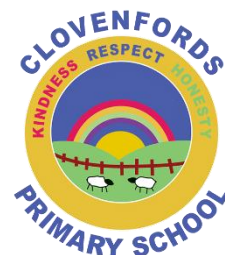


# Clovenfords Primary School

**Kindness** **Respect** **Honesty**

Weekly Update - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025



## Head Teacher's Update



Dear all,

School is VERY festive right now! We have had a lovely week of shows and singing with glitter and twinkly lights everywhere! Thank you to all the families who have come along to either (or both) the ELC Christmas Show and our P1 and P2 Nativity Shows. For those of you who were there, we are sure you will agree that our youngest learners were all wonderful. It is such a big thing for some of them to be on stage in front of such a large audience. We are very proud of all of them.

Next week it is the turn of our P3-P7 pupils, and we are looking forward to their Christmas Singalong Show. A reminder that it is our whole school Christmas Lunch on Tuesday, and children are welcome to come into school again in their Christmas jumper/top on this day. There are also more class parties for children to enjoy next week. We would like to thank the Parent Council for their support with the class parties, as they have provided the snacks for all the children.

Today was our last assembly this term so the children that are Star Achievers today will be the first Star Bakers when we return after the Christmas break. Before that we are looking forward to one more week of festive fun and learning!

Wishing you a safe and peaceful weekend.

*Mrs Saxon*

## Dates for the Diary

<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	P3/4 Christmas Class Party 2.00pm
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Whole School Christmas Lunch
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	P2/3 Christmas Class Party 2.00pm
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	P3-P7 Christmas Sing Along Dress Rehearsal 2.00pm & Evening Show 6.30pm
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	P1/2 Christmas Class Party 2.00pm
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	ELC Christmas Party
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Christmas holiday begins
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	Staff and pupils resume

## Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who sent in a donation as part of Christmas Jumper Day yesterday. We raised just under £100 following money coming in across the whole day. We had decided as a school that this money would be used to buy gifts for Children 1<sup>st</sup>'s charity initiative this year. (See below)

After consulting with the P7s they agreed that whilst this was a lovely amount of money, they recognised that it would only buy a few gifts. They talked about the importance of all children deserving to feel special at this time of year. Therefore, they felt that some of the money that the class stalls raised at our Christmas Fair should be added to the Christmas Jumper total. They agreed a total of £200 would be a better amount to provide more gifts for Children 1<sup>st</sup> to distribute.

The children were articulate during this discussion and recognised Article 31 - the right to play, rest and relax and that all children should have equal consideration and equity of knowing that their voice matters. This is such a lovely example of our school vision and values in action. One of our P7 children said: "It's a

*really nice thing to do. Even though you can't see the joy on that child's face on Christmas Day you know they really wanted it [the present]. It's good that some of the children's rights are met, like the right to play."*

### 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.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.

Next term our focus will be on wider achievements that show the children's understanding and application of how they are included and nurtured.

Below from left to right on each row:

**Ronnie** took part in his first competition for Gala Amateur Swimming Club last weekend.

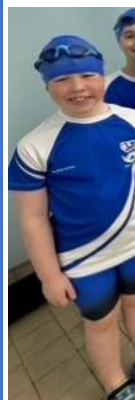
**Hope** moved up a grade in Judo and got her 3<sup>rd</sup> Kai and her orange and white belt.

**Alice, Grace, Isla, Ellis M, Millar** and **Charlotte** have all been trading the boards in the Gala Panto, Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves. They performed alongside former Clovenfords pupils and our very own School Cook Julie Smith. Well done all!

**Charlotte** took part in the recent Graham School of Dance show. Well done!

**Anna** took part in her first parkrun last weekend in Kelso, running alongside her dad.

**Jamie** has been busy learning the new skill of making mince pies and they were really tasty!



## Clovenfords Coins

This week's Clovenfords Coins winners are **P1/2!** 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.

