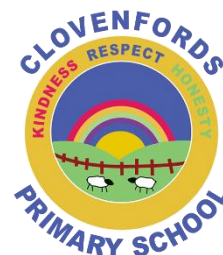


Clovenfords Primary School

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Weekly Update – Friday 5th September 2025



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

Thank you to all the families who were able to come along to our Meet the Teacher evening on Tuesday. For those of you who were unable to attend, we have posted a PowerPoint on your child's Class Communication Group to ensure you have the same information that was shared on the evening.

"I wanted to say how lovely and relaxed the 'Meet the teacher' evening was. It was great to see round the classrooms and look at some of the learning materials, and also to have an informal chat with the teachers."
Parent

Also on your child's Class Communication Group, teachers will be publishing this term's Family Friendly Learning Overview which details the learning that is planned for your child this term, alongside ways you can support your child at home. If you have yet to join your child's class group, we urge that you do so at your earliest convenience. You will find the relevant codes below.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

Friday 5th September	Family Curriculum Overviews published
Tuesday 9th September	iPads in P4 - Parent Information Evening 6.00pm-7.00pm at St Peter's Primary School
Monday 15th September	Individual Pupil Photos
Monday 15th September	Parent Council AGM – in school 6.30pm
Tuesday 16th September	Individual Pupil Photos
Wednesday 17th September	P2-7 families invited to Citizenship Gathering - 9.15am – 9.45am
Wednesday 24th September	Family Soft Start Stay and Play P1-7 8:45 - 9:15am ELC - 8:35 - 9:15am
Friday 3rd October	P6/7 Class Assembly – 9.00am. All P6/7 parents invited.
Monday 13th October	October holiday begins
Monday 20th October	In Service Day. Staff return only
Tuesday 21st October	Pupils resume

Parent Council AGM

The annual Parent Council AGM will take place in school at **6.30pm** on **Monday 15th September**. All families are warmly invited to come along. The Parent Council needs new members to keep it vibrant, particularly parents whose children are at the start of their school experience and have a long association ahead of them. Everyone on the Parent Council brings something different and something useful to make it work, so please don't think you have nothing to offer. If you are interested in becoming a member, please come along to the AGM.

Showbie Class Communication Groups for 2025-2026

ELC – EUUBQ8	P1/2 – EDTUDB	P2/3 – EYQWA6	P3/4 – E6QPGH
P4/5 – ER72PZ	P5/6 – EPG22Y	P6/7 – ENG692	

Your child's class teachers are in the process of setting up Showbie for their class learning. P4 iPads are in the process of being built. They will be handed out once this is completed and school have received the signed agreement from their parent on the use and care of their 1:1 device.

Wider Achievements

We continue to welcome achievements from outside school that support your child's development as a lifelong learner and active and productive member of their school community and beyond. Children have a wide range of hobbies and interests; sporting, creative, and community based etc., and we love hearing about all these achievements. Please keep sharing these with us.

To support an even wider range of achievements, and to help your child to continue to develop key skills and qualities, we would like to invite you to email our school office with examples – photos would be great! - based on your child's developing understanding and demonstration of how they are being **responsible** and/or **achieving**.

Some examples that may help:

- Making their own bed each day
- Getting themselves ready each morning; getting dressed, packing their own schoolbag, remembering to fill their water bottle.
- Helping to clear the table after dinner
- Tidying up their games and toys after they have finished with them, without being asked.
- Continuing to practise a task or activity and mastering it – such as tying shoelaces, learning to ride a bike or a new skill such as knitting, sewing etc.

We will use all that you share as part of our termly contribution and achievement assemblies where the children will be celebrated. Thank you in advance.

Fergus was player of the week and player of the tournament for his football team.

Leo, Ailsa, Lochlan and **Ronnie** all took part in their first rugby tournament in Peebles recently and all played brilliantly!

Harry, Fergus, Ivar, Adam, Archie and **James** represented the Galashiels Mini Maroons and participated in the Peebles Piranhas rugby tournament last weekend. The team achieved a successful outcome, winning all their matches! Their teamwork was noted as outstanding. Well done all.

