



Aviemore Primary School & ELC Newsletter January 2026

Always Learning Always Growing Always Positive

Our Values

Aviemore Primary

Values are:

Inclusion for

Everyone.

Motivation in

Our learning.

Respect all

Equally.

Welcome back!

We hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing festive break and wish everyone well for the new year!

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2026

Learning this term

Class topics



All classes will start this term with the topic 'Scotland' to coincide with Burns Night at the end of this month. Please come along to our assembly on the 23rd January where we will share what we have been learning.

Following this the class topics will be as follows:

P1 - Scotland then Weather & Climate/The Water Cycle

P1/2 - Scotland and Weather.

P2/3 - Scotland and Weather.

P3/4 - Scotland & the Human Body (Biological Systems)

P4/5 - Scotland & the Human Body

P5 - Scotland and Farming

P6/7 - Robert Burns followed by Land Use/A9 Dualling Project

P7 - Land use in Scotland and Academy 9 Roads for the future project

Blue Room- Scotland and Weather

Yellow Room- Scotland and Weather.

For more details please see your child's Termly Planner which also has other dates for your diary on the school website - www.aviemoreprimary.co.uk available from Friday 16th January.

Staffing



Welcome back to Emma MacCallum our Head Teacher, who has been on secondment for the Scottish Government for the past two years.

We are also delighted to have welcomed Lesley Rogan and Amber Gordon who joined our PSA team last term and put their skills and expertise to work straight away, supporting our children.

Last term in the nursery, we welcomed Laura MacLennan, who joined us as a support worker in Ocean room.

Term 2 Achievements



Nursery Inspection

We were delighted with the progress recognised by the Care Inspectorate Inspection. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work and dedication!



Christmas Performances

We are very proud of all of our children who participated in our Christmas production 'Born This Night'- A Makaton Nativity. Everyone performed their socks off and did themselves, and the school proud. Thank you to all parents/carers who came along to support our children and for your generous donations. We raised over £850 for schools funds.

Our choir also performed at the Aviemore Christmas Lights Switch On and in Eastgate Shopping Centre and Railway Station in Inverness during December and raised over £300 for choir resources.





Halloween Disco

Huge thank you to Sonia and our Parent Council for organising an excellent Halloween disco. £113 was raised to support the school and the children had a blast.

