



Rothiemay Primary School

'Nurturing aspiration for learning, relationships and life.'

Responsibility – Inclusion - Values – Empathy - Respect

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we move into the winter season, we want to remind everyone to send children to school in appropriate clothing. We love getting outside as much as possible throughout the year, as it's great for the children's well-being.

#Responsible Citizens



An adult will continue to be on the playground each morning to welcome children off the school buses. However, as the weather gets colder, we may choose indoor options some mornings. Even so, we always prefer encouraging outdoor play whenever possible—so have those gloves and hats at the ready!

Classes

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent open event. It was wonderful to see the children proudly sharing their learning with you and for everyone to experience our new classroom setup following the changes to two classes. We greatly appreciate your support during this transition and your positivity as we all adjust. The children have adapted well to their new routines and are all being supported in their learning at their own level.

#Confident Individuals.



Class newsletters and learning logs will continue to help you engage in conversations about your child's learning at home. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us, we're always happy to help!

Learning at Home

Just a quick reminder that your child can use their school logins at home! They can practise their numeracy and maths skills on Sumdog and work on their weekly spelling lists on Spelling Shed. If your child is learning phonics, they'll bring home phonics books to practise the sounds they're working on, and they'll move to Spelling Shed for spellings when they're ready.

#SuccessfulLearners.



Spelling Shed

Reading for fun has an amazing impact on all areas of learning. Encouraging and showing different types of reading at home—whether it's a recipe, bedtime stories, comic books, audiobooks, or even fun brain teasers like "Where's Wally" and optical illusion books—can make a big difference!



"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

PE Days

Please make sure your child brings their PE kit and has appropriate indoor shoes for PE days (trainers or pumps work best). While slip-on indoor shoes can be convenient, they are not always practical for PE activities.

#Effective Contributors.

Celebrations and Achievements

Proud Clouds and River Points will continue to be celebrated in our Friday assemblies. We warmly welcome emails from parents sharing any achievements your child has outside of school. admin.rothimayp@moray-edunet.gov.uk
We love celebrating their successes with the whole school community!



Picture from these assemblies will be shared on our Twitter/X page. <https://x.com/RothiemayPS>

Parent Council and Christmas Fair



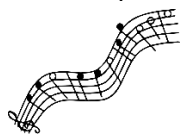
A big thank you to everyone who joined the Parent Council meeting on 29th October! We're excited to share that plans are in full swing for an amazing Christmas Fair at Rothiemay Village Hall on Saturday, December 7th, from 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We'll have local stallholders, festive fun, and plenty of holiday cheer. We can't wait to see you there to kick off the season in style! Mark your calendars—more details on how you can get involved will be coming soon.

Our next parent council meeting will be on Wednesday 5th February 2025 6.30pm -7.30pm

Christmas lunch



Our School Christmas Lunch will be on **Thursday 12th December**. Children are welcome to come in their Christmas Jumpers!



Christmas parties

Each class will have their Christmas party in the hall during the last week of term. They will enjoy some fun and games with their classmates. They have also been given a budget by the parent council to enable them to plan, budget and pay for the things they would like at their Christmas party eg: snacks, resources for games etc. Your child can bring their party clothes to change into on their party day.



Christmas Jumpers

With the festive season approaching, we love getting into the holiday spirit with the children. It's wonderful to see them in their festive clothes, so we'd like to invite them to wear Christmas jumpers for the Christmas Lunch, party days, and every Friday in December for those who would



Christmas Celebrations

We are also planning a Festive Family Fun afternoon where our older pupils will showcase their leadership skills by running festive crafts and games for parents and children to enjoy together. We look forward to seeing you in the school hall for this event on Friday 13th December 2pm-3pm.

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Thank you all for your continued support and enthusiasm as we head into this busy and exciting time of year.

Parent portal

We continue to use the online facility for parents and carers to communicate with the school. Further details are available via the link www.moray.gov.uk/parentsportal where you can create your account.

School Menus



Please follow the link below to see the full moray school lunch menu for 2024.

<http://www.moray.gov.uk/downloads/file147882.pdf>

Twitter/X



We will continue to use twitter/X to share your child's learning experiences. Remember you can follow us at [@RothiemayPS](https://twitter.com/RothiemayPS) and an account is not required to access this.

Adverse Weather



As we prepare for winter and the potential weather challenges it may bring, we wanted to share important information about how severe weather could impact school transport and the steps we'll take to manage these unpredictable circumstances.

School closures are sometimes necessary at this time of year. We will make every effort to communicate closure decisions as promptly as possible through the following channels:

- **Moray Council Service Disruption Webpage:** Updates will be posted at <https://secure.moray.gov.uk/mcalerts/portal>.
- **Moray Council Social Media:** Posts will be shared on the Council's [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter feed](#).
- **Email Alert Service:** Alerts will be sent to those registered at [mygovscot](#) who have selected Rothiemay Primary School for updates. (Please note, this service is separate from our regular school emails.)

If severe weather requires us to send bus pupils home early, we will attempt to call parents to inform them, ensuring someone is available at home to meet the child off the bus. Please be aware that we don't control the arrival times of the buses, so there may be a delay between our call and the bus's arrival at your home.

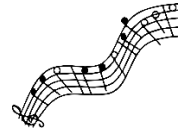
Weather and road conditions can vary greatly from one area to another. We encourage you to use your own judgement to decide whether it is safe for your child to travel to school. If you feel that local conditions pose a risk, please make the best decision for your family's safety.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we navigate the winter season together.

Diary Dates



- Christmas dinner day (school lunches) – Thursday 12th December.
- Class Christmas Parties week beginning 16th December 2024.



- Family Festive Fun – Friday 13th December 2pm-3pm in the school hall.



- Parent Council Meeting – Wednesday 5th February 2025.

Christmas Holidays

Monday 25th December – Friday 5th January 2023



2023 – 2024 Spring Term

Monday 8th January 2024 – Term starts

Mid-term holiday – Friday 9th February 2024

Mid-term holiday – Monday 12th February 2024

Thursday 28th March 2024 – Term ends

Spring Holidays

Friday 29th March 2024 (Good Friday) – Friday 12th March 2024

Moray Council Terms Dates & Holidays:

moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_55829.html

- If you are having any difficulties receiving emails or group call messages please contact the school office.

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