



Heriot News



1 June 2026

Sponsored walk

Despite the mixed weather we had on the day, our sponsored walk was a **HUGE** success. Lots of laps of the school were completed by staff and children and it was great that some nursery parents were able to join in too. We surprised the children with a giant inflatable assault course and bouncy disco dome which they loved. After their session walking, all classes had a session on both of the inflatables. There were lots of smiles, red sweaty faces and crazy dance moves (and that was just the staff!). According to some it was the best day ever in school! Not only was it a fun day but we raised a lot of money to support our trips. We cannot thank you enough for your (and your wider families and friends) generosity. **THANK YOU.**

Staffing

We have a new member of Team Heriot! Mrs Hunter stopped a bit earlier than planned for her maternity leave as baby Chloe was keen to arrive. Chloe looks absolutely adorable and mum and baby are both well. We can't wait to meet baby Chloe when she comes to Heriot for a visit.

Miss Adams will complete her year with us at the end of this term. It has been great to have her with us this session. We wish her well and thank her for everything she has done since joining us. You'll be missed.

Change to Senior Leadership Team

Nationally, and locally, the birth rate is falling. Most schools across Renfrewshire are seeing their rolls fall as a result. Schools are staffed based on the number of pupils attending and this affects our leadership entitlement. We currently have a Head Teacher, Depute Head Teacher and a Principal Teacher. Sadly, our roll has fallen below the threshold to retain our Principal Teacher position. This means that Mr Taylor will need to leave us at the end of this term. We are incredibly sad to be losing such a great member of staff, who does so much for the school, and is loved by the children. Since joining us Mr Taylor has led a number of improvements very effectively across the school and we thank him for this. We're losing a Principal Teacher, a colleague and a friend. We wish Mr Taylor well in his new role as Principal Teacher at Cochrane Castle Primary. Our loss is most definitely their gain.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our questionnaire. We had an improved return rate across the school and ELCC. Thank you also for all the lovely comments which mean so much to us as a staff team. As always, there is room for improvement, so we will continue to work hard to address these aspects of our service. The results are attached to the end of this newsletter.

Online webinar - A Parent's Guide to Children's Rights

Wednesday 3rd June 2026 at 5:30-6:30 pm

Join Parenting Across Scotland and Together (Scottish Alliance for Children's Rights) for this special free webinar. It is designed to help parents understand children's rights, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in Scotland and how the UNCRC can support families. For further information and to register click [here](#).

Trips

I'm not sure whether it was our staff or the children who enjoyed our visit to Adventure Planet the most. A great time was had by all. Our ELCC children visited Monty's Farm Park and they also had a great time.

Sports Day

We picked a perfect day for Sports Day this year. The weather was on our side for once. Sunny and cloudy but not too hot. The children had fantastic support from parents/carers and wider family members which was brilliant. Thanks to those of you brave enough to enter the parent races and congratulations to the winners.

Reading Schools Gold Reaccreditation

Three years ago we received our Gold Reading Schools Award recognising the fantastic work going on within the school to promote reading. To be reaccredited we had to gather evidence of the work and activities we have undertaken to continue, and build on, our good practice. Mrs McNally, Mrs Walsh, Mrs Mackay, Miss Adams and our Reader Leaders have continued to lead this work and gather the evidence. Our feedback following submission of our evidence was fantastic. The assessor said, 'It has been an absolute pleasure reading through your submission and seeing the amazing things you have been doing since we saw you last. Having looked through all of your excellent (and I mean EXCELLENT) evidence, I am thrilled to let you know that you have truly smashed your Reading Schools Gold reaccreditation! [Congratulations!](#)

To achieve this really was a whole school effort and we are delighted to be the first school in Paisley, 26th school nationally, to achieve Gold Reaccreditation.



Uniform

When purchasing clothes for school next session we would ask that only items of uniform are purchased. We have always been proud of the standard of uniform worn within our school however we have noticed an increasing number of children not wearing appropriate clothing to school. I appreciate that badged items are more expensive and there is absolutely no requirement that these be worn. Plain polo shirts and jumpers are just as smart. Leggings, obviously branded clothing and brightly coloured trainers should not be worn.

On gym days children should wear their uniform, not sports clothing, and can change when it is time for gym. A small number of children are currently treating a gym day as a non-uniform day. Branded sports clothing, tracksuits and crop tops should not be worn. Younger pupils may choose to wear shorts under their uniform with a polo shirt to make it easier for them to change. Our thanks in advance for your support with this.

Health and Safety in Physical Education - Revised Code of Practice

Please note the following from Renfrewshire Council's revised code of practice for PE -

Pupils will be advised that they are responsible for wearing clothing and footwear suitable to the activity and shoelaces must be tied. Footwear with laces only halfway engaged and tongues flopping are clearly hazardous and must not be allowed.

Watches, rings, chains and belts with metal buckles and other body jewellery must all be removed before the physical education lesson. As these may cause injury to the wearer and others.

There is a growing trend for false/very long natural nails. During physical education this can constitute a hazard to both wearer and others. Nails for staff and children/young people need to be sufficiently short to prevent injury to self and others.