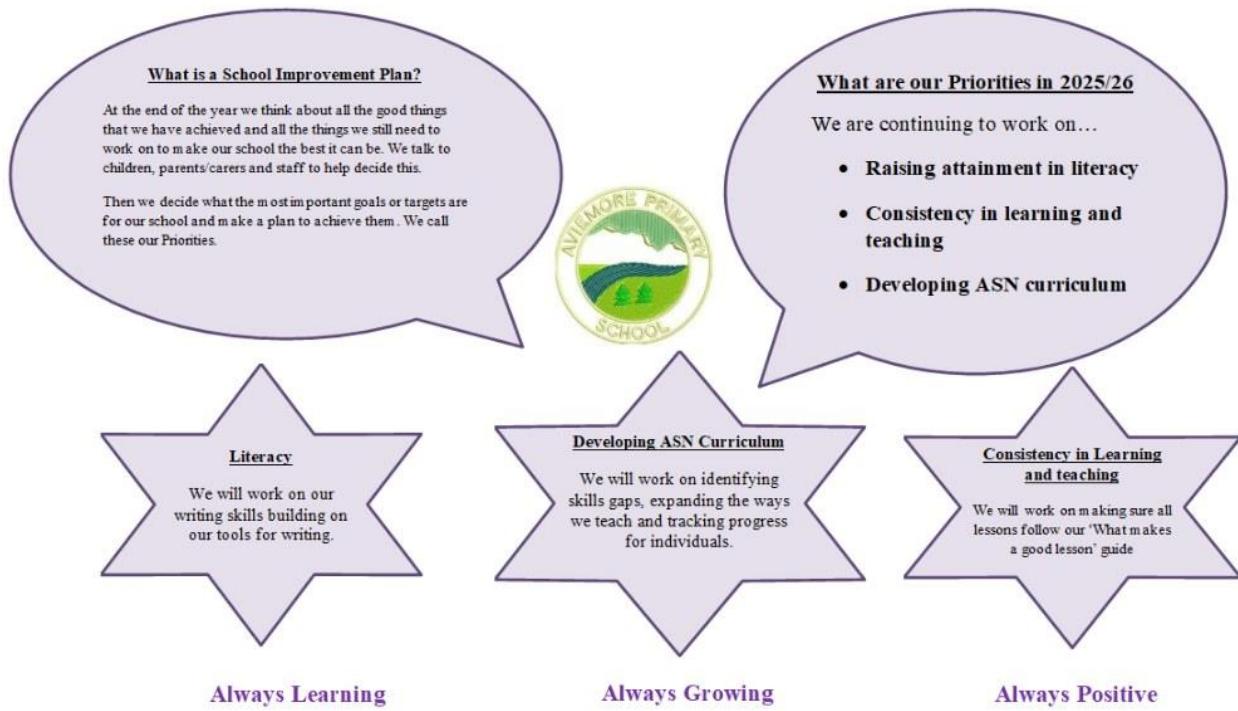


Christmas Fayre

Well done to ALL of children and staff, in both school and nursery, who worked so hard on their enterprise topics. All classes and rooms contributed to our Parent Council Christmas Fayre and

sold out of their products! The children loved all the learning about profit and loss and how to market their products. A huge thank you to everyone who was able to attend and spend a pound or two. The profits will be put towards class purchases! Special mention goes to the Parent Council who ran the refreshments stall, face painting and supported our Smartphone free childhood stall. They also raised £352 to go towards wonderful opportunities for our children.





A reminder that our three School Improvement Plan Priorities are:

- **Literacy**
- **Developing ASN Curriculum**
- **Consistency in Learning and Teaching**

Progress so far:

- **Literacy (NIWP)** - We have been working hard on rolling out the NIWP across all classes (except P1). Staff have attended training, including twilight sessions and we have done work on consistency of the delivery and documentation across the school. Children are motivated in this approach to writing and are invested in the collective success.

- **Developing the ASN Curriculum-** We have been developing our PE curriculum for ASN and have organised swimming lessons this term, as well as having organised 'Play on Pedals' (Bikeability) for term 3. We also participating in the 360 curling programme and hope to visit our local ice rink this term. We have developed planning and assessment folders specific for ASN to ensure consistency across the provision. We have also developed assessment documents to capture holistic progress against ASN milestones. We have created an ASN inclusive version of the Kingussie High Passport of entitlement, to celebrate experiences for our children.
- **Consistency in Learning and Teaching-** We have been doing a considerable amount of work across the school on our consistent approaches and have been exploring differentiation, questioning, learning intentions and success criteria and what these will look like in every classroom. We have been completing regular quality assurance observations to ensure these are being implemented.

Events this term

Please see the dates for the diary below for a full list of everything coming up this term.

In particular we will be celebrating...

World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. We will be in touch nearer the time with our plans.

Comic Relief

Our Ptarmigan House will be organising our Comic Relief fundraising this year in March. They will be in touch soon to tell you more!

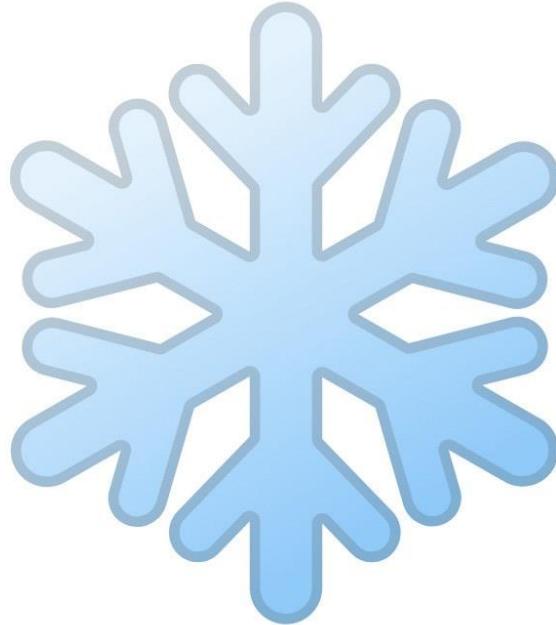


Lots of socks

Each year we celebrate Lots of Socks day to celebrate Downs Syndrome Awareness Day. The date signifies the additional 3rd chromosome 21 children with Downs Syndrome have. We will be celebrating this on Friday the 20th March. We encourage everyone to wear odd or brightly coloured socks to school that day. You can purchase the official socks here:
<https://lotsofsocks.worlddownsyndromeday.org/collections/lotsofsocks-socks>



Adverse Weather Arrangements



In the event of school closure in adverse weather you will be informed in the following ways:

- **Social Media** – Our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/Aviemore-Primary-School-and-ELC-551492044975021/>

- **Google Classrooms**
- A follow up **email** will also be sent out

The Council's webpage <https://www.highland.gov.uk/schoolclosures> will be updated with information for individual schools.

