

Aviemore Primary School &ELC Newsletter April 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 you have all enjoyed a relaxing Easter break and are ready and refreshed for the final term of this academic session!

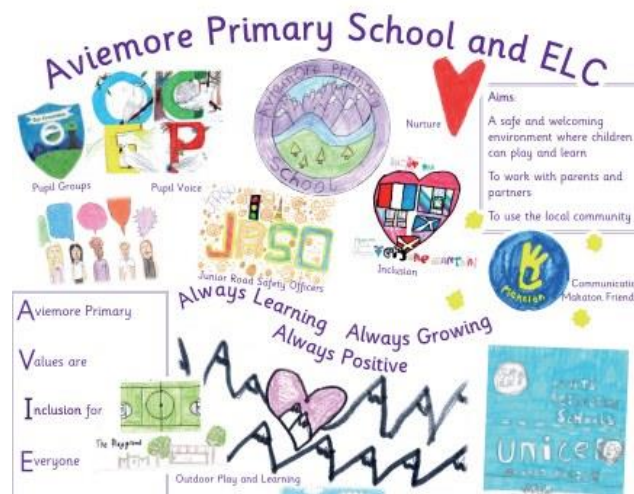
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Learning this term



Class topics



The topics our classes will be learning about this term are:

P1 - The Human Body

P1/2 - The Human Body

P2/3 - The Human Body

P3/4 - Food and Farming

P4/5 - Food and Farming

P5 - The Human Body

P6/7 - The Human Body

P7 - The Human Body

Rainbow Yellow - My Body and Me

Rainbow Blue - My Body and Me and Traditional Tales

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 1st May.

Staffing

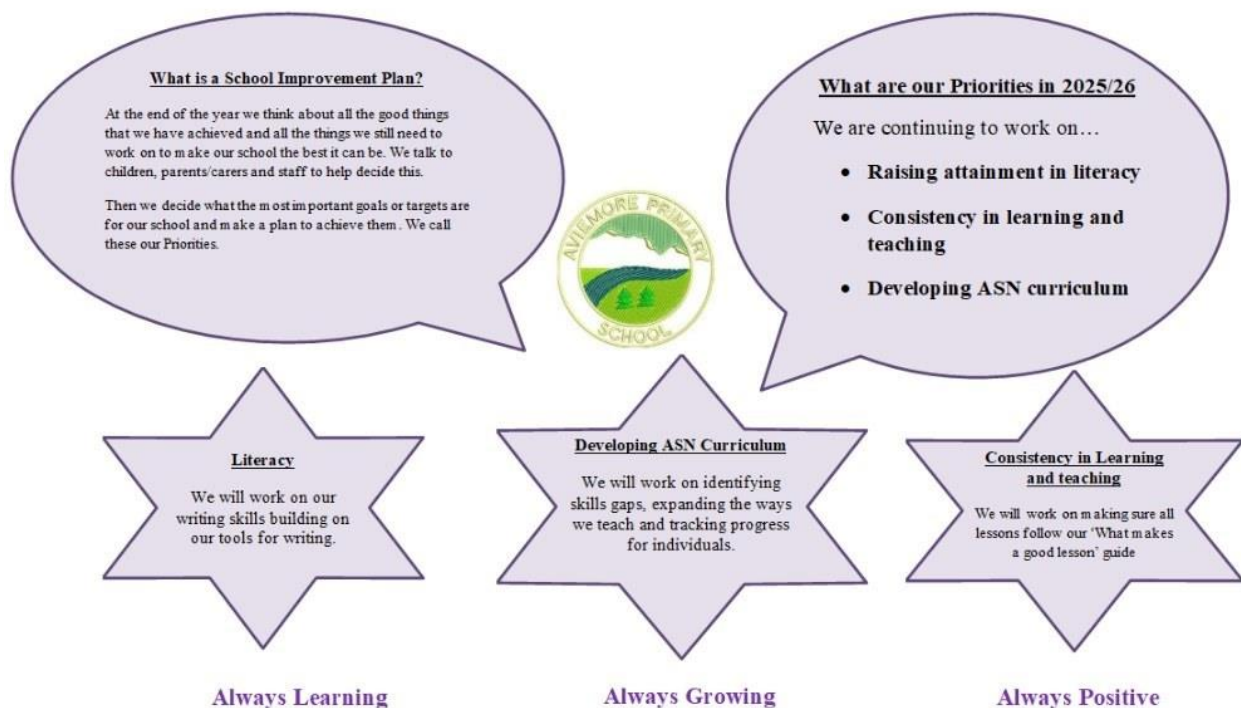


Our PT ASN, Emily Sharp, will shortly be leaving us to begin her maternity leave. We send Emily, her family, and their new arrival our very best wishes. Recruitment for a new PT ASN is already underway, and we hope to make an appointment soon.

