



August 2026



Dear Families,

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a wonderful break and are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting new term. It has been lovely to see our pupils return with smiling faces and plenty of enthusiasm. We are looking forward to a busy term filled with learning, creativity and achievements and we thank our families for their continued support.

Charity Tokens

At the end of last term, our pupils counted the charity tokens that had been collected throughout the year. The RSPCA received the highest number of tokens, so the school donated £100 to support its work. Donations of £50 were also made to Cancer Research UK and £25 to Feeling Blue.

Charity tokens are awarded to pupils who consistently follow our school routines and demonstrate our school values. We are delighted to announce that the pupils have chosen this year's charities as Help for Heroes, Save the Children and SSPCA. We look forward to supporting these worthwhile causes throughout the school year.

Curriculum

Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our pupils' fundraising efforts last term. Thanks to your generosity, each stage has been able to invest in resources that will enhance learning and play across the school.

- P1-3 have used their fundraising money to improve their courtyard area, creating an inviting outdoor space with even more opportunities for outdoor learning.
- A special thank you to Mrs Wright, the volunteers from Keith Men's shed, Fiona (Tesco Community Champion) and Kay (parent helper) for coming in during the holidays to help tidy, clean and paint the courtyard. We really appreciate all your hard work and support!





- P3-5 have created a new cosy reading corner and purchased a selection of new books to encourage a love of reading.
- P5-7 have invested in a range of play-based learning resources, supporting creativity, collaboration and learning through play.

We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of our school community, which helps us provide these valuable opportunities for our pupils.

IDL - Building Learning Power

This term's Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL) will draw together experiences and outcomes from Literacy, Science and Health and Wellbeing. Pupils will develop an understanding of growth mindset and how the brain learns, while exploring the impact of positive relationships through the concept of bucket filling. Learning will also focus on developing resilience, perseverance, emotional literacy and strategies for recognising and regulating emotions. These experiences will support pupils to develop the knowledge, skills and attributes needed to become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.

Ethos and life of the school as a community

Reflection Jotters

Every fortnight, pupils will bring home their Reflection Jotters to share their learning with you. These jotters provide an opportunity for pupils to reflect on their learning experiences, celebrate their achievements and think about their next steps. They will also include information and ideas to help parents and carers support learning at home. We encourage you to take some time to look through the jotter together and discuss your child's learning.

Opportunities for Personal Achievement



Well done to Elliot, who took part in the Edinburgh Cup during the summer holidays. What a fantastic achievement! We are very proud of you, Elliot, for getting involved and representing yourself so well.

Reminder: If your child has a personal achievement you would like us to share - whether it's a sporting success, music award, club certificate or community involvement - please send a photo along with a short sentence explaining the achievement to admin.newmillp@moray-edunet.gov.uk Alternatively they can bring the achievement in to school to share. We would be delighted to feature it in our newsletter and celebrate their success with the school community.

Reminder:

Please remember to clearly label all your child's school uniform and personal belongings. Jumpers, coats, water bottles, lunch boxes and other items can easily get mixed up or misplaced.

Warm regards

S. Chalmers.

Stacey Chalmers
Acting HT

DIARY DATES

- **Tuesday 15th September** - Parent Council Meeting - 6,30pm
- **Friday 11th September** - Flu Immunisation
- **Friday 25th September** - P1 Information Session at 2.00 pm
- **Friday 9th October**- Tempest Photography/Term ends
- **Monday 26th October**- Term 2 starts
- **Monday 9th November and Tuesday 10th November**- In Service Closure

