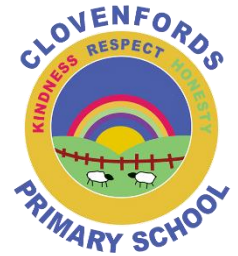


Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update – Friday 5th December 2025



Head Teacher's Update



Dear all,

Rehearsals are well underway for the children's Christmas Shows; the stage is up, costumes are being sourced and fitted, and there is lots of singing to be heard around the school.

Today we held our Christmas Fair, and it was lovely to welcome so many families into school. Our Parent Council ran their coffee morning alongside the children's craft and baking stalls. We hope you enjoyed seeing all the creativity and enterprise skills on show today. Thank you to the Parent Council for all their support.

Next Thursday is Christmas Jumper Day, where the children are welcome to come to school in a Christmas jumper, if they have one. Alternatively, they can wear a Christmas headband or a bit of tinsel etc., to join in the festivities. For any family that would like to send in a donation on Christmas Jumper Day this would be very welcome as we would like to support the Parent Council with their Amazon wish list for Children First. We will use any donations to buy items from this list.

Next week the class parties get underway. If your child would like to bring a change of clothes into school to wear at their party, they are welcome to do so. Please send your child to school on the day of their party in school uniform with any party clothes in their bag. They will have time to get changed and ready before their party starts.

Also, next week our ELC show and P1 and P2 Nativity will take place. Please ensure you have bought your tickets for the shows. The children are looking forward to performing for you.

Wishing you a safe and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

Monday 8th December	P6/7 Christmas Class Party 2.00pm
Tuesday 9th December	P5/6 Christmas Class Party 2.00pm
Wednesday 10th December	ELC Christmas Show 2.15pm
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day – donation for charity
Thursday 11th December	P1 and P2 Nativity Dress Rehearsal 2.00pm and Evening Show at 6.00pm
Friday 12th December	P4/5 Christmas Class Party 11.15am
Monday 15th December	P3/4 Christmas Class Party 2.00pm
Tuesday 16th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 16th December	P2/3 Christmas Class Party 2.00pm
Wednesday 17th December	P3-P7 Christmas Sing Along Dress Rehearsal 2.00pm & Evening Show 6.30pm
Thursday 18th December	P1/2 Christmas Class Party 2.00pm
Friday 19th December	ELC Christmas Party
Monday 22nd December	Christmas holiday begins
Monday 5th January 2026	Staff and pupils resume

Harvest Food Bank Cereal Box Donations – Thank you!

We were delighted to receive 82 cereal boxes as part of our recent learning about harvest time and our support of local food banks. Two crates went to Galashiels Food Bank and they were very pleased to accept these. They would like to pass on their grateful thanks to our families. Two other crates went to the Food Share Hut in

Burnfoot, Hawick. Joyce at the Food Share Hut wanted to "pass on our thanks to all the pupils in the school who so kindly donated to us. The individuals and families we support through our Foodshare Project were delighted with the cereal they received this morning." When the boxes were dropped off there was an elderly lady being served and she asked for Weetabix as her doctor had said that's what she should have, so very timely!

Parent Council Update

For Christmas this year, the Parent Council decided to support local children in need through the charity *Children First*. Children First is helping children and young people to recover from significant abuse and trauma and making them safer. Please consider donating by purchasing a gift chosen by a child from this Amazon wishlist and make a difference this Christmas!

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2V46BXIGR2U3B?ref=list_d_wl_lfu_nav_4

<https://www.childrenfirst.org.uk>

Wider Achievements

To support a wide 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 our school aims of **Respected** and/or **Safe**.

Some examples of **respected** may include:

- Good sportsmanship
- Playing fairly
- Positive communication
- Respecting their own and others' belongings.

Some examples of being **safe** may include:

- Following rules and procedures during out of school activities
- Using equipment properly in games or baking and cooking
- Being safe in their environment
- Helping younger or less experienced peers to follow safety rules.
- Learning how to stay safe online

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

Below from left to right on each row:

Amber has been playing rugby for the Mini Maroons and was the Mascot for the Gala Rugby team when they played against Edinburgh Accies. What a great experience!

Ben made his first gingerbread house for Christmas and he also recently passed his Pre School swimming award. Well done Ben!

Emily represented two bands for Galashiels Town Band. For Maroon Brass, they won a gold award and for Gala Youth Band they won gold and the section so they won the Scottish Championship. Fantastic!

Katie has been working hard in her gymnastics lessons and performed at a show in Edinburgh where she earned a medal! Super job katie!

Max passed his Pony Club D test which had a riding section and a stable management section. Well done Max!

Sophie attended the Remembrance Day Parade alongside her fellow Lauderdale Scouts, demonstrating our school value of Respect.

Samuel has been trying his best to get himself ready for school. He has been independently washing, brushing his teeth and getting himself dressed each morning. Keep it up Samuel!

Lori was delighted to be recognised for her footballing skills and has received the Players Player of the Year award from the coaches at her club. Brilliant effort Lori!



Clovenfords Coins

This week's Clovenfords Coins winners are **P2/3!** Congratulations to all the children in this class! Please keep supporting your child to explore and practise how to be part of a team at home; to positively share in others' achievements, and support others to feel included and welcome in events and activities outwith school. This will help them to keep doing this in school too.