Children/young people whose piercing cannot be removed or whose nails are not deemed to be a sufficient length will, where possible, be given a separate low risk activity to complete in activities where it is deemed a safety issue. It is preferred that parents are advised that any child having body jewellery piercing wait until the summer break to allow them time to heal. However, parents wishing children to wear body jewellery during physical education should write to the school expressing their request. Children will be expected to provide tape and cover any such items of jewellery during the activity. Pupils will be responsible for the safekeeping of jewellery.

Holiday

Members of the Education and Children's Services Policy Board have now approved Monday 15 June as a public holiday to mark the World Cup, The school and ELCC will therefore be closed on this day.



Arrangements for next session

We are currently in the process of finalising our staffing allocation for next session and parents will be advised of their child's class and teacher as soon as we are able to. Children's progress and attainment in learning forms the basis of any decisions made regarding class allocation. Our staff have spent a considerable amount of time creating our classes for next session giving consideration, where appropriate, to factors other than attainment to best meet the needs of our children and I thank them for this. Parents are respectfully reminded that class formation is mainly based on individual pupils learning profiles and while we always try to ensure that children are placed with others they are friends with, we are unable to change classes for children to be with individual friends and such requests cannot be accommodated. In childhood friendship groupings regularly change and children are supported to form new friendships and extend their social circle.

Just a reminder that our playgrounds are not supervised until 8.45am. We ask that parents/carers do not enter the playground and drop off/collect their child at the gate of their choice. P.1 and P.2 parents can continue to enter the infant playground and ELCC parents to access the nursery.

Lost Property

Our lost property boxes are regularly checked to see if there are names on items to allow us to return them to children. Unfortunately, the majority of jackets, trousers, jumpers etc. do not have names on them. Please put your child's name on all clothing items so that hopefully we can reduce the amount of clothing that goes unclaimed each session and save you having to replace what has been lost.

Last day

A reminder that school closes on Tuesday 30 June at **1pm**.

Due to the early finish, most children will eat lunch at home on this day.

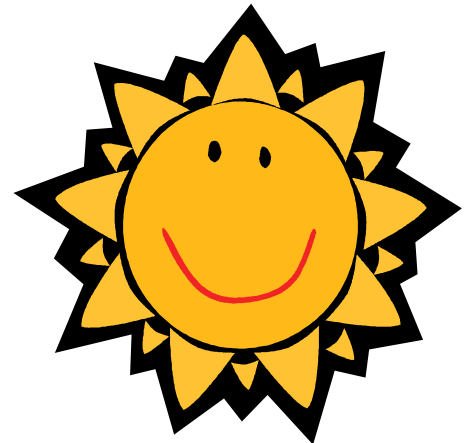
If your child requires a school lunch there will be a sandwich only option available.

Thanks

My sincere thanks to you all for your continued support of the school. My thanks also to **all** our wonderful staff who work in the ELCC and school for their hard work and dedication to the job. Heriot wouldn't be the same without them.

Good Luck to our children heading off to Gleniffer High School. We'll look forward to seeing all the other children returning to us after the summer break. We're also excited to welcome all our new P.1 pupils.

Have a lovely summer everyone, let's hope the sun shines!
See you all on Tuesday 18 August.



Hilary Paterson

Head teacher



HERIOT PRIMARY SCHOOL AND ELCC
What do you think?
 A Questionnaire for Parents: 2026



R E S U L T S

Thank you very much for the response to our recent questionnaire. 66 families returned the questionnaire the results of which are summarised below in percentages.

ALL RESULTS EXPRESSED AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL RESPONSES TO EACH QUESTION								
		Strongly agree	Agree	Total % who agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Total % who disagree	Don't know
1.	My child likes being at Heriot	64%	35%	99%	1%		1%	
2.	The school/ELCC helps my child to feel confident	63%	33%	96%	4%		4%	
3.	I feel staff really know my child as an individual	58%	41%	99%	1%		1%	
4.	My child receives the help and support he/she needs to do well	61%	36%	97%			0%	3%
5.	My child finds their learning activities hard enough	33%	50%	83%	11%	5%	15%	1%
6.	I feel that my child is safe at the school/ELCC	50%	41%	91%	6%		6%	3%
7.	Staff treat my child fairly and with respect	64%	35%	98%	2%		2%	
8.	The school/ELCC supports my child's emotional wellbeing	55%	42%	97%			0%	3%
9.	I receive helpful feedback about how my child is learning and developing	55%	44%	99%	1%		1%	
10.	The school takes my views into account when making changes	35%	45%	80%	3%	3%	6%	14%
11.	I feel comfortable approaching the teaching staff/ELCC staff with questions, suggestions and/or a problem	70%	29%	99%			0%	1%
12.	I am kept up to date with what is happening within the school/ELCC (newsletters, Seesaw etc.)	62%	37%	99%			0%	1%
13.	The school is well led and managed	56%	41%	97%	1%		1%	2%
14.	Overall, I am satisfied with the school	58%	39%	97%	3%		3%	
15.	I would recommend the school to other parents	53%	42%	95%	1%	3%	4%	1%

Thank you. We, the staff, are greatly encouraged by the positive response and the many appreciative comments. We thoroughly enjoy working with you and your children and it is so rewarding to feel valued.

We are always trying to improve our service. Please do contact us directly if there is a particular issue we could help you with or if you have any ideas for developing the work of the school.

Kind regards

Hilary Paterson

Head Teacher