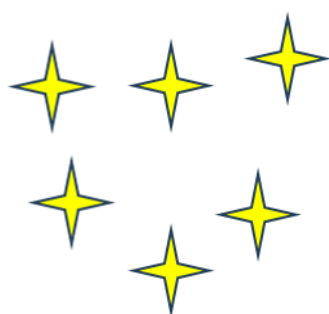


## Christmas Assembly

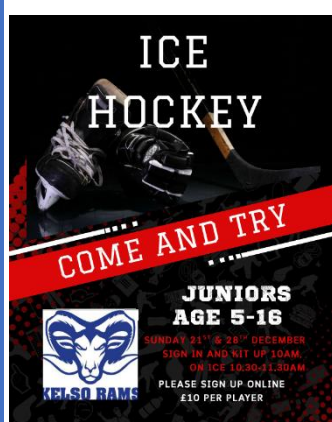
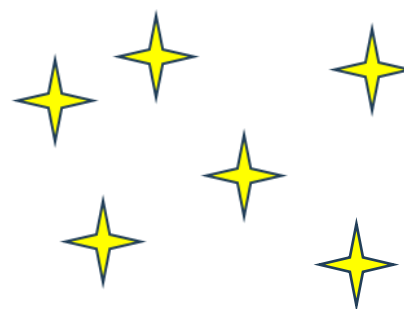
Our last assembly of this term of course was Christmas themed! At this time of year, it is good to stop and reflect on all the things we are thankful for, and the opportunities for a get together with family and friends over the festive season.

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	Tommy
P1/2	Cora
P2/3	Jamie
P3/4	Amber
P4/5	Harry H
P5/6	Fergus
P6/7	Katelyn







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](http://www.clovenfords.net)  
[clovenfordscommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:clovenfordscommunitycouncil@gmail.com)



**BORDERS ADDITIONAL NEEDS GROUP**

## BRANCHING TOGETHER

**GALASHIELS PARENT CARER GROUP**

### WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER 2025

**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.

**INCLUSIVE, FRIENDLY & INFORMATIVE**

Contact us for more information:  
[info@bordersadditionalneeds.org](mailto:info@bordersadditionalneeds.org)

**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



## JOIN THE CLUB

Don't forget that the Parent Club website is there for you 24/7, with advice from experts you can rely on and trusted tips from other parents who understand exactly what you're going through.

[ParentClub.scot](http://ParentClub.scot)



Have you signed up for the Parent Club emails yet? From bedtime battles to teatime tantrums, once you've signed up, you'll receive regular emails tailored to your child's age.

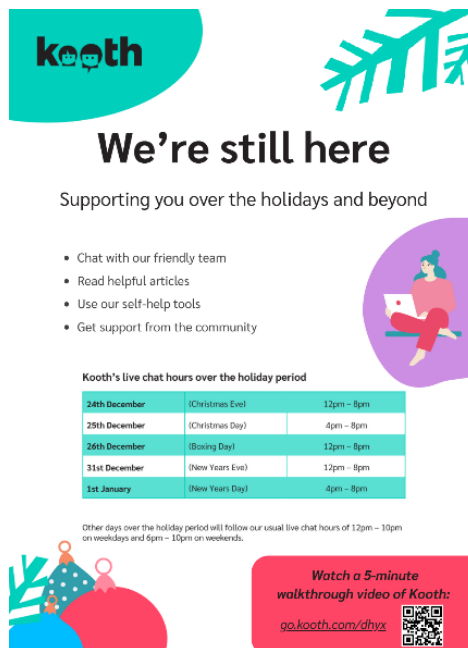
[ParentClub.scot/join-the-club](http://ParentClub.scot/join-the-club)

Why not join our communities on Facebook and Instagram for regular tips and useful advice to help you through the highs and lows of parenting?

  [Facebook.com/ParentClubScotland](https://Facebook.com/ParentClubScotland)  
[Instagram.com/ParentClubScotland](https://Instagram.com/ParentClubScotland)

**Parent Club**  
[parentclub.scot](http://parentclub.scot)

 Scottish Government  
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## We're still here

Supporting you over the holidays and beyond


- Chat with our friendly team
- Read helpful articles
- Use our self-help tools
- Get support from the community

**Kooth's live chat hours over the holiday period**

24th December	(Christmas Eve)	12pm - 8pm
25th December	(Christmas Day)	4pm - 8pm
26th December	(Boxing Day)	12pm - 8pm
31st December	(New Years Eve)	12pm - 8pm
1st January	(New Years Day)	4pm - 8pm

Other days over the holiday period will follow our usual live chat hours of 12pm - 10pm on weekdays and 6pm - 10pm on weekends.

Watch a 5-minute walkthrough video of Kooth:  
[go.kooth.com/dhys](https://go.kooth.com/dhys)




## 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.

**Office phone number:** 01896 662755

**Office email:** [clovenfordsps@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:clovenfordsps@scotborders.gov.uk)

**Twitter (X) :** @Clovenfords\_ps

**Website:** [Clovenfords Primary School - Kindness, Respect, Honesty \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](http://Clovenfords Primary School - Kindness, Respect, Honesty (glowscotland.org.uk))