



Rothiemay Primary School

'Nurturing aspiration for learning, relationships and life.'

Responsibility – Inclusion - Values – Empathy - Respect

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we enter the final month of the school year, it's hard to believe how quickly time has flown! These last few weeks always bring both exciting changes and heartfelt goodbyes, particularly for our Primary 7 pupils. We are so incredibly grateful for our fantastic school community and all your support. At this special time of year, it's so important to look back at all the wonderful successes and memories we've made together, while also looking ahead to new adventures. We're really looking forward to welcoming you at some of our final events of the school year!



Bikeability

What a fantastic week of weather we had for our whole school bikeability sessions. We were amazed at the number of bikes that were brought in for the free bike maintenance check and we appreciate all those who had to facilitate an extra journey to school to make this happen (bike drop offs and pick-ups). Outfit Moray highly praised all our pupils for their respect and responsibility when working with them. All children gained their certificate at the end of the week from bike confidence to level 1 and level 2 bikeability. We were particularly pleased to hear about the groups that were taken to Keith to practise their skills on a variety of roads and traffic scenarios. One group even learnt how to show respect for a funeral procession by stepping off their bikes and removing their helmets. We are so proud of you all!



Clubs

A huge thank you to Amanda Walker, Active Schools Coordinator for Keith ASG for organising a block of Rugby sessions for all Primary 5, 6, and 7 children this term run by Huntly Youth Development Officer Jasmine Edwards. There is also a badminton session planned for P1,2,3 and P4,5 with Steven Cunningham Regional Development officer at Badminton Scotland.



Science fair

We are always grateful for our relationships with local schools. Keith Grammar school hosted an amazing science fair opportunity for all our Primary 6 pupils. It's great to get them to feel confident in different settings and great for the older pupils to lead learning and share their knowledge and equipment available at their school.

P6/7 Scottish Opera Performance



A huge well done to our **Primary 6 and 7 pupils** who recently took part in our local schools' Scottish Opera project! They did an absolutely fantastic job learning all the songs and actions, and were a true credit to the school on the day of the performance. We hope everyone who got to attend the show had a wonderful time – it truly is a highly recommended and much-loved event each year. What a brilliant opportunity for our pupils to try something new and collaborate with all our local primary schools!

Transition

As we head towards the end of the school year, we're doing lots to make sure all our learners feel ready for what's coming! Throughout this term, we've had all sorts of visits and chances to help everyone get used to the idea of new schools, new teachers, new classrooms, or even just new classmates.

Looking ahead to next year (2025/2026), we'll still have our P1-5 class and a P5-7 class. All the children will get to visit their new classes in the next few weeks and say hello to their new teachers and classmates. P7s and new P1s have already had some extra special visits to their new settings as we know these are big changes, so we want them to feel super comfy and ready!

*P1-5 with Mrs Dorset and Mrs Clayton
P5-7 with Mrs Bekri-Watt and Miss Stewart*



Green Fingers in Action

A huge thank you to Lynne Cameron for her incredible generosity in organising and giving up her time to help our P5-7 class plant some new trees! Lynne has been a wonderful support to the school, previously sharing her fantastic knowledge of Forest School with our P4-5s. It's truly brilliant to see the children taking such great care of our local environment, showing real responsibility and respect for their new trees – some even wanted to give them names! What a fantastic way to learn about caring for our planet.



Outdoor Learning

Well these sessions have gone down a treat with all ages. We have been learning about risks, using tools and all learners are involved in thinking about the risks on the day to help them make safe choices.

Angie Smith has brought with her a wealth of expertise and we are grateful for her working closely with the school to develop our use of the outdoors making links to the curriculum and skills development.

As we use the area we are so lucky to have within our school grounds we are shaping and developing and exploring learning opportunities and are keen to make sure we develop an outdoor learning model that is sustainable for teachers to continue to develop over the coming terms - We are shaping how we use our grounds – including the field, forest, and playground – to create even more meaningful and engaging outdoor learning experiences.



Parent Council

A huge thank you to our brilliant Parent Council for all their amazing support this year! They do so much behind the scenes, from sorting out our Primary 7 hoodies to all sorts of fundraising efforts. Their dedication makes a huge difference, and this term they're helping out at Sports Day, organising and serving refreshments to keep everyone going. Our Primary 7s are especially pleased as the Parent Council has kindly funded their choice of the end of year inflatables for the whole school to enjoy!

Please remember that lots of the fantastic things that happen at our school are only possible with the Parent Council's support. As our Primary 7s head off on their next adventure, this often leaves a few spaces for new members at our AGM Meeting. We'd absolutely love to see you there to help keep supporting our fantastic little school!



