



Rothiemay Primary School

'Nurturing aspiration for learning, relationships and life.'

Responsibility – Inclusion - Values – Empathy - Respect

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Dear Parents/Carers

Term 4 is always such a lovely opportunity for us all to pause and reflect on the wonderful achievements our children have made throughout the year. It is a time to celebrate our shared successes and look ahead with excitement toward the new adventures and changes the future holds. At Rothiemay, we remain dedicated to 'Nurturing aspiration for learning, relationships and life'.

Our learning journey is guided by our RIVER values: Responsibility, Inclusion, Values, Empathy, and Respect. These values are the heart of everything we do, helping our pupils grow into responsible citizens who understand the importance of inclusion and respect for one another's rights (UNCRC).



Parents' / Carers Evening & Book Fair

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all into school for our Parents' Evenings on Tuesday, 28th April and Wednesday, 29th April. This is a wonderful opportunity to share in your child's progress and chat about their learning journey so far.

By now, all time slips for those who requested an appointment should have made their way home in school bags. If you haven't seen yours yet, please just give the school office a shout and we'll get a time allocated for you right away.

To make the evenings even more exciting, we will have a Book Fair set up for all our families to browse! It's a great chance to find a new favourite story together.

If any parents or carers would be happy to volunteer a little bit of their time to help us supervise the book fair during either evening. We would be incredibly grateful, please let the school know if you can lend a hand. Thank you for your continued support!

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A High Note for Scottish Opera

A huge, heartfelt "Well Done" to all our Primary 6 and 7 pupils who took part in that amazing performance with local schools for the Keith ASG Scottish Opera. It was a truly wonderful event! From the vibrant costumes and beautiful singing to the energetic dancing, the children's enthusiasm was infectious. It was so lovely to see so many parents there supporting the children and enjoying the show. These moments of aspiration and community are what make our school so special.



Quiz Whizzes!

A huge congratulations to Rothiemay Quiz Team! They have done a fantastic job getting through to Round 2 of the Rotary Quiz. They will be heading off to Forres Town Hall on Wednesday, May 6th (doors open at 5:30 pm for a 6:00 pm start) to compete against other area finalists. We are so proud of their hard work and wish them the very best of luck!

Good Luck!
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Young Leaders in the Making

We've had some very busy bees in P5-7! Active Schools has been working closely with these pupils, training them up to be confident young leaders. This term, they'll be taking the reins to run their own lunchtime clubs with the support of Amanda from Active Schools. This is a brilliant opportunity for them to develop leadership skills while having fun with their peers.



We are also thrilled to welcome Outfit Moray back to work on Bikeability skills with us! These sessions are designed to support all children at their own level, helping them develop the confidence and safety awareness needed to be expert bike users. When appropriate, some groups will be heading out into the village and even into Keith to practice their road safety skills in real-world settings to achieve their specific Bikeability levels. Keep an eye out for details regarding the groups going out of school for these sessions!



Musical Specialists Opportunities

We feel very lucky to continue offering brass lessons to some of our pupils with Mr. Gray on a weekly basis. But our music specialists don't stop there! We are also looking forward to welcoming our latest music experience—a fantastic drumming block for our P5s. Music is a wonderful way for our children to become confident individuals, finding their own beat and expressing their creativity.



Science Experience

Our P6 pupils are also getting a head start on their secondary journey as they are invited to attend the Keith Grammar School (KGS) Science Fair on May 6th. This is always a highlight, offering hands-on access to the science labs and plenty of fun experiments to try!



Fresh Air & P.E.

With the better weather slowly arriving, we are eager to get the children outside for their P.E. sessions as much as possible. To help us make the most of the sunshine, could you please ensure your child comes to school with outdoor shoes for P.E. (in addition to their indoor shoes) and an appropriate outdoor P.E. kit.

Just a wee reminder of our P.E. days:

- **P1-5 (Robins):** Mondays and Wednesdays
- **P5-7 (Eagles):** Tuesdays and Thursdays



Community Corner

A massive thank you to everyone who has been working hard behind the scenes to organise our upcoming Parent Council Coffee Morning! We would love for as many of you as possible to join us at the Rothiemay Village Hall on Saturday, 16th May, from 10am to 12.



This isn't just for school families—the whole community is very welcome to pop in! It's a wonderful chance for a catch-up and to strengthen those local connections that make our village so special. As a very exciting addition to the morning, there will be a seasonal trail set up in the local woodland area for everyone to enjoy. We are incredibly grateful to the community member who owns the woods for kindly agreeing to let us use this beautiful space.



