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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Holmston Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- The headteacher's highly effective leadership. They have created an innovative and inspiring culture of learning for all children and staff.
- Children who are enthusiastic, confident and articulate. They enjoy learning and are very proud of their school.
- A skilled staff team. They develop exciting and well-planned approaches to learning and teaching which engage and motivate children.
- Imaginative learning environments across the school. Staff plan and use these very well to provide high-quality learning and teaching.

The following area for improvement was identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from South Ayrshire Council.

- Senior leaders and staff should continue to focus on raising attainment in literacy and numeracy, building on the highly effective approaches to teaching and learning.



We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school \(4th edition\)](#). Quality indicators help schools, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

## Here are HMIE's evaluations for Holmston Primary School

| Quality indicators  | Evaluation |
|---|------------|
| Leadership of change  | very good  |
| Learning, teaching and assessment   | very good  |
| Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion  | very good  |
| Raising attainment and achievement  | good       |
| Descriptions of the evaluations are available from:<br><a href="#">How good is our school (4th edition) Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a> |            |

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the HMIE website at: [Reports page | Inspection reports | HMIE](#)

### What happens next?

We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. South Ayrshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

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HM Inspector

On behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland