



Madderty Primary School

Newsletter

February 2026

Dear Parents,

I hope this finds you well. This term has been quick as every with mid term fast approaching.

Unfortunately, two of our teachers remain unwell and cannot return to work yet. We wish them both a full recovery and hope that they can join us over the coming weeks.

Huge thanks to Mrs Cole who is covering full time in P1/2/3. Thanks also to the group of supply teachers supporting in P6/7. We appreciate all their help.

Kind regards

Jackie Farrell
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Poetry Competition

After several weeks practice, many pupils participated in our annual poetry competition. There was a wide selection chosen with many new titles. The competition was as usual very close with two overall winners chosen. Congratulations to

P1-3:

Alma de la Haye (The Sair Finger)

P4-7:

Fergus de la Haye (IGOR).

SCHOOL WEBSITE

The school website can be found here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/pk/maddertyprimaryschool/>



SCHOOL NOTICES



Absences

If your child is unable to attend school, please contact the School Office **before 9am** either by phone (please leave a message if no-one is available) or email (maddertyparents@pka.gov.uk). If possible, please give a reason for their absence. This is to ensure that all absences are correctly coded. Thank you.

Morning Drop-Off and Afternoon Pick-Up and Car Parking

Please note that pupils should NOT be dropped off at school before 8.45am.

Please contact the school on maddertyparents@pka.gov.uk to inform the school if a different person is collecting pupils e.g. grandparents/friends/other parents.

If this is a regular occurrence on a certain day(s), just let us know once and it will be noted on the bus register.

Morning Drop-Off

The enlarged car park can be accessed in the usual way. Please accompany your child to the main playground to keep them safe from moving traffic. Do not enter or leave when the buses are in. This will allow the children to safely make their way to the playground.

Afternoon Pick-Up

To decrease congestion on the road, the car park can be accessed until 3.10pm allowing you to park and wait at the Shelter Shed for your child. Priority is given to the buses if they are reversing into the bus area. Buses arrive at 3pm approx. The gates will be closed at 3.10pm to stop cars coming in while the children are boarding the buses. Please pass this information to other family members who occasionally collect children.

If the main gate is closed when you arrive to pick up your child during the day, please close the gate again when you leave.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Wednesday 11th – Friday 13th February

Wednesday 18th February

Thursday 19th February

Thursday 5th March

Tuesday 24th March 7pm

Wednesday 1st April

Thursday 2nd April

Monday 27th April 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Tuesday 28th April 5pm-7pm

Wednesday 29th April 7.15pm

Monday 4th May

Wednesday 27th May 1pm-3pm

Friday 29th May

Thursday 11th June – Friday 12th June

Wednesday 3rd June 1pm-3pm

Tuesday 30th June

Mid Term Holiday

“Show Racism the Red Card”

P5-7 Presentation and Workshop

P7 Transition Day, Crieff High School

World Book Day (Dress Up Day)

P6/7 Rotary Quiz at Crieff Campus

Teams TBC

Easter Eggstravaganza!

Eggs & Bonnets

Last day of term – finish at 3.15pm

Parent Contact

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Parent Council (Teams online meeting)

May Day Holiday – school closed

Sports Day

In Service Day – school closed to pupils

P7 Induction Days

Back-up Sports Day

P7 Leavers Assembly

Music in School

The Parent Council were keen for us to introduce more music opportunities in school. As a result, the following has been arranged.

The PC are funding a school choir! Kat Grieve is leading the choir every Friday lunch time. There are approximately 20 singers participating weeks. They are already sounding great after only 3 sessions and will be entertaining us at some point over the next few months.

Irralee Stewart of the Vale of Atholl pipe band (helped by Amy and Ruairidh) generously gave her time to come in and demonstrate chanter and drum pads. All children then had the chance to attempt a rhythm on the pad with many finding it wasn't as easy as it looks!

On Friday, 5 members of Blackford Fiddle Group visited us, entertained the children, shared lots of interesting information about both instruments and songs, and finally supported the children in having a go on small fiddles. A great afternoon was had by all.

Owen Nicholson, PKC guitar teacher, has opened lessons to Primary 5 and has a group of 8 enthusiastic recruits, having lessons each Tuesday.

Next term we look forward to a focus on music composition and classical music.

SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES

Spring Term 2026:

In-Service Day	Wednesday 11 th February
Occasional Holidays	Thursday 12 th – Friday 13 th February
Term ends	Thursday 2 nd April
Spring Holiday	Friday 3 rd – Friday 17 th April
Easter Sunday	Sunday 5 th April

Summer Term 2026:

Term starts	Monday 20 th April
May Day Holiday	Monday 4 th May
In-Service Day	Friday 29 th May
Term ends	Thursday 2 nd July

Autumn Term 2026

In Service Day	Monday 17 th August 2026
Term Starts	Tuesday 18 th August 2026
Term Ends	Friday 9 th October 2026
Autumn Holiday	Monday 12 th October – Friday 23 rd October 2026

Mrs Cole and Primary 1/2/3

P1/2/3 have been very busy this term learning to tell the time on both analogue and digital clocks. We have been reinforcing our place value learning and working on our mental maths by focussing on our doubles.

In Literacy, we have been creating writing around a winter theme and adding lots of great description to engage the reader.

We are enjoying our Space topic and have learned about the different planets in our solar system. We have created our own comments and investigated the importance of space travel and how this has helped us to learn more about other planets.

In PE, we have been taking part in Scottish country dancing, and we have learned a few dances so far and trying to keep in time with the beat of the music.

We learned about Robert Burns' life and how his poetry has had an impact on Scottish culture. The class presented their Scottish poems and songs well for the Scottish poetry competition and showed confidence and pride in their ability.

Kind regards,

Mrs Cole

Mrs Kinmont and Primary 3/4/5

P3/4/5 have blasted off into space this term! We have been busy learning about our Solar System creating fact files on the planets. We also joined the interactive Space Planet Earth Show and learned about the vast amounts of space junk in our atmosphere.

We have had exciting learning experiences in music with a visit from the Vale of Atholl Pipe Band who taught us about the chanter and drumming, we all got to try the drum pads. Blackford Fiddle Group also came to class and gave us the opportunity to try the violin. Next, we are doing a music study of the composer Holst and his orchestral suite "The Planets".

The children have been working hard learning our Scottish Poems and working on our presentation skills. Well done to Savannah, Logan, Charles, Calder, Esme, Harrison and Fergus, our P3/4/5 finalists. A big well done to Fergus for winning overall.

In art we have been learning about the art technique of pointillism. We have been very creative using this technique with some masterpieces coming home soon.

Kind regards

Mrs Kinmont

Mrs Farrell / Mrs Anderson and P6/7

P6/7 are working hard as ever. In Numeracy the focus has been angles and algebra with good progress being made. They have worked on some descriptive writing, improving use of adjectives and adverbs as well as remembering to include their senses.

The children have also been enjoying their space work. They have been working in groups to research information about each planet and will present this in the form of a PowerPoint presentation. Individual projects have created the opportunity for each child to identify an area of interest to then share with the class. Following agreed criteria, they have written factual and informative sections on their chosen subject and illustrated these too.

Kind regards

Mrs Farrell