We are pleased to welcome Becky Glendinning to our team on a regular supply basis during the absence of Joseph Wilkins. Charlotte Anderson has also extended her days with us to support during this period. Our thanks go to Magda Gatenby and Heather Cooney, who have joined our PSA team on supply while Jane Cain is absent. We wish both Jane and Joseph a speedy recovery.

Naomi Dargie has temporarily moved to provide support at Newtonmore Primary ELC. To support our nursery team during Naomi's absence, we are delighted to welcome Gwen Morrison, who has joined us on a supply basis.

School Improvement Plan



We have chosen three priorities to work on this year.

They are:

- **Writing - National Writing Improvement Programme (NWIP)**
- **Increased consistency in learning and teaching**
- **Developing the ASN curriculum**

Progress and next steps:

- **Writing (NWIP)**- our teaching staff continue to engage with training around this programme and the NWIP approach to teaching writing has been implemented in all classes from P2-P7. This term we will be analysing our attainment to measure the impact of this approach.
- **Increased consistency in learning and teaching** - this term our staff formed working parties to develop agreed approaches to teaching digital skills, effective plenaries (end of a lesson where learning is revisited) and quality questioning. Our Senior Leadership Team (SLT) completed lesson observations to look at how these were being implemented and ensure consistency as well as monitoring numeracy jotters.
- **Developing the ASN curriculum** - we have continued to develop our ASN curriculum, particularly in ensuring high quality P.E experiences for our learners. We have enjoyed trips to the ice rink to take part in curling sessions this term and are looking forward to swimming sessions this term and 'play on pedals' (bikeability) training for our staff.

A full copy of our School Improvement Plan and Standards and Quality Report from last session is available on our website.

You said, we did...



CALM Corners Feedback

We asked for your feedback about our Calm Corners last term at Parents' Evening.

You said:

Positive:

- Keeps children calm, prevents children getting overwhelmed, gives time to gather thoughts.
- A good place to regulate emotions
- Good for anxiety
- Good for other children and staff
- Allows the shared area to be used for group work
- Better than leaving the classroom

Improvements:

- Add some teddies, lights, noise cancelling headphones, sensory activities and books.
- Make sure they are not seen as a punishment space.
- Thicker carpet
- Some children still require the use of other spaces.
- Ask children what they think.

We did:

- We replenished the supplies in our Calm Corners using some of the above ideas.
- We reiterate the purpose with children regularly - children are never sent to a Calm Corner , they choose to use this space- so they are not perceived as a punishment area.
- All of our Calm Corners have a rug.
- Children who require additional support still have access to our sensory room, soft play and movement break room as well as our two smaller classrooms - the Learning Lab and SHANARRI space.

- We asked our children what they thought through 10@10 (10 children from across classes answer 10 questions about the school at 10am every Friday) and fed their responses back to class teachers. They were mainly positive but had some ideas about tightening up how they were used - ensuring original guidance was followed -e.g only one person at a time. Children also wanted new resources and were particularly keen on sensory items which is what we focused on purchasing.

Term 3 Achievements



We made a great start to 2026 with lots of achievements across the term!

Learning highlights

- Our P6/7 and P7 classes took part in an ambitious project to design a new road, linked to the A9 dualling project. Groups designed their road, considering barriers such as valleys, mountains and rivers and linked their design to the Sustainable Development Goals. The winning group's entry has been put forward to the national level competition. They rounded off the term with workshops delivered by the A9 dualling team which consolidated their learning.
- Well done to our P7 rotary quiz team who represented our school at the local round of the competition at the MacDonald Resort.

- Our P5-7 children attended a Careers Fayre in school to learn about the skills needs for different jobs in a variety of fields including catering, media, outdoor instruction, police and the fire service.
- We celebrated World Book Day in March by dressing up as our favourite literary characters and 'dropping everything to read' when the bell rang throughout the day!

