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Term 4 – Term 4 News and Celebrations

Hello Parents and Carers,

We are now well into Term 4, and it has already been an incredibly busy and exciting term across Sandwick Junior High School and ELC. Over recent weeks, our children and young people have been involved in a wide range of learning experiences, achievements, community events and celebrations that reflect the vibrant and caring school community we are proud to be part of.

I wanted to take this opportunity to share some of these wonderful experiences with our parents, carers and wider community. This update captures just a selection of the many successes, opportunities and memorable moments that have taken place so far this term. From outdoor learning and community partnerships to pupil achievements, celebrations and school improvement, there is much to celebrate.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you enjoy reading about some of the fantastic learning, achievements and experiences that have been taking place across our school community.

ELC – Care Inspectorate Update

Firstly, I would like to extend a huge congratulations to the entire ELC team for their positive engagement throughout the ELC Inspection process. There was a great deal of positive feedback, with many wonderful learning experiences highlighted, alongside clear evidence of the significant progress made since our previous Care Inspection in September 2025.

We have come a long way in a relatively short period of time, and I am incredibly proud of our ELC setting, the dedication of the team, and the high-quality learning experiences we provide for our children every day. The final grades and formal inspection feedback will be published in due course. However, I wanted to take this opportunity to share how pleased I am with the progress that has been made and to sincerely thank our parents, carers and staff team for their valuable feedback, support and contribution to this journey of improvement.

The positive relationships between children, families and staff are at the heart of our setting, and the progress recognised during the inspection reflects the collective efforts of everyone involved. Thank you for your continued support.

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Primary 4/5 – Thrive Outside Sessions

P4/5 have thoroughly enjoyed participating in our Thrive Outside sessions this term, developing their creativity, teamwork and appreciation of the natural world through a range of outdoor learning experiences. Highlights included creating a bug hotel, map-reading, nature-inspired art, planting sunflowers and exploring the local environment during a visit to Hoswick Burn. The children have shown great enthusiasm, curiosity and respect for the environment throughout, and we are proud of the skills and confidence they have developed.



Primary 7 Christian Youth Camp Residential (Wednesday 3rd of June – Friday 5th of June 2026)

Primary 7 great time over the three days of our P7 residential. From bacon sandwiches and swimming in the pool to exploring behind the scenes at the airport, bird spotting at Sumburgh Head, and playing hide-and-seek (which the teachers won!), we had an incredible time. The trip was a fantastic opportunity to try new experiences, spend time with friends, and make lots of happy memories.

A big thank you to the staff who went to stay overnight with the children and Mr Hayes for organising and being part of the whole adventure.

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Parent and Carer Spring into Action Day

A huge thank you to all the parents, carers, staff, children and wider community members who gave up their Sunday on the 7th of June to help make Sandwick JHS an even brighter, more welcoming and enjoyable place to learn and play. It was truly inspiring to see so many volunteers working together, with many of our bairns getting involved too. Thanks to everyone's hard work, we now have new play areas, a sand pit, a mud kitchen, fresh paint, new equipment, additional planting and much-needed weeding completed across the grounds. We also had an extra added bonus of a Fairy garden appearing. A special thank you also goes to those who generously donated plants, materials and resources. The transformation achieved in just one day has been incredible, and we are very fortunate to have such a wonderful outdoor space and such a supportive community behind our school.



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End of Year Secondary Activities Day – Thursday 28th of May

Our secondary pupils across S1–S4 enjoyed an end-of-year Activities Day before moving into their new year groups and beginning their new secondary timetable. The sun shone, and the bairns had a fantastic day out.

During the Sumburgh Head Lighthouse Activities Day, a group of pupils and staff enjoyed a walk along the coastal path. Along the way, we were delighted to see puffins and had the opportunity to explore the fantastic visitor centre at Sumburgh Head. We even bumped into a familiar face – former member of staff, Mr Morton! After our visit, we made our way to the beach for lunch, where there was plenty of time for exploring, relaxing and enjoying the beautiful surroundings. The weather was glorious, and everyone benefited from a day filled with fresh air, exercise and opportunities to spend time together outdoors.

A big thank you to our Parent Council for their continued support in helping to make experiences such as these possible for our pupils.



S4 Leavers Assembly

On Friday 29th May, we said a fond farewell to our S4 leavers during a special Leavers' Assembly celebration. Parents, carers, staff and pupils came together to mark this important milestone and reflect on the many memories, achievements and experiences shared throughout their time at Sandwich Junior High School.

The morning was filled with laughter, heartfelt reflections, a few tears and, of course, cake, as we celebrated the unique contribution each young person has made to our school community. We are incredibly proud of all that our S4 learners have achieved and wish them every success, happiness and fulfilment as they embark on the next stage of their journey.

Good luck to each and every one of you – your future is bright, and we look forward to hearing about all that you go on to accomplish.



Primary 6/7 Hockey Tournament

Pupils from P6 and P7 had a great day out representing the school at the Primary Hockey Festival in Brae. The pupils played some brilliant hockey and were a credit to the school. Our Sandwich P6/7's won all their games.



Aith Engineering Event

The S3 and S4 students recently had an opportunity to go to Aith to speak to engineering firms. Thanks to DYW and the engineering firms involved for making this such an amazing experience for our young people.

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Upcoming Dates:

- **Sports Day:** Tuesday 16th of June 13:15 – 14:45
- **Fyanna Concert:** Tuesday 23rd of June 13:15 – 14:50
- **P1-7 Move Up Afternoon:** Thursday 25th June 13:30-15:00
- **P7 Leavers Assembly:** Wednesday 1st of July 13:30 – 14:30
- **Curiosity Gardening Club** every Tuesday until end of term
- **Last day of Term:** Friday 3rd of July

Kindest wishes,

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