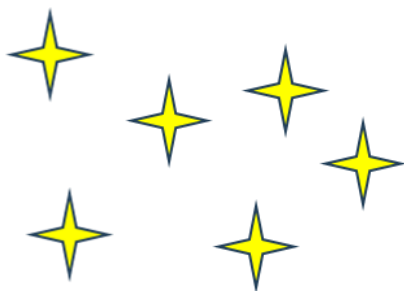


Achievements Assembly

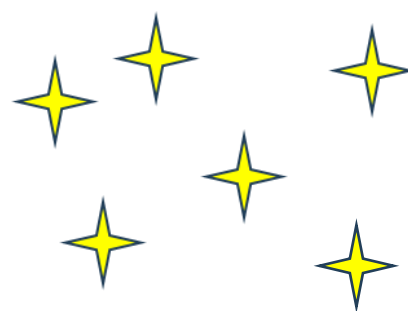
We have had lots of achievements to celebrate this term, from sporting accomplishments to community help; expressive arts achievements to skills development that is supporting children's independence, resilience and creativity. If you haven't yet done so, please consider sharing your child's interests outside of school as the assemblies are a great way for the children to see and celebrate each other as unique individuals, with talents and interests that help them to understand what it means to be a lifelong learner.

We 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 and biscuit today and we would like to say congratulations to:



ELC	Kiara
P1/2	Gregor
P2/3	Arthur
P3/4	Torin
P4/5	Sophie R
P5/6	Joey
P6/7	Sophie M




ICE HOCKEY

COME AND TRY

JUNIORS AGE 5-16

SUNDAY 21st & 28th DECEMBER
SIGN IN AND HIT UP 10AM
ON ICE 10.30-11.30AM
PLEASE SIGN UP ONLINE
£10 PER PLAYER



BORDER ICE RINK

Festive ICE SKATING

Hit the ice! Join us for our ice skating and enjoy the feeling of gliding freely. It's the perfect way to have fun with friends and family.

December
+ 22nd & 23rd 10am - 12 noon & 2pm - 4pm
+ 24th 10am - 12 noon & 1pm - 3pm
+ 27th 10am - 12 noon & 2pm - 4pm
+ 28th 2pm - 4pm
January 2026
+ 29th 30th & 31st 10am - 12 noon & 2pm - 4pm
+ 2nd & 3rd 2pm - 4pm



CHRISTMAS MESSY CHURCH

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER
3-4.30PM
* FOLLOWED BY DINNER *
TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION
AND COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE
AT 6PM
AT LANGLEE COMMUNITY CENTRE
MAINLY AIMED AT P1-S2
TO REGISTER
EMAIL ANNE.NOBLE@TALKTALK.NET
OR MESSAGE ON 07796 668 847
FREE - FUNDED BY THE CHURCH

Raising Children with Confidence
Six week online course

Open to primary school parents in the Galashiels, Selkirk and Berwickshire area

Delivered over Microsoft Teams
Tuesdays
27 January to 10 March
1 - 2.30pm

This course is designed to raise awareness and confidence about the importance of promoting positive mental health and emotional wellbeing in parents/carers and young people. It uses a variety of current theories and research on what influences our mental health and wellbeing.

Priority will be given to P1 parents
To book your place email: SCChild@scotborders.gov.uk
For more information please contact:
SCChild@scotborders.gov.uk if you live in the Galashiels and Selkirk areas,
Amanda.Dempsey@scotborders.gov.uk if you live in the Berwickshire area.



CLOVENFORDS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Clovenfords Christmas Carols

MUSIC | REFRESHMENTS | CAROLS

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas at our Community Carol Service. Bring family and friends to enjoy seasonal songs, hot chocolate, and mince pies. All are welcome to sing along beneath the village Christmas lights.

Outside the Clovenfords Inn, Clovenfords
COMPLEMENTARY MINCE PIES & HOT CHOCOLATE FROM 6.30PM
MUSIC FROM 7PM PROVIDED BY THE SELKIRK SILVER BAND

FROM 6.30 PM **15** DECEMBER

Need transport to attend?
Contact the Community Council.
www.clovenfords.net
clovenfordscommunitycouncil@gmail.com



BORDERS ADDITIONAL NEEDS GROUP

BRANCHING TOGETHER
GALASHIELS PARENT CARER GROUP

WHAT IT IS?
Each week, parents can enjoy a cuppa and a chance to chat with other parent carers in a relaxed, welcoming space. There will also be regular opportunities to meet and connect with visiting professionals from local services, who can answer questions and share helpful information.

WHO IS IT FOR?
Parent carers of children and young people with additional support needs or neurodivergence. All parent carers regardless of young person's diagnosis status or stage in journey.

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER 2025

- Friday 5th December - Yoga/relaxation session with Kristina Hanson (mats provided)
- Friday 12th December - Please pop along for a cuppa & chat
- Friday 19th December - Last session before closing up for the Christmas break

We will return on Friday 9th January 2026!

WEEKLY SESSIONS:
Day: Friday, during term-time
Time: 10am-12pm
Where: The Focus Centre, Galashiels

INCLUSIVE, FRIENDLY & INFORMATIVE

Contact us for more information:
info@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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