments
3.30pm - 5pm

Friday 20 March – P1 class assembly 10am

Friday 27 March – last day of term

ALLERGY AWARENESS

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

BUS BAY

Please do not use the bus bay as a parking spot.
It should be kept clear so the school bus can
arrive and depart safely. Car parking is
available behind the Community Centre, Grant
Park and on Leys Road

P1 ENROLMENT FOR AUGUST 2026

You must register your child with your LOCAL
CATCHMENT SCHOOL between **Monday 12**
and **Friday 23 January 2026** if:

- your child is five years old on or
before the 19 August 2026; or
- your child's fifth birthday falls
between 19 August 2026 and 28
February 2027.

The whole registration process, including
placing requests, should be completed online.
You'll just need to have scanned copies of
your child's birth certificate and proof of
address to upload and submit online.
Registration will be available to complete
from 12 January at

www.moray.gov.uk/registration

More information about schools can be found
[http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/p
age_47236.html](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_47236.html)

Choosing a School:-

[www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/11/1
0093528/0](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/11/10093528/0)

If you have friends or neighbours who have
children of preschool age due to start school in
August please pass this information on. NO
advert has been placed by Moray Council in the
Northern Scot.

Please contact us if you need any help or
advice.



ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE

Moray Council would like to see school attendance reach 95%. Anderson's has this level of attendance however for some families lateness and attendance are not at this level. If you are struggling to get your child to school or have a concern about repeated illness please contact us to find out how we can support you and your child.



SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Applications for school clothing grants and free school meals can be made following the guidance on Moray Council's website http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_55486.html

The AFG have pre-loved school uniform available on a rail at the main door. Please come along and take things when you need them.

For other help with finances contact - [Income Maximisation - Moray Council](#)

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.

LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING



Punctuality Matters

- Excellent punctuality
 - No learning time is lost
- On time
- A child who is 5 minutes late to school every day will miss 3 days of school over the course of an academic year
 - A child who is 10 minutes late to school every day will miss 6.5 days of school over the course of an academic year
 - A child who is 15 minutes late to school every day will miss 10 days of school over the course of an academic year
 - A child who is 20 minutes late to school every day will miss 13.5 days of school over the course of an academic year

CATERING AND CLEANING VACANCIES

The Catering Department is seeking Relief Catering Assistants to work across all areas. This is an "as and when required" position to provide cover for sickness or vacant posts. It's a great opportunity to gain experience within the catering team and decide if a permanent role is right for you. If you are interested please go to the advert link below:

[Relief Catering Assistants - MOR10960 | Moray Council | myjobscotland](#)

Our cleaning team is short staffed at the moment, if you know of anyone who would be interested in some additional hours please ask them contact the school office leaving their name and contact details for our Cleaning Supervisor, Mrs Holder.

SEVERE WEATHER AND SCHOOL CLOSURE REMINDER

When severe weather is expected and there is a chance 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.



Thank you for your patience and understanding during short period of school closure. School works best when we are all together in the building.

Sara Neil
Head Teacher