Parent Council

If you'd like to get more involved, our next Parent Council Meeting will be held on:

Wednesday, 29th April

6:30pm -7:30pm



We would love to see some new faces there; please remember that everyone is welcome to join us, whether you prefer to pop in face-to-face or link in virtually from the comfort of home!

It's the support of our wonderful families that helps make Rothiemay such a special place to learn. We're looking forward to a busy, sunny, and success-filled final term together!

Supporting Our Transitions

Transitions are a vital part of this term, and we want to ensure every child and family feels fully informed and supported.

- **Nursery to Primary 1:** Our newest learners joining us in August will be visiting the class throughout the term. They will join the current P1s for everything from story time to playful learning to help them feel right at home. We also invite families of our new P1s to an Information Evening on Tuesday, June 23rd, from 3:15–4:15 pm.



- **Whole School "Moving Up" Days:** During the week beginning June 22nd, all children will visit their new classes. This is a lovely opportunity for them to ask questions and start planning for next year's learning adventures!



Primary 7 to Secondary:

- **Keith Grammar:** Throughout Term 4, P7s heading to KGS are invited to continue attending the 'Keith Loft Youth Project'. Secondary staff may also visit the class for "getting to know you" activities and to answer any questions or concerns. Transition days are June 23rd–25th.



- **The Gordons Schools:** Transition days are June 22nd or 23rd (depending on your house), with everyone attending on June 24th, 25th, and 26th.



Primary 7 Leavers' Celebrations

Our P7s have an incredible Activity Week planned with Outfit Moray from June 2nd–5th. They will be collected by the Outfit Moray bus at 10 am and returned by 3 pm so they can still catch their usual school transport. This amazing week includes bushcraft, team building, kayaking, and coasteering, with all equipment provided and full supervision by trained experts.



To celebrate their time at Rothiemay, the P7s have also chosen to have inflatables for the whole school to enjoy on July 1st! Keep an eye out for consent letters coming home later this term.



Sports Day

We would love to invite all our Rothiemay families to join us for Sports Day on Tuesday, June 16th!

- 12:30–1:15: Join the children for a 'bring your own' picnic lunch on the school field.
- 1:15 onwards: Sporting events and races. Our P7s will be using their leadership skills to organize the afternoon, and the Playgroup will even join us for a fun race!



Awards and P7 Leavers Assembly

Finally, our Whole School Awards and P7 Leavers Assembly will be held on Tuesday, June 30th, from 2–3 pm. Teachers are already busy reflecting on the children's achievements to decide who will receive this year's trophies. If you have any trophies from last year, please return them to the school office as soon as possible.



We look forward to a busy and success-filled final term!

Warmest regards,
Mrs. Clayton

Diary Dates



Term 4 starts	Monday 13 th April
Parents' /Carers Evening	Tuesday 28 th April & Wednesday 29 th April
Parent Council Meeting	Wednesday 29 th April 6.30-7.30
May Day Holiday	Monday 4 th May
Bikeability	
P6's Visit KGS Science Fair	Wednesday 6 th May 10-12
Rotary Quiz Round 2 at Forres Town Hall	Wednesday 6 th May (Doors open 5.30 for a 6pm start)
Parent Council Coffee Morning at Rothiemay Village Hall	Saturday 16 th May 10-12
Occasional day – School Closed	Monday 1 st June 2026
Primary 7 Activity week with Outfit Moray	Tuesday 2 nd June Wednesday 3 rd June Thursday 4 th June Friday 5 th June
Sports Day Picnic lunch 12.30-1.15 Races 1.15 onwards	Tuesday 16 th June
New Primary 1 Parents Information Evening	Tuesday 23 rd June 3.15 – 4.15
The Gordons School Primary 7's Transition Days	Monday 22 nd or Tuesday 23 rd June (depending on houses). Everyone on 24 th , 25 th and 26 th June
Keith Grammar Primary 7's Transition Days	Tuesday 23 rd June Wednesday 24 th June Thursday 25 th June
In-school visits to new classes	Wednesday 24 th June
Whole School Awards and Primary 7 Leavers Assembly	Tuesday 30 th June 2-3
Primary 7 Leavers Inflatables Day	Wednesday 1 st July
Term ends	Thursday 2 nd July 2026



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

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