



# Inspire Showcase



Shining a light on digital teaching and learning in Scottish Borders

## St Margaret's RC Primary School, Galashiels Awarded the Digital Schools Wellbeing Award

St Margaret's RC Primary School in Galashiels has been awarded the Digital Schools Award Scotland Digital Wellbeing Award in June 2025. This recognises their commitment to creating a safe, supportive, and balanced digital environment for pupils, staff, and families. By embedding digital wellbeing into daily learning and school culture, they are ensuring children develop healthy, responsible and confident digital habits. This achievement highlights the school's dedication to preparing learners for life in a



### What Made this Possible?

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#### WHOLE SCHOOL COMMITMENT

Staff, pupils, and families worked together to make digital wellbeing a shared priority.

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#### EMBEDDING IN PRACTICE

Digital wellbeing was woven into everyday learning, policies, and school culture.

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#### PUPIL VOICE AND LEADERSHIP

Learners played an active role in shaping safe, responsible, and balanced digital habits.

#### Internet Safety



Primary 1–2 learned about staying safe online through creative activities as part of our Digital Schools Wellbeing Award journey.

#### AI & Machine Learning



Learners explored artificial intelligence by teaching Scratch to recognise and respond to voice commands.

#### Using Apps Safely & Securely



Apps are valuable learning tools, but it's essential to use them safely.

## Voices from the School

**“St Margaret’s staff and pupils exude a strong sense of the value of digital technologies in enhancing and supporting learning and teaching, whilst remaining safe online.”** Dr Katharine Jewitt, Assessor for Digital Schools Awards Scotland

**“Life today goes beyond the physical and digital world and we must prepare children with knowledge, guidance and confidence, to navigate both worlds in the safest way possible.”** Nicola McLeod, Headteacher, St Margaret’s RC Primary School

**“I feel safer using the internet at school now because our teachers often tell us how to spot bad things and what to do.”** P6 pupil, St Margaret’s RC Primary School

**“Using fun lessons about online safety has made me think more before I share things online.”** P5 pupil, St Margaret’s RC Primary School



Digital Leaders used voice notes to gather pupils’ views on what was working well, areas for improvement, and next steps for the Rights Respecting Pupil Voice Group.

## Impact

Achieving the Digital Wellbeing Award brings real benefits for the whole school community. Pupils gain the skills and confidence to use digital technologies safely and responsibly, preparing them for life and learning in a digital world. Staff are supported to embed digital wellbeing into everyday practice, ensuring consistent approaches across the school. Families and the wider community are also engaged, with clear structures in place to promote internet safety and positive digital habits at home as well as in school.



## NEXT STEPS/LEARN MORE

Join St Margaret’s RC Primary in celebrating digital wellbeing and take the next step towards your own Digital Schools Award.

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