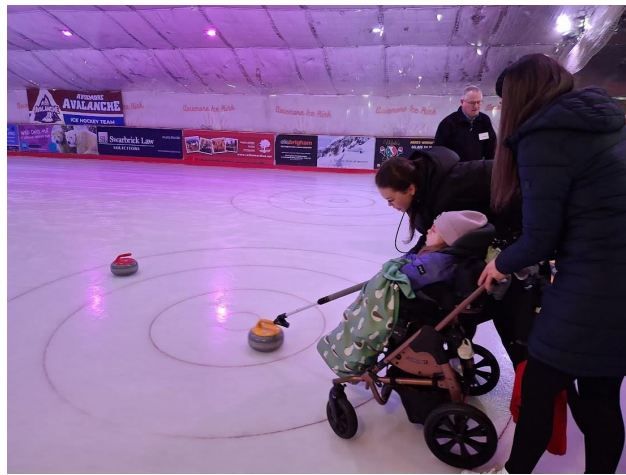






Sporting success

- Our P4 and P6 classes enjoyed swimming lessons and participated well.
- Our P7 children were given the opportunity to experience snowsports - either skiing or snowboarding and enjoyed three sessions on Cairngorm Mountain. Only one session was not able to go ahead due to weather.
- Our Rainbow classes have enjoyed trips to the ice rink where they have had the opportunity to try curling. We have extended that experience in school with our new indoor curling set.
- Out of school we are proud of our children's many and varied achievements in snowsports, football, hockey and in particular our shinty team who made it to the national finals!
- We were inspired by a visit from biathlete Sam Cairns who told us about his many achievements, including climbing Mount Everest!





Creative accomplishments

- Our choir and P3/4 class as well as various individuals across the school enjoyed success in the Strathfest music festival.
- Our younger classes took part in a Robert Burns celebration back in January, enjoying his poems and songs accompanied by some Scottish music played by talented members of our school community. They also tried some traditional Scottish foods!



Fundraising

- We celebrated Lots of Socks day to raise awareness of Downs Syndrome and celebrate World Downs Syndrome Day in March.
- Our Ptarmigan house enterprise involved organising our Comic Relief celebrations. We raised £254 from all of your donations and enjoyed a day of wearing red instead of purple in school, telling jokes at assembly and our P7s took over from the adults and experienced various job roles within our school community!



Outdoors

- Classes continue to enjoy making the most of our outdoor environment and in particular taking their learning to Milton Woods taking part in activities such as den building and mini beast hunts. Our upper school classes enjoyed a joint ranger event this term learning from a variety of experts to extend their knowledge of our local environment.
- We continue to plan our new garden project and are grateful to children and parents who contribute by coming to gardening club each week. This will continue on Thursdays this term from 3:15-4:15 - all welcome! We have planted a new willow dome this term

and took part in a community seed swap event. Over the Easter holidays work has started on the garden thanks for funding from the Highland Council Ward discretionary fund. We look forward to welcoming Emily Alsford (CPNA Ranger) into school in May to support classes with some planting!







Dates for your Diary



April 2026							May 2026							June 2026							July 2026											
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	
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School holidays School days
In-service days

April

20th - Return to school and ELC

24th - Assembly–Vision, Values and Aims - Respect

May

1st – Assembly – Mental Health Awareness – Mrs McMaster

4th – May Day Holiday

6th – Open event/PEF Numeracy workshops/Big Picnic

7th – Inset (school and ELC closed to pupils)

8th – Assembly – Pupil Groups – Digital Leaders – Online Safety Week

11th – Parent Council meeting



14th – Nursery Sports Day (Option A)

15th - Assembly – P6/7

21st – Nursery Sports Day (Option B)

21st – Cultural Diversity Day

22nd – Assembly – Star/Wider Achievement

27th – New P1 Parents/carers Information session

29th Assembly – Stage/Reflective – SHANARRI – Health **OR Sports Day**



June

6th – Assembly – Stage/Reflective – SHANARRI – Health **OR Sports Day**

10th – New P1 Parents/carers coffee morning

11th – New Nursery Parents/carers information session

12th – Assembly - P5

19th – Assembly – Nursery

19th – Reports issued to parents/carers

19th – Summer Fun Night

26th - Assembly – Year Review and Wider Achievement

30th – House Treats



July

1st – Nursery Leavers' Assembly

2nd - Leavers' Assembly/Prize-giving

2nd - School and ELC close for Summer holidays (returning Wednesday 19th August)



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 the text messaging service - call or email only from now on.
- **Allergies** – please ensure we are aware if your child has any allergies. A reminder that we are a 'nut free' school.
- **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. Tuckshop is not operating at the moment. Snack is provided at nursery.
- **Nursery clothing** – Please come prepared for all weathers. Remember waterproof clothing even on days it is not raining. On sunny days please apply suncream at home and we will top up at nursery as needed.

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