If you would like to contribute to the meeting but cannot attend please send your thoughts and ideas to our parent council email on:

rothiemayparentcouncil@gmail.com

Our AGM meeting will be on:

Wednesday 3rd September 2025
6.30pm-7.30pm

We will be meeting face to face at Rothiemay Primary School. We also have an online link for those who would like to attend virtually.

Online Link: <https://meet.google.com/uyp-faqa-ijo>



Upcoming Events in June:

outfitmoray

actively developing potential

Primary 7 Activity Week

Primary 7's have an amazing week filled with outdoor activities with Outfit Moray. They will be learning about bushcraft and team building as well as trying activities such as Kayaking/ paddle boarding and coasteering. They will be out of school from 10am-3pm for these activities on Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th June.

Remember to dress for the weather and bring your packed lunches! Sport specific equipment including wetsuits are all provided on the day.



Whole School Transition Week – Week beginning 3rd June 2025. All learners will spend some time in their new classes, getting to know their teacher and classroom routines for next session. This provides a great opportunity to ask any questions and share any worries with your new teacher and classmates.



Primary 7 Leavers' and Whole School Awards

Assembly – Friday 20th June, 2-3pm. A special celebration to mark the end of primary school for our P7s as well as presenting school awards for all ages – all families are warmly invited to attend.



Sports Day – Wednesday 18th June 2025

Get ready for a fun, active afternoon for the whole school community at our upcoming Sports Day! Fingers crossed for some lovely weather, because if it's fine, we'd love to invite all our lovely families to join us for a picnic on the school field beforehand. After that, our amazing P7s will be taking the lead, organising and running the races, what a fantastic leadership opportunity for them (and a chance to set a good example on when racing themselves!).



Keith Grammar School Induction

Days for P7s – Tuesday 10th – Thursday 12th June. For Primary 7s moving on to Keith Grammar School.



The Gordon Schools Induction Days

for P7s – Monday 23rd – Friday 27th June. For Primary 7s moving on to The Gordon Schools.

P7 Leavers' Celebrations: A Fantastic Farewell!

Our P7s have been planning their exciting leavers' events, ensuring their final weeks at school are packed with fun and lasting memories!

The fun kicks off with an amazing Activity Week led by Outfit Moray followed by celebrations in school, including inflatables, a special class party, and a P7 picnic with their teachers at the park. They're also stepping up to take on important roles, like organising and leading Sports Day and planning their leavers' assembly in coordination with staff. Please note that due to secondary school transition days, these events will not take place during the very last week of term.

This year, our P7s have been discussing the traditional ways of marking their departure. After much deliberation, they've chosen to have the P1-6 children form a tunnel and "squirt out" the P7s with water guns as they leave their leavers' assembly! This will be a fun and memorable send-off, but please note that this will not lead to a whole-school water fight afterwards. This is to ensure a positive and manageable experience for everyone, as we know not all children like getting wet, and it can be overwhelming for some, especially those who rely on school buses. If parents wish to stay and supervise their own children in a water fight beyond the school day, that's entirely at their discretion.

We're incredibly excited for our P7s as they celebrate their time at school and look forward to hearing all about their adventures!



As the school year winds down, we want to share some exciting news! Our wonderful teacher, Miss Stewart, will be getting married over the summer break. We wish her all the happiness in the world and can't wait for her to return in August, when she'll be taking on her new married name, Mrs Fletcher.

Diary Dates



Moray Council Terms Dates & Holidays:
moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_55829.html

As we start to wind down this academic year, we're also getting organised for the next! Here's a quick heads-up on key dates for the 2025-2026 academic year in Moray:

- **In-Service Closures:** Monday 18th August 2025 & Tuesday 19th August 2025
- **Term 1 starts:** Wednesday 20th August 2025
- **Term ends:** Friday 10th October 2025
- **Autumn Holiday:** Monday 13th October 2025 - Friday 24th October 2025



You'll also notice a small but important change to our school day timings from August. The **new school day times** will be:

8:55 AM to 3:00 PM

Please make sure you're aware of these new timings. School buses will also update their schedules to reflect these changes.



Here's to a fantastic close to the school year! To our wonderful P7s, enjoy every moment of your last term with us, making memories that will last a lifetime. We're incredibly excited for a fantastic final month, and eagerly anticipate all the brilliant learning and fun that the new academic year will bring! A huge thank you to all our families – it is truly a pleasure working with you all to ensure the best opportunities for every one of our learners.

Mrs Clayton

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