

# Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty



Weekly Update - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

It may have been a shorter week as we move into the month of June, but it has been no less busy as a result of the Monday holiday!

Firstly, we were delighted to celebrate the Mini Olympic team's wonderful success at last Friday's event - congratulations to Mason, Amelie, Lori, Joey, Bonnie, Connor, Ellis, Struan and Katelyn who returned to school with the trophy after winning first place overall in the Small Schools category. We are very proud of them all!

Our P6 children travelled to Kelso to take part in the annual Inspire Learning Day on Tuesday and on Wednesday it was the Braw Lads School Children's Concert where the children performed beautifully and represented our school so well. Another Braw Lad event saw our Reps Joey and Charlotte out and about for the day on Thursday to find out more about the traditions and locations that make up the Braw Lads remembrance and celebration events.

This afternoon, we have our fingers crossed for the weather to stay dry for our Summer Fair, however we know that there will be lots to enjoy whatever the weather brings. Many thanks to the Parent Council for their hard work and organisation that has enabled this event to take place. Thanks also to the children who have been getting creative and developing their enterprise skills through planning and organising stalls for this afternoon as well.

Next week our P7 children will have their two-day visit to the Academy in preparation for their onward journey to high school and we are looking forward to our ELC assembly. In the meantime, we hope to see you at the fair this afternoon if you can make it along.

Wishing you a safe and peaceful weekend.

*Mrs Saxon*

## Dates for the Diary

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	ELC Assembly 9.00am - all ELC families warmly invited
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	P1-P7 Sports Day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	ELC Sports Afternoon 2.15pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	P3 Cycle Skills Week
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	ELC Graduation Ceremony 10.00am
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Pupil as a Learner Summary issued
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	P7 Leavers' Assembly 1.45pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last Day of Term



## Parent Council Update

The Parent Council are looking forward to welcoming families to the Summer Fun Fest this afternoon from from 12:30pm - 2:30pm. **A reminder to please collect your children as normal and then make your way to the main school reception for entry.**

## Clovenfords Coins

**P6/7** are this week's coin winners, and all have shown great enthusiasm for supporting others. Helping your child at home to explore and practise how to be part of a team, to positively share in others' achievements, and to encourage each other all helps them to keep doing this in school too.



## Wider Achievements

To support a wide range of achievements, and to help your child continue to develop key skills and qualities, we continue 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 **Healthy** and/or **Active**. We use all the achievements that are shared at our end of term assemblies where the children are celebrated.

From left to right:

**Samuel and Wren** took part in a recent litter pick at the Gala Policies - looks like they were a great help! Well done both!

**Ben** was delighted to receive his swimming certificate - he was delighted with this achievement!

**Hadley** has been learning new skills and showing that she understands how to be responsible as she has been looking after her new puppy.

**Mini Olympics Team Success** - A huge well done to our fantastic team of athletes at last week's Mini Olympics event where the children placed first overall in their category and came back to school as the Small Schools Winners! We are so proud of them all!



## Water Safety Message

With the recent improvement in weather conditions, there is an increase in young people swimming and using local lochs, reservoirs and river networks. Unfortunately, as you may be aware, there have been a number of incidents across Scotland and the wider UK where individuals have sadly lost their lives while engaging in these activities.

The link below highlights recent incidents with some very good water safety messaging, with the aim of preventing such incidents occurring within the local area.

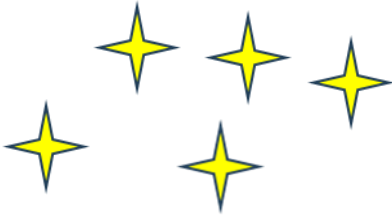
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## Assembly

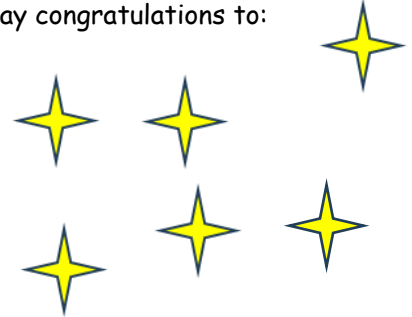
This week we spoke with the children about water safety, shared the successes of our Mini Olympics team, said thank you to our Braw Lad reps Joey and Charlotte and our Braw Lads Choir who sang so wonderfully at the School Children's Concert.

As always, we enjoyed celebrating the successes of 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 celebrations today and we would like to say congratulations to:



ELC	Harper and Kiara
P1/2	Frankie
P2/3	Molly
P3/4	Max
P4/5	Bella
P5/6	Jude
P6/7	Katelyn



### Internet Safety Talk

For Parents/Carers

Cancelled

**When:** Tuesday, 16 June 2026  
**Where:** Galashiels Academy  
**Time:** 18.00 - 19.00

Blue Badge parking only on site

Join PC Gary Robertson for a talk on keeping children safe online. Learn practical skills to help you identify risks and encourage safe digital habits.