Dates for your Diary



Highland School calendar 2025/26 Please note - Dates may be subject to change

August 2025							
WK	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
31					1	2	3
32	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
33	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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35	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

December 2025						
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50	8	9	10	11	12	13
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April 2026							
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School holidays
In-service days

September 2025							
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May 2026							
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October 2025							November 2025						
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February 2026							March 2026						
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Dates for the diary

January

9th - Assembly – Vision, Values and Aims- Miss MacCallum

16th - Assembly – SHANARRI – Active - Mrs McMaster

23rd - Assembly – Whole School Scotland topic

30th - Assembly – Pupil Groups- ECO, JRSO, Pupil Council

February

3rd and 5th - Parents evenings

6th - P2/3 Class Assembly

6th - P1 and P7 Dental screening

12th - Glasgow Science Centre - Learning Labs (All school classes)

13th Assembly – Stage/Reflective – Children's Mental Health Week- (Led by Kenny Rogan)

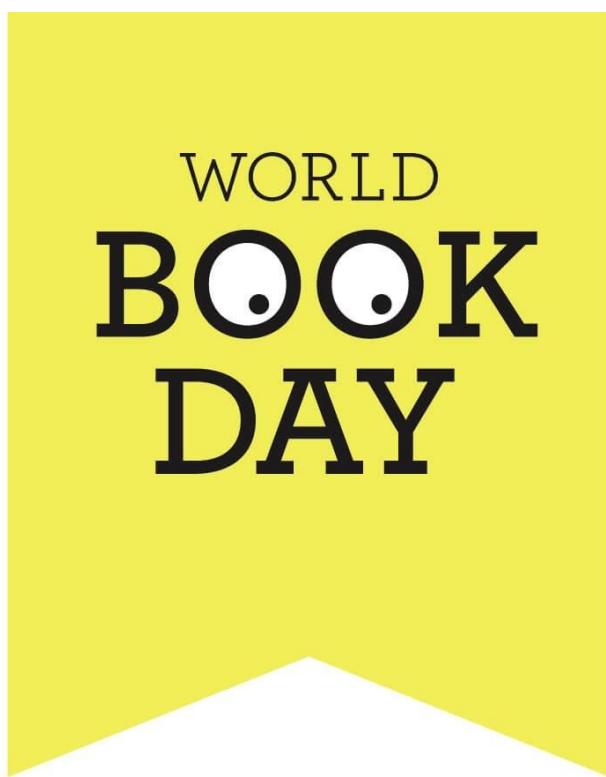
16th and 17th - Holidays

18th Inset -School and ELC closed to pupils

20th - P1 Class Assembly

24th Bikeability

27th - P1/2 Class assembly



March

3rd – Bikeability – Part 2

5th – World Book Day

6th – P3/4 class assembly

13th Comic Relief Assembly

20th -Lots of Socks

20th -Star assembly/wider achievements assembly

27th – Easter Assembly (Led by Kenny Rogan)

31st House Treats

Thursday 2nd April - School and nursery close for Easter holidays and reopen on Monday 20th April.



Reminders



- **Parking** – no parent should park in the school or nursery turning circles, these are for drop off only.
- **Punctuality** – please ensure your child arrives on time. School starts at 8:50am each day.

- **Attendance** - if your child is not going to be able to attend school, please let us know the reason for absence as soon as possible. Please do not use our text messaging service - calls and emails only from now on.
- **Allergies** – please ensure we are aware if your child has any allergies. Please do not bring nuts to school for snack or lunch.
- **Indoor shoes** – please ensure your child brings a pair of indoor shoes to school that can be left here and used for activities such as P.E (e.g no slippers)
- **Snack** – please remember to provide your child with a healthy snack for break time at school. Snack is provided at nursery.
- **Nursery clothing** – Please come prepared for all weathers. Remember waterproof clothing even on days it is not raining. The weather is much cooler now so please ensure your child has lots of warm layers and hat, scarf, gloves etc.

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