Niall was showing off his counting skills in the park last week! He is able to count in ones, tens and hundreds – what a mathematician!

Clovenfords Coins

This session, Clovenfords Coins will be awarded to children for showing community spirit and participation. Coins will be given out by staff during assemblies and gatherings to children who are actively and respectfully engaging in and listening during whole school together times; who are celebrating all the weekly Star Achievers in their chosen celebration claps; who are actively joining in with singing and contributing with responses or questions when invited etc.

Coins can also be earned by pupils for wearing their uniform with pride consistently, including on PE days where they are still expected to come in wearing their school jumper.

Each week the class with the most coins will be celebrated in assembly and have sole use of the MUGA area in the playground on a Friday to enjoy games and activities of their choice. Classes will accumulate coin totals across the term and the class with the most coins can enjoy a non-uniform day on the last Friday of each term. The children are very positive and enthusiastic about earning coins for their class.

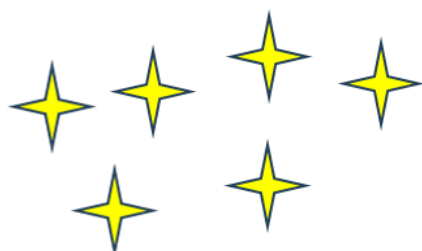


Congratulations to this week's coin winners – P5/6!

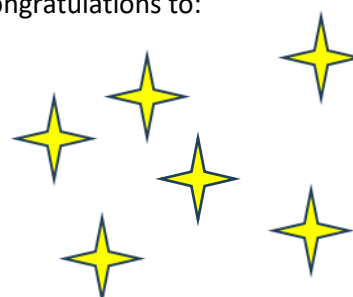
Assembly

We are delighted to continue to celebrate our weekly Star Achievers. All children's learning paths are different, from their progress and understanding, to their social and emotional regulation, as well as their skills development. We recognise that everyone's learning journey is unique to them.

Our Star Achievers enjoyed their hot chocolate today and we would like to say congratulations to:



ELC	Zack
P1/2	Cali
P2/3	Hadley
P3/4	Callum
P4/5	Luca



P5/6	Joey
P6/7	Mason

Keeping Families Informed: Key Updates on Scottish Education Reform

You may be aware Scotland's education system is being reformed, this includes the creation of a new qualifications body, Qualifications Scotland, and a new education inspectorate, with further changes to national education public bodies occurring throughout the upcoming school year. Improvements to the curriculum and approach to qualifications, and assessment are also planned in the coming years. This work will enhance outcomes for children and young people educated in Scotland with the aim of ensuring excellence and equity by raising standards and giving every child and young person the same opportunity to succeed. Further information can be found on the [Scottish Government's website](#).

Free Family Bike Checks

Saturday 20th September 10am-12.30pm

FREE safety checks and basic repairs from Hike & Bike Hub

Bring your bikes along to The Shed, Marigold Drive, Galashiels

Refreshments available on the day.

Borders Additional Needs Group (BANG)

BANG have upcoming Branching Together Parent Carer Group events taking place in Peebles this September. These sessions are open to all parent carers of children and young people with additional support needs or neurodivergence, regardless of diagnosis or stage in their journey. The group meets weekly on Wednesdays during term-time, 9:15am – 11:15am, at the Cross Keys Hotel, Peebles (Upstairs Function Room).

In September, they are delighted to host a series of special events:

- Wednesday 10th September – Guest Speaker: Gill Westwood from Citizen's Advice Bureau
- Wednesday 17th September – Conversation around siblings and their self-care
- Wednesday 24th September – Guest: Kristina Hanson – Relaxation session (mats provided)

These sessions offer a safe, inclusive and friendly space for parent carers to access information, share experiences, and build confidence while connecting with others in the community.

For further details, please contact: ann.mckerracher@bordersadditionalneeds.org



Clothingfords

Clothingfords is available for you to come and browse across the school day as well as during after school and evening events. Please do not be shy about coming in to use this great facility! There is a great mixture of good quality, used items. We also welcome donations.

Please pop in for a browse for any additional uniform items that you require for your child.

Communication

If your child will not be in school, it is important that you inform the school office by 9.00am. You can report absence by phone or email.

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