Cancelled

- ✓ Free session
- ✓ Open to all primary and secondary school parents
- ✓ Q&A included

Don't miss this chance to stay informed and keep your family safe online!

To book your place email [BCChilds@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:BCChilds@scotborders.gov.uk)

## KNEES

# Scabby

EASTER SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2026

The great tapestry of Scotland

Clay Easter Bunnies

T-Shirt Printing

Felt Spring Creations

Underwater Creatures

Story Shields

Buildings & Landmarks

Clay

Art Prints

T-Shirts

Postcards

Patchwork Accessories

Upcycled Tote Bags

Fabric Bunting

Textiles

All Workshops £10 per child

Online Booking essential to guarantee your place!

[www.greattapestryofscotland.com](http://www.greattapestryofscotland.com)

## Scabby KNEES

GET CREATIVE AT THE TAPESTRY!

We warmly welcome all children to our workshops. All children are welcome to join.

**EASTER**

Kids can enjoy three fun-filled workshops making clay Easter bunnies, printed T-shirts, and felt Spring creations. Perfect Easter activities for hands-on making, creativity, and lots of fun! Everyone welcome!

**TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL**  
Clay Easter Bunnies

Get hands-on with clay and create your very own Easter bunny to take home! A fun, tactile session perfect for little makers. Shape, sculpt, and bring to life!

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL**  
T-shirt Printing

Design it, print it, wear it! Create your own designs and print them onto a t-shirt. A great introduction to printing. Please bring your own t-shirt to personalize.

**THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL**  
Felt Spring Creations

Bring spring to life by creating cute felt chicks, lambs, or colorful spring flowers. All fun! Hands-on work to explore colour, texture, and creativity.

**SUMMER**

Three weeks of fun, hands-on workshops for kids, explore clay, printing, and textiles with a new activity each day! Everyone welcome!

**TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY**  
Miniature Underwater Clay Creations

**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JULY**  
Clay Story Shields/Plaques

**THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JULY**  
Mini Clay Buildings & Landmarks

**TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JULY**  
Monoprint Art Prints

**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY**  
T-Shirt Printing

**THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY**  
Postcard Printing

**TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JULY**  
Patchwork Accessories

**WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JULY**  
Upcycled Tote Bags

**THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JULY**  
Fabric Bunting

For more information and Online Booking (essential) visit [www.greattapestryofscotland.com](http://www.greattapestryofscotland.com)

Workshops are suitable for ALL, but where specified to 5-10 years, which may include for all ages and abilities. Workshops are suitable for ages 5-10. Workshops are suitable for all ages and abilities. Workshops are suitable for all ages and abilities. Workshops are suitable for all ages and abilities.

## B.A.N.G. - BRANCHING TOGETHER

GALASHIELS PARENT CARER GROUP

**WHAT IT IS?**

Each week, parents can enjoy a cuppa and connect with other parent carers in a relaxed, welcoming space. There will also be opportunities to meet and have conversations with people from local services, sharing information, experiences and perspectives in ways that feel useful and relevant.

**WHO IS IT FOR?**

Parent carers of neurodivergent children and young people, or those with additional support needs — no formal diagnosis required.

**LED BY LIVED EXPERIENCE AND GROUNDED IN INCLUSION - NEURO-AFFIRMING & STRENGTHS-BASED PRACTICE**

**WHAT'S ON IN JUNE 2026**

- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026** - Andrea Harkness - Borders Carers Centre, also bacon/egg roll week
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026** - Frances Burke - Leader Valley - Langlee - Information session
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026** - Conversation around summer break - how to manage this and enjoy time with children
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026** - Zumba
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026** - Coffee and chat before the summer break

**WEEKLY SESSIONS:**

**Day:** Friday, during term-time  
**Time:** 10am-12pm  
**Where:** The Focus Centre, Livingston Place - Galashiels

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

## FIONA HENDERSON SCHOOL OF DANCE

# ENROLMENTS OPEN NOW!

BOOK YOUR CLASSES FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR STARTING AUGUST 26

STREET DANCE - TAP - ACRO - BALLET  
 HIGHLAND - MODERN - JAZZ  
 MUSICAL THEATRE - SCOTTISH NATIONAL

Weekly classes - Holiday Dance Camps - Examinations  
 Competitions - Shows - Performances  
 Private Lessons - QS (SQA) Dance Qualifications

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Scotland's  
Children

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children can be  
tough at times.

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Children First support line offers free emotional, practical and financial support to families across Scotland.

Call free on 08000 28 22 33 or start a webchat at [www.childrenfirst.org.uk/supportline](http://www.childrenfirst.org.uk/supportline)

Further information and resources are available at [www.childrenfirst.org.uk](http://www.childrenfirst.org.uk).



### **Clothingfords**

Clothingfords is available for you to come and browse across the school day as well as during after school and evening events. We welcome donations. **Pop in when you can!**

### **Communication**

If your child will not be in school, you must inform the school by 9.00am. Please report absences by phone or email to:

**Office phone number:** 01